

# ACCEL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

## Projects

### **ADDRESSING SUICIDE IN THE DELAWARE VETERAN POPULATION: TOWARDS A COLLABORATIVE APPROACH**

The Wilmington VA Medical Center (WVAMC) will work with the Biostatistics and Epidemiology Core (BERD) of ACCEL to provide data to understand if a program to help veterans at risk for suicide who are seen for emergency or inpatient care at Christiana Care is feasible. The project will also provide data on the numbers and characteristics of veterans at risk for suicide to inform the design of the program.

Project Dates: ongoing

PI: Claudine Jurkowitz, ChristianaCare, BERD Support

Ira Katz, Wilmington VA Medical Center

### **BARBERSHOP OUTREACH (BRO) PROJECT: COMMUNITY EMBEDDED STRATEGY FOR ADDRESSING HYPERTENSION DISPARITIES IN AFRICAN AMERICAN MEN**

This community-based participatory research (CBPR) aims to examine the acceptability, ease of use, feasibility and effectiveness of the Barbershop Outreach (BRO) Project, whose goal is to decrease blood pressure in African-American men by utilizing kiosks for blood pressure screenings and barbers as barbershop outreach educators. ACCEL is providing support with the study design and evaluation framework for the program. Due to COVID-19, we delayed implementing the research component of the Barbershop Outreach (BRO) strategic partnership.

Dates: March 2020-April 2022

PI: Marshala Lee, ChristianaCare; EVAL Core and BERD support

### **HEALTHY COMMUNITIES DELAWARE (HCD)**

Healthy Communities Delaware aims to improve health and well-being in communities experiencing inequities through alignment, investment and impact. ACCEL will provide guidance and staffing for the development of an evaluation framework for Healthy Communities Delaware that will include two “streams” of evaluation: (1) process and outcome evaluation of HCD as a network, and (2) process and outcome evaluation of coalition/collaborative work at the community level for each of the awarded communities.

Dates: April 2020-June 2022

PI: Sue Giancola, UD, TEVAL CORE SUPPORT

Kate DuPont Phillips, UD Partnership for Healthy Communities

### **THE VILLAGE TREE, INC.**

The strategic partnership between the non-profit The Village Tree Inc. located on Wilmington’s West Side and the Community Engagement and Evaluation Core’s will examine data from a community food access needs assessment. Data will inform community food access issues including food insecurity, fruit and vegetable

consumption as well as what gaps are being experienced by residents with the recent closing of the areas only supermarket.

Dates: December 2021- May 2022; 6 months

PI: Allison Karpyn, UD; CEO Core and TEVAL

Cecilia Rich, CEO, The Village Tree, Inc.

**DELAWARE HEALTH PROMOTION AND DISEASE PREVENTION (HPDP) RESEARCH PRACTICE PARTNERSHIP**

The purpose of this partnership is to better understand the particular issues impacting the identity, health, economic wellbeing, and educational outcomes of Black girls in Delaware, in order to improve community-based programs to support this population. Our evaluation will help to inform interventions that positively impact the identity, health, economic wellbeing, and educational outcomes of Black girls in Delaware .

Dates: June 2020- June 2022

PI: Sue Giancola, UD

Cassandra Codes Johnson, DDHSS

Tia Barnes, UD CRESP

National Coalition of 100 Black Women, DE Chapter

Rita Landgraf, Partnership for Healthy Communities UD

Final Briefs and Presentations Available at: <https://www.ncbwde.org/stateofourunion>

**ACCEL AND DSAMH FOR THE START PROJECT**

ACCEL will provide data analyses. DSAMH will use the results from these analyses to inform the current START initiative and develop targeted prevention and early intervention services for parents with a substance abuse and/or mental health diagnosis, particularly in disparate communities

Dates: September 2019- September 2021

PI: Sangeeta Gupta, DSU

Elizabeth Romero, DSAMH