



## **Past Community Engaged Scholars Program Teams Cohorts 1-14 (2009-2024)**

### **Cohort 1: 2009 - 2010**

#### **Team 1**

*Community Partner:* Gwen Gillenwater, Disability Resource Center, **Berkeley County, SC**

*Academic Partner:* Susan Newman, College of Nursing, MUSC

*Project Title:* Unmet Health Needs of Individuals with Disabilities in the Tri-County Area

#### **Team 2**

*Community Partner:* Joyce Winkler, Gloria Warner, Carolina Rodriguez-Cook, Eau Claire Community Health Center Cooperative; Kathy Stone, Select Health of SC

*Academic Partner:* Carol Wagner, Department of Pediatrics, College of Medicine, MUSC

*Project Title:* Importance of Vitamin D as it Relates to Health Status and Disease

#### **Team 3**

*Community Partner:* Beth Carpenter, Mayor's Office, Hollywood, SC, **Charleston County, SC**

*Academic Partner:* Renata Leite, College of Dental Medicine, MUSC

*Project Title:* Periodontal Disease Prevention in the Gullah Community

#### **Team 4**

*Community Partner:* Cindy Dodds, Pattison's Academy, **Charleston County, SC**

*Academic Partner:* Holly Wise, College of Health Professions, MUSC

*Project Title:* Improving the Quality of Life for Children with Severe Disabilities in the Lowcountry

#### **Team 5**

*Community Partner:* Reverend Remus Harper, Mt. Carmel African Methodist Episcopal Church; Reverend Jeannette Jordan, The Church, Christian Disciples of Christ, **Berkeley County, SC**

*Academic Partner:* Kristin Wallace, Katherine Sterba, Department of Biostatistics and Epidemiology, MUSC; Debbie Bryant, Outreach Services, Hollings Cancer Center, MUSC

*Project Title:* Cancer Prevention and Wellness in the Faith-Based African American Community

## **Team 6**

*Community Partner:* Charlotte Anderson, 211 Hotline, Trident United Way, **Berkeley County, SC**

*Academic Partner:* Janet York, College of Nursing, MUSC

*Project Title:* Youth and Community Suicide Prevention

## **Cohort 2: 2010-2011**

### **Team 1**

*Community Partner:* Patricia Kelly, A Family Affair HIV Ministry, **Orangeburg County, SC**

*Academic Partner:* Elisabeth Pickelseimer, Department of Biostatistics and Epidemiology, MUSC

*Project Title:* Addressing the Needs of Incarcerated Persons Living with HIV/AIDS as they Prepare for Community Re-entry

### **Team 2**

*Community Partner:* Jermel President, DAE Foundation, **Charleston County, SC**

*Academic Partner:* Roger Newman, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, MUSC

*Project Title:* Addressing Childhood Obesity in Title I Schools in Charleston County

### **Team 3**

*Community Partner:* Myra Pinckney, St. James-Santee Family Health Center, **Charleston County, SC**

*Academic Partner:* Carol Lambourne, Department of Family Medicine, MUSC

*Project Title:* Addressing Quality Improvement in a Rural, Federally Qualified Community Health Center

### **Team 4**

*Community Partner:* Stacy Gaillard, Vanessa Grant-Clark, Monica McCrackin, Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center; Virginia King, Lowcountry AIDS Services, **Charleston County, SC**

*Academic Partner:* Charlene Pope, College of Nursing, MUSC

*Project Title:* Prevention of HIV/AIDS among Lowcountry Veterans

### **Team 5**

*Community Partner:* Laura Stefanelli, Margaret Kunes, Respite Care Ministries, **Charleston County, SC**

*Academic Partner:* Elaine Amella, College of Nursing, MUSC

*Project Title:* Addressing the Needs of Persons with Dementia and their Caregiver

## **Cohort 3: 2012**

### **Team 1**

*Community Partner:* Akeem Bell, Lowcountry Alliance for Model Communities, **Charleston County, SC**

*Academic Partner:* Kristen French, Department of Medicine, MUSC

*Project Title:* Systemic Lupus Erythematosus in the Neck area of Charleston County: Investigation of Health Disparities Related to Environmental Exposures

### **Team 2**

*Community Partner:* Marvin Sineath, Lucinda Shore, Jim Quill, Alpha-1 Association, **Charleston County, SC**

*Academic Partners:* Pamela Holtclaw Williams, College of Nursing, MUSC; Charlie Strange, Dawn McGee, Michael Graves, Alpha-1 Registry, MUSC

*Project Title:* Application of CBPR Framework to Assess and Prioritize Socio-Political Needs of an Alpha-1 Community

### **Team 3**

*Community Partner:* Carrie Whipper, Palmetto Project, **Charleston County, SC**

*Academic Partner:* Carolyn Jenkins, College of Nursing, MUSC

*Project Title:* An Integrated Approach to Diabetes Management and Associated Complications at Lowcountry Food Bank Sites

## **Cohort 4: 2013-2014**

### **Team 1**

*Community Partner:* Robert Stevens, Charleston County School District, **Charleston County, SC**

*Academic Partner:* Janice Key and Coleen Martin, Boeing Center for Children's Wellness, MUSC

*Project Title:* Improving Student, Faculty, and Staff Outcomes: Evaluating the Use of a School Wellness Checklist in Charleston County Schools

### **Team 2**

*Community Partner:* Tracy Armstrong, Donate Life South Carolina, **Charleston County, SC**

*Academic Partner:* John Sieverdes, College of Nursing, MUSC

*Project Title:* Lifestyle Improvements for Transplantation Success (LIFTS)

### **Team 3**

*Community Partner:* Cheryl Hollis, Nicole Lovecchio, Angela Moreland, Wings for Kids, **Charleston County, SC**

*Academic Partner:* Zachary Adams, MUSC

*Project Title:* Helping Parents Take Flight: Developing and Testing the Feasibility of an Integrated Parent Training Program in WINGS Social-Emotional Learning Program

## **Cohort 5: 2014-2015**

### **Team 1**

*Community Partner:* Elizabeth Ciesar, Dee Norton Lowcountry Children's Center, **Charleston County, SC**

*Academic Partner:* Lisa Jobe-Shields, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, MUSC

*Project Title:* Assessing Mental Health Needs of Caregivers of Maltreated Children

### **Team 2**

*Community Partner:* Liana McNallan, People Against Rape, **Berkeley County, SC**; Janet Shealy, The Citadel, **Charleston County, SC**

*Academic Partner:* Joah Williams, National Crime Victims Research and Treatment Center, MUSC

*Project Title:* Feasibility and Implementation Strategies in College Sexual Assault Prevention Programming

### **Team 3**

*Community Partner:* Dana Mitchel, Lowcountry Food Bank, **Allendale County, SC**

*Academic Partner:* Adebowale Odulana, Department of Pediatrics, MUSC

*Project Title:* Obesity Prevention in Underserved Communities

### **Team 4**

*Community Partner:* Karen Carter, Appalachian Council of Governments/Area Agency on Aging, **Anderson County, SC**

*Academic Partner:* Angela Fraser, Department of Food, Nutrition, and Packaging Sciences, Clemson University

*Project Title:* Nutrition Education for Appalachian Rural Older Adults

## **Cohort 6: 2015-2016**

### **Team 1**

*Community Partner:* Rachael Garrett, Dee Norton Lowcountry Children's Center, **Charleston County, SC**

*Academic Partner:* Isha Metzger, College of Medicine, Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, MUSC

*Project Title:* A Community Based Participatory Research Approach to Reducing Health Disparities in Service Initiation and Engagement Following Trauma Exposure

### **Team 2**

*Community Partner:* Julie Smithwick, PASOs

*Academic Partner:* Arelis Moore de Peralta, Clemson University

*Project Title:* Perceptions and determinants of partnership trust among Hispanic participants and stakeholders in a culturally relevant health promotion organization (PASOs) in South Carolina

## **Cohort 7: 2016-2017**

### **Team 1**

*Community Partner:* Jenah Cason, Federation of Families

*Academic Partner:* Ashley Quell and Mark Weist, Department of Psychology, University of South Carolina

*Project Title:* 2017 Southeastern School Behavioral Health Youth Summit: Youth Empowerment

### **Team 2**

*Community Partner:* Michelle Steffen, Riverside Pediatrics

*Academic Partner:* Christine SanGiovanni, Pediatrics, MUSC

*Project Title:* Adolescents' Weight Management – Is There an App for That?

### **Team 3**

*Community Partner:* Brady Godfrey, LiveWell Greenville, **Greenville County, SC**

*Academic Partner:* Meghan Slining, Health Sciences, Furman University

*Project Title:* Living Well in Early Childcare Settings: Process Evaluation of a Community-Based Early Childhood Obesity Prevention Project

### **Team 4**

*Community Partner:* Brenda Hughes, Eat Smart Move More (ESMM), SC Department of Health and Environmental Control; Philip Slayter, ESMM, Department of Planning and Development, **Colleton County, SC**

*Academic Partner:* Michelle Nichols, College of Nursing, MUSC

*Project Title:* Childhood Obesity with Eat Smart Move More to Develop Healthy Eating Habits

## **Cohort 8: 2017-2018**

### **Team 1**

*Community Partner:* Cara Smithwick, Beginnings SC

*Academic Partner:* David Leach, University of South Carolina School of Medicine

*Project Title:* Needs and Supports for Parents and Families with Children Diagnosed with Hearing Loss in Rural and Urban Settings in SC

### **Team 2**

*Community Partner:* Echo McAlhaney, The Regional Medical Center of Orangeburg & Calhoun Counties, Edisto Regional Health Services, **Orangeburg & Calhoun Counties, SC**

*Academic Partner:* James Stukes, South Carolina State University, Biological and Physical Sciences

*Project Title:* Testing the Effectiveness of Using Health Coaches and Pastoral Care to Increase the Compliance of Patients Seeking Treatment for Colorectal Cancer by Building Partnerships among Universities, Hospitals, and Communities

## **Cohort 9: 2018-2019**

### **Team 1**

*Community Partner:* Alexis Cash, Greenville County School District, **Greenville County, SC**

*Academic Partner:* Shanna Hirsch, Clemson University

*Project Title:* Project ENHANCE Enhancing Educators' and Stakeholders' Abilities to Proactively Support Students with Behavioral Needs

### **Team 2**

*Community Partner:* Erin Jones, Warrior Surf Foundation, **Charleston County, SC**

*Academic Partner:* Alexandra Macdonald & Genelle Sawyer, The Citadel

*Project Title:* Examination of a Surf Therapy Program for Veterans

## **Cohort 10: 2019-2020**

### **Team 1**

*Community Partner:* Aaron O'Brien, Treatment Center and Ryan White Wellness Center, **Charleston County, SC**

*Academic Partner:* Nada Goodrum, National Crime Victims Research and Treatment Center, MUSC

*Project Title:* Addressing the Needs of Parents Living with HIV and Their Families: Preventing the Intergenerational Transmission of Risk

### **Team 2**

*Community Partner:* Liz McGuan, HALOs , **Charleston County, SC**

*Academic Partner:* Funlola Are, National Crime Victims Research and Treatment Center, MUSC

*Project Title:* Enhancing the Delivery of the Success-Coach Program to Improve Outcomes of Abused and Neglected Children and Their Kinship Caregivers

### **Team 3**

*Community Partner:* Terri Jowers, SC Community Health Workers Association, **Barnwell County, SC**

*Academic Partner:* Guillermo Wippold, Clinical-Community Psychology, University of South Carolina

*Project Title:* Empowering African American Men to Assist Peers in Improving Health

## **Cohort 11: 2021**

### **Team 1**

*Community Partner:* Brian Durbin and Lauren Zimmerman, Synchronicity, **Charleston County, SC**

*Academic Partner:* Naomi Ennis, National Crime Victims Research and Treatment Center and Modern Minds Clinic, MUSC

*Project Title:* Acceptability and Feasibility of an Integrated Mental Health and Wellness Services Model for Adults with Depression and Anxiety in Charleston

### **Team 2**

*Community Partner:* Gerald Bernard and Lois Durrah, The Charles Lea Center, **Spartanburg County, SC**

*Academic Partner:* Kristina Randall, University of South Carolina Upstate

*Project Title:* Project EMPOWER: Increasing Employment for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

## **Cohort 12: 2022**

### **Team 1**

*Community Partner:* Marvis “Butch” Kennedy, Tri County Gun Violence Coordinating Council, **Charleston, Berkeley, and Dorchester Counties, SC**

*Academic Partner:* Sarah Maness, College of Charleston

*Project Title:* Charleston Community Gun Violence Interruption and Intervention

### **Team 2**

*Community Partner:* Jonathan Nazeer and Crystal Nazeer, Victory Gardens International, **York County, SC**

*Academic Partner:* Ashley Licata and Jessie Hoffman, Winthrop University

*Project Title:* Cultivating Health and Success in Youth and Young Adults

### **Team 3**

*Community Partner:* Kathy Reid-Quinones and Robyn Blake, Dee Norton Child Advocacy Center, **Charleston and Berkeley Counties, SC**

*Academic Partner:* Dan Smith and Caitlin Rancher, National Crime Victims Research and Treatment Center, MUSC

*Project Title:* Assessing Caregiver and Child Perspectives of Family Functioning Following Child Abuse

## **Team 4**

*Community Partner:* Scott Beard, Tri-County SPEAKS, **Charleston, Berkeley, and Dorchester Counties, SC**

*Academic Partner:* Christine Hahn, National Crime Victims Research and Treatment Center, MUSC; Aurelia Sands Belle, MUSC, End Violence Against Women International

*Project Title:* Start By Believing: Evaluation of a Campaign to Promote Positive Responses to Sexual Assault Disclosures

### **Training Participants**

*Community Partner:* Eddie Miller and Jereleen Hollimon-Miller, Town of Mayesville, **Sumter County, SC**

*Academic Partner:* Usah Lilavivat, Carolina Diabetes and Kidney Center; Pusadee Suchinda, Sumter Medical Specialists; Ozan Suer, Prisma Health

*Project Title:* Lifestyle Modification Initiative for Prevention of Cardiovascular and Renal Adverse Outcome (LISMICARE)

## **Cohort 13: 2023**

### **Team 1**

*Community Partner:* Peggy Ford, Children's Place, Inc., **Aiken County, SC**

*Academic Partner:* Hannah Espeleta, College of Nursing, MUSC

*Project Title:* Improving Caregiver Engagement and Reach of Child Maltreatment Prevention Programs – A Critical Look at SafeCare© in South Carolina

### **Training Participants**

*Community Partner:* Anna Gorriti, Stratford High School, Berkeley County School District, **Berkeley County, SC**

*Academic Partner:* Jan Key and Erin Schreder, Boeing Center for Children's Wellness, MUSC

*Project Title:* Development of 'Love Yourself', A Peer-Led Mental Health Intervention for High School Students

## **Cohort 14: 2024**

### **Team 1**

*Community Partner:* Philip Palmer, WarriorWOD

*Academic Partner:* Katie Trejo Tello, College of Charleston

*Project Title:* Process Evaluation of the WarriorWOD program to reduce PTSD in military veterans through physical activity and nutrition education



## **Team 2**

*Community Partner:* Lisa Davis, Midlands of South Carolina Black Nurses Association, **Orangeburg and Richland Counties, SC**

*Academic Partner:* Jewel Scott, University of South Carolina

*Project Title:* Are You Listening? An Exploration of the Healthcare Experiences and Self-Advocacy of Black Women and Birthing People