

Center for Healthy Communities & Research Completed Projects

Dryhootch iPeer: A Social & Technology Support Program for Veteran Mental Health

A social and technology support program for veteran mental health, and the treatment of PTSD in the community.

Around the Corner to Better Health

The purpose of Around the Corner to Better Health (ACBH) is to increase the availability of healthy foods in an urban community with a high concentration of convenience stores.

BRANCH Out

B.R.A.N.C.H. (Building a Rejoiceful Alliance of Neighbors for Change and Health) Out is a partnership designed to expand a successful faith-based partnership to increase leadership capacity and address health needs of Milwaukee youth through mentoring programs with lay health advisors.

CBPR Education in Family Medicine

The purpose of this project is to develop a Community Based Participatory Research (CBPR) infrastructure in the Department of Family and Community Medicine (DFCM) at the Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW) that will be a national resource for CBPR research and education, contribute to the growth of CBPR, improve health, reduce disparities, and achieve the objectives outlined in Healthy People 2010.

Chronic Disease Prevention

This project seeks to impact morbidity and mortality from chronic disease through increased disease prevention and health promotion activities for underserved communities in western Wisconsin.

Community Health Advocate Model Program (CHAMP)

In 1999, a successful community health advocate program was developed at Highland Park (now Highland Gardens) by a partnership comprised of the Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee, S.E.T. Ministry, Inc., and the Center for Healthy Communities in the Department of Family and Community Medicine at the Medical College of Wisconsin. The purpose of this partnership was to develop and implement an advocate program in which housing residents at Highland Park would become trained in community advocacy and be able to support other residents with broad health concerns and, if necessary, refer them to the proper resources in the community.

Developing a School Health Services Assessment Tool and Related Resources

The primary goal of this project is to increase the competency and capacity of local school health systems.

Development of a Hispanic Health Patient Navigator Project

The major purpose of the project is to develop a culturally appropriate and effective patient navigation model to assist Hispanic with limited English proficiency to assess and effectively use the health care system and secondly to secure ongoing funding to implement the model.

Emergency Department to Primary Care

The goal of the Emergency Department to Primary Care project is to implement and evaluate for the dual purposes of ED diversion and linking low-income patients to primary care medical homes in Federally-Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs).

Farm to Fork

The major purpose of the Farm to Fork: Cultivating Grassroots Capacity to Transform Food Access is to reduce nutrition-related health risks and disparities in an inner city, African-American, Milwaukee neighborhood.

GYM Project

The purpose of the GYM project is to develop and pilot a framework for increasing and sustaining youth physical activity and health career choices within a faith community in inner-city Milwaukee.

Identification of Vulnerable Elderly Utilizing the Electronic Health Records

The goal of this project is to develop and evaluate an Electronic Health Record template that prompts Family and Community Medicine residents and faculty to identify geriatric conditions that put patient over 65 years of age at risk for death and functional decline.

Johnsons Park Health Alliance

The Johnsons Park Health Alliance (JPHA) aims to reduce socioeconomic and health disparities in an urban, African-American, Milwaukee neighborhood by strengthening a community-anchored health coalition and implementing innovative, pilot-tested, family-based programs that promote healthy life skills and community self-sufficiency.

Kohl's Conversations for the Cure Project Evaluation

Kohl's Conversations for the Cure is a series of educational sessions where women can openly discuss breast cancer and the potential impact it can have on their lives. The goal of these sessions is to encourage women to obtain regular breast health screenings, thereby increasing the survival rates throughout Southeast Wisconsin.

Lakeshore Lodge

The principal purpose of the Lakeshore Lodge project is to expand and enhance the "Drop-In Center" mental health program already established by the Manitowoc County Human Services Department and the Manitowoc affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness.

Los Cuidadores Unidos: United Latino Caregivers

The goal of this study is to develop and implement an innovative, personalized intervention to improve the health of participants responsible for providing care to Latino family members who suffer from Alzheimer's disease or other dementias.

Marion Initiative

The Marion Initiative is a substance abuse prevention program that aims to reduce multi-generational substance abuse in the Marion, WI area by increasing youth assets and decreasing risk factors, and by establishing and strengthening collaboration among public and private institutions in the community.

Mi salud - Mi vida: Health Promoter Model for Diabetes Self-Management

The goal of this project is to develop a peer model of care to prevent and manage diabetes among Waukesha's Hispanic families.

Municipal Diversion Policy to Reduce Violence Experienced by Women in Street Prostitution

The goal of this project was to address the serious health and safety risks women incur in street prostitution by implementing a public health centered harm-reduction policy to decrease violence, addiction, disease and recidivism among the women in the long term.

Salud de la Mujer

The primary goals of this project are to increase the health literacy and knowledge of health resources for women and families in a predominately Latino community.

Senior Mentor Program

The Senior Mentor Program is an education program to increase student opportunities to early exposure to older adults and issues of geriatrics. This program exposes students to independent, relatively healthy older adults to challenge myths about all older adults being frail, while giving them hands-on experience with assessment community skills.

Stop Abuse and Neglect of Elders

The purpose of the Stop Abuse and Neglect of Elders project is to prevent disability and death from intentional and unintentional injuries related to the maltreatment of elders.

Strong Rural Communities Initiatives

The purpose of the Strong Rural Communities Initiatives project is to improve health indicators for selected rural communities in Wisconsin and significantly accelerate establishing collaboration for prevention as the norm, not the exception, throughout rural Wisconsin.

The Aging Imperative

This project intends to address this need for family medicine residents to receive strengthened geriatric education by developing and implementing a geriatric home care curriculum, establishing a successful model of a geriatric clinic in a residency program, and institutionalizing a system to use video Object Structured Clinical Exams (OSVE) to assess resident competency in clinical geriatrics

Wisconsin Well Water: Planning Web-Based Resources to Promote Safe Drinking Water

This project aims to collaboratively develop a plan for Web-based resources that will increase the capacity for systematically providing information to support drinking water management decisions
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Eastern Wisconsin Food Banks Serving as Community-wide Food Hubs to Increase Healthy Offerings

This project's systemic change will align fragmented food systems through a food hub distribution model that will provide diverse healthy food options to underserved populations.

Healthy Environments, Healthy Choices, Healthier People (HHH)

HHH will create school environments which support healthy lifestyle choices, reducing obesity risk over a lifespan through 1) Policy change, 2) Training/education/resources, and 3) Increased community understanding of obesity prevention practices.