

## Round 14 Projects:

### **Inclusive Community Development and Health Promotion in Grixdale Farms**

Primary Partners:

- Grixdale Farms Neighborhood Association
- UM-Dearborn/UM Detroit Center

Goal: To collaboratively identify and implement community-supported interventions that enhance inclusive community health, mitigate perceived neighborhood disorder, and address risks associated with street sex work, ensuring robust monitoring of their effectiveness.

### **Empowering Detroit Together: Building Community Impact Partnerships**

Primary Partners:

- Michigan Roundtable
- University of Michigan School of Social Work

Goal: Establish a sustainable collective impact partnership among committed grassroots organizations in Detroit, including the Michigan Roundtable and the University of Michigan School of Social Work, aimed at creating a shared agenda, metrics for community impact, and leveraging resources to foster collaborative, positive change.

### **Black Ecclesiastical Intervention to Help Equip Affected Lives Enduring Mental Disorders (BE HEALED)**

Primary Partners:

- INSIGHT
- University of Michigan School of Social Work

Goal: Develop a community-university partnership focused on Black men's mental health and treatment and explore strategies identified by Black men for delivering accessible, acceptable mental health treatment for Black men in Detroit.

## Round 13 Projects:

### **Examining Organizational Impact: A Quality Team Project**

Primary Partners:

- Urban Neighborhood Initiatives
- University of Michigan School of Social Work

Goal: To review how the organization's land use efforts have promoted the mission of providing a safe and thriving environment, and to analyze the outcomes that youth programming has had on youth and families involved in the organization.

### **Speculating Community Resilience and Safety Through Intergenerationally Co-Designing Children's Books in Eastside Detroit**

Primary Partners:

- Eastside Community Network
- University of Michigan School of Information

Goal: To develop an intergenerational advisory board and build community relationships through book-reading events that will promote the prioritization of youths' voices and support the distribution of children's books as a non-traditional method for dissemination of research findings.

### **Community-Led Storytelling**

Primary Partners:

- Inside Southwest Detroit
- University of Michigan School of Social Work

Goal: To engage in participatory action research to organize around just economic systems, and facilitate a collaborative reframing of economic and social futures for Southwest Detroit and to expand the community's narrative power, community governance power, and relational power.

### **It's not just me! Black young adults' views of what it takes to live on the right side of the law: An intersectional-CBPR study**

Primary Partners:

- MI Liberation
- University of Michigan School of Social Work

Goal: To strengthen our partnership; to co-create a community advisory board (CAB) with youth and

CNC members; to host a partnership driven project launch event to share our partnered vision with our constituents; to conduct focus groups like community conversations (CCs); and complete and disseminate a policy brief and infographic on the findings from the CCs to inform key priorities for MI Liberation's advocacy efforts.

### **Nature Based Design Solutions – A Toolkit to Build Workforce Capacity**

Primary Partners:

- Keep Growing Detroit
- University of Michigan School for Environment and Sustainability
- University of Michigan School for Environment and Sustainability (SEAS)

Goal: To expand the capacity to provide residents with technical assistance and support in developing and maintaining urban gardens and farms to promote a food sovereign Detroit where the majority of produce consumed by residents is grown by locals.

### **Round 12 Projects:**

#### **Welcome to the Motor City: Exploring Refugee Resettlement among Afghan Refugees in Detroit and Beyond**

Primary Partners:

- Jewish Family Services of Washtenaw County and Detroit
- University of Michigan School of Social Work

Goal: This project aims to Investigate the resettlement process across various agencies in Detroit, with a focus on Jewish Family Service (JFS) in Detroit, Ann Arbor, and SE Michigan as a primary anchor. This project will also explore the experiences of recently resettled Afghan refugees in Detroit. JFS plans to establish partnerships with refugee resettlement agencies, focusing on mental health and educational needs of refugee communities, particularly children, youth, and families.

This

approach emphasizes equitable partnerships built on reciprocity, transparency, and accountability, starting with introductory conversations to foster meaningful relationships before pursuing collaborative research initiatives.

#### **Tuxedo Project Community Map**

Primary Partners:

- The Tuxedo Project
- University of Michigan School of Social Work

Goal: The project aims to conduct a baseline community asset mapping of the Tuxedo neighborhood

to identify relationships, institutions, resources, and opportunities. Using these findings, the TXP will inform its programming decisions, collaborate with stakeholders, and advocate for community needs while fostering community-driven narratives. This initiative will also utilize the mapped data for grant applications, ongoing annual assessments, and to cultivate neighborhood leadership and residents' self-advocacy.

### **Enacting Action Goals informed by HOMES Survey: Services and Options for LGBTQ+ Older Adults in Metro Detroit**

Primary Partners:

- Sage Metro Detroit
- University of Michigan School of Social Work

Goal: The goals are to pilot interventions with Hannan Center and Sage Metro Detroit to enhance support for LGBTQ+ older adults in precarious housing and health, with potential expansion to other LGBTQ+ organizations. Additionally, the initiative aims to collaborate on data analysis from a survey of LGBTQ+ older adults to identify health disparities and housing needs, informing strategies for change through various workgroups. Based on these analyses and pilot activities, the project will prioritize short, medium, and long-term actions to address health disparities and housing discrimination affecting LGBTQ+ older adults.

### **Round 11 Projects:**

#### **Alley Activation as a Green Health Intervention**

Primary Partners:

- Detroit Ain't Violent It's Safe (DAVIS)
- University of Michigan-Dearborn

Goal: This proposed research project aims to address research questions related to the DAVIS AAP and its potential impact on the Prairie St. neighborhood, especially in terms of health and mental health, including reduction of stress, reduction of violence, increased outdoor activity, and increased social connection. In addition, the project will consider the relationship between the goals of DAVIS AAP and the JLG planning and implementation process, in terms of both opportunities and threats. The longer term goal, according to Korey, is to develop “something that can head over to the next block, make sense over there too”—a model that can be replicated in other neighborhoods along the JLG.

#### **Expanding a Collaborative Partnership to Support Trans-Masculine People of Color in Detroit**

Primary Partners:

- Nuii Waav Brotherhood
- University of Michigan School of Public Health

Goal: Enhance and expand the existing collaborative partnership between Nuii Waav Brotherhood (NWB) and the Resilience + Resistance Collective (RRC) within the University of Michigan School of Public Health (UM-SPH); and to generate knowledge of and services for trans-masculine people of color in Detroit and elsewhere.

### **Expanding Youth Voice in Quality Assessment in Detroit: A Collaborative Project to Pilot and Disseminate a Youth-Led Evaluation Tool**

Primary Partners:

- Urban Neighborhood Initiatives
- University of Michigan School of Social Work

Goal: The goal of the project is to support a small pilot of the tool with a group of YDRC-connected youth organizations. We will use the findings from the pilot to refine the tool, document its potential, and develop a plan for broader dissemination.

### **The LGBTQ Senior Housing Project**

Primary Partners:

- SAGE Metro Detroit
- University of Michigan School of Social Work

Goal: Using community participatory research methods, this project will target a very hard to reach population—diverse LGBTQ older adults—on a topic where more research is needed. Given the challenges in reaching this population, this project will employ alternative methods of collecting data and gathering community feedback on the data through meetings and events, including the largest LGBTQ aging event in Michigan: the LGBTQ Older Adult Summit in June.

### **Building a Diverse Aging Network for Research, Service, and Knowledge Development in Detroit**

Primary Partners:

- Hannan Center
- University of Michigan School of Social Work

Goal: Form a partnership among Detroit-based community organizations serving diverse aging populations, leveraging their unique structures, histories, challenges, strengths, and shared values to guide research focus and data collection methods. Develop a gerontology agenda within a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) framework for service delivery and policy, identifying key research needs, initial projects, and funding sources.

Round 10 Projects:

## **Addressing a Critical Gap: Perceptions of Young African American Men of their Access to Sexual Health Services in a Community-Based Setting**

Primary Partners:

- Detroit Community Health Connection (DCHC)
- University of Michigan School of Nursing

Goal: The focus of this project is to build capacity and infrastructure for a community-academic partnership and to help create community-engaged research that prioritizes areas for sexual health care needs and access to care among adolescent and young adult males in Detroit.

## **Promoting Infant Health and Wellbeing by Engaging Fathers in Home Visitation**

Primary Partners:

- University of Michigan School of Social Work
- American Indian Health & Family Services of Southeastern Michigan, Inc

Goal: This initiative aims to improve health outcomes in Detroit's Eastside through the Healthy Chandler Park – Community Advisory Board (HCP-CAB), formed by local residents, Chandler Park Conservancy, Wayne State University, Eastside Community Network, and Friends of Parkside. Led by Wayne State University using Community Based Participatory Research (CBPR) methods, the HCP-CAB will identify and address community health disparities with targeted interventions at Chandler Park. This collaborative effort seeks to secure funding and sustainable models for health programs, enhancing well-being across the community.

## **Round 9 Projects:**

### **Enhancing Purpose-in-Life among At-Risk Latino Adolescents (EARL)**

Primary Partners:

- Detroit Hispanic Development Corporation
- Michigan State University

Goal: For decades, Detroit has been a city distressed by poverty, corruption, gang activities, family and community violence, and racial tensions. Issues of hopelessness and a lack of purpose in life combine with traumatic experiences to limit productive engagement by Latino youth in their communities. Without a robust sense of purpose in life, Latino youth in distressed settings such as Detroit are likely to remain disconnected in society.

The goal of Project EARL is to identify a mechanism by which a sense of purpose in life can be enhanced among at-risk Latino adolescents enrolled in one or more of Detroit Hispanic Development

Corporation's (DHDC) programs (Joven Noble, Urban Academy, Robotics Engineering, and Environmental Engagement, Advocacy and Leadership). The objective is to conduct an experimental study that examines the effects of the Myers Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI) assessment and related Career Report on purpose in life among DHDC program participants. The MBTI Career Report applies a person's reported type from the MBTI assessment to relevant job families and occupations identified through previous research. The MBTI Career Report will not only help Latino youth understand themselves better by learning about their perception and judgment preferences, but also how those preferences are related to their occupational interests.

### **Partnership for Transgender Health and Resilience in Detroit**

Primary Partners:

- Trans Sistas of Color Project
- University of Michigan School of Public Health

Goal: While the visibility of Transgender and Gender Nonconforming (TGNC) communities has increased in recent years, they remain one of the most vulnerable populations in the United States and Michigan.

In order to develop and implement culturally appropriate public health interventions for TGNC youth and young adults, researchers must work in collaboration with TGNC individuals and community-based organizations (CBOs) that serve this population. This community-academic partnership between Trans Sistas of Color Project-Detroit (TSoCP) and researchers at the University of Michigan School of Public Health (UMSPH) furthers this area of research. This community-academic partnership will allow for community-engaged research that prioritizes areas of unmet need among TGNC young people in Detroit, while building the research capacity of a grassroots CBO that serves TGNC communities in Detroit.

### **Partnership Formation in Community-Engaged Work: The Detroit Food Academy**

Primary Partners:

- Detroit Food Academy
- University of Michigan School of Social Work

Goal: From cooking delicious healthy meals for friends and family, to facilitating complex conversations with the community, to developing artisanal food projects from scratch to market, students of the Detroit Food Academy (DFA) learn by transforming their ideas into reality. By developing food-based solutions in and for their communities, students learn how to identify problems, implement solutions, and grow as holistic leaders who are healthy, connected, and powerful to affect change within and beyond the local food system.

A recently-formed partnership with the University of Michigan School of Social Work will examine and enhance the impact of the DFA through a strategic process of analysis and evaluation. The goal

of this partnership is to collaboratively identify the organization's most pressing technical challenges and develop processes that will not only enhance the organization's day-to-day productivity but also prepare them for future growth. Together, the team will evaluate current capacities, conduct preliminary analyses and develop support systems to improve future decision-making processes.

### **Exploring Research Partnership Opportunities: Youth Development Programming Impact on Neighborhood Social Conditions**

Primary Partners:

- Urban Neighborhood Initiatives
- University of Michigan Youth Policy Lab

Goal: Youth need access to safe environments, trusting adults, and opportunities for learning and support in order to succeed in achieving positive and productive futures. Developing a new partnership, Urban Neighborhood Initiatives (UNI), a nonprofit community development organization providing youth development programming, will work with the University of Michigan's Youth Policy Lab to measure improvements in the social condition of the Springwells neighborhood of Southwest Detroit.

In order to affect positive change, UNI has invested heavily in a complex network of groups supporting young people in the Springwells neighborhood, including parents, teachers, schools, neighborhood block clubs, and nonprofits. In partnering with the Youth Policy Lab, new work will explore the ways to measure the impact of youth programs on improving the social conditions of the neighborhood as a whole. The partnership will determine areas of opportunity for collaboration, reach out to other potential partners to join the group, and seek clear areas for collaborative research.

Round 8 Projects:

### **Community-Academic Partnership to Engage Family Supporters in Ongoing Chronic Disease Management For Latino and African-American Adults in Detroit**

Primary Partners:

- Ricardo Guzman, Chief Executive Officer, CHASS
- Ann-Marie Rosland, M.D., M.S., Assistant Professor, University of Michigan Medical School

Goal: To tailor and optimize a program – Family Partners for Health Action (FAM-ACT) – to train patients' family supports, along with patients, in evidence-based chronic disease activation, support, and self-management skills.

Round 7 Projects:

### **Heat waves, housing and health: increasing climate resiliency in Detroit**



Primary Partners:

- Zachary Rowe, Executive Director, Friends of Parkside
- Marie O’Neill, Ph.D., Associate Professor, University of Michigan School of Public Health

Goal: To establish a community-academic steering committee utilizing a community-based participatory research approach to support the development of long-term community partnerships addressing the health impacts of heat waves in vulnerable urban communities in Detroit, Michigan.

### **Development of a Hypertension Focused Community Advisory Board**

Primary Partners:

- Lisa Mason, Vice President, Greater Detroit Area Health Council
- Phillip Levy, M.D., M.P.H., Professor and Associate Chair for Research, Wayne State University School of Medicine

Goal: To establish a Hypertension Community Advisory Board (H-CAB) to inform hypertension research in the Detroit area.

## **Round 6 Projects:**

### **Collaborative Approach to Community-based Research on Breastfeeding**

Primary Partners:

- Kiddada Green, Founding Executive Director, Black Mothers’ Breastfeeding Association
- Angela Johnson, Ph.D., Senior Outreach Specialist, Program for Multicultural Health, University of Michigan Health System

Goal: To strengthen the existing partnership with University of Michigan Health System Program for Multicultural Health and to address persistent breastfeeding barriers unique to African American women by developing culturally appropriate community-wide breastfeeding support for African American women and their children based on best practices established through community-based research practices.

### **Identifying Healthcare Priorities in Detroit Homeless Population**

Primary Partners:

- Ron Bedford, Executive Director, Interfaith Health & Hope Coalition
- Paul Kilgore, M.D., M.P.H., Associate Professor, Wayne State University Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

Goal: To better understand current health conditions from a homeless individual’s perspective and to identify barriers that prevent the homeless population from seeking and acting on preventative

healthcare.

### **Health care needs of people with intellectual/developmental disabilities living in Detroit**

Primary Partners:

- Carmen McIntyre, M.D., Chief Medical Officer, Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority
- Steven Erickson, Pharm.D., Associate Professor, University of Michigan College of Pharmacy

Goal: To improve the health of people who have an IDD related condition living in the city of Detroit through the development of a sustained relationship between community and academic partners.

### **Round 5 Projects:**

#### **Forming a collaborative health research partnership to increase effectiveness and reach of chronic disease prevention and management services among Detroit's elderly**

Primary Partners:

- Susan Zanley, Director of Aging & Disability Resources, Detroit Area Agency on Aging
- Mary Janevic, Ph.D., M.P.H., Assistant Research Scientist, University of Michigan School of Public Health Center for Managing Chronic Disease

Goal: To build a strong collaborative research partnership among Detroit Area Agency on Aging, Center for Managing Chronic Disease, and other representatives of the community of older adults in Detroit; to explore research interests shared among partners; and to identify and address capacity building needs.

#### **Community-Based Recovery and Reentry Research in Detroit**

Primary Partners:

- Dwight Vaughter, CEO, Self-Help Addiction Rehabilitation, Inc.
- Juliette Roddy, Chair, Department of Health and Human Services, University of Michigan-Dearborn

Goal: To submit to NIH PAR 15-032 a call for proposals that outline Academic-Community conferences, meetings, workshops or symposia with the purpose of identifying opportunities for reducing health disparities through the use of community-based participatory research.

### **Round 4 Projects:**

### **Detroit Homeless Health Collaborative**

Primary Partners:

- Ron Beford, Executive Director, Interfaith Health & Hope Coalition
- Paul Kilgore, MPH, MD, Associate Professor Wayne State University

Goal: To establish, cultivate and nurture a mutually developed community-based participatory research agenda.

### **Preventing Substance Abuse and Mental Health Problems among Detroit Hispanic Youth**

Primary Partners:

- Angela G. Reyes, Executive Director, Detroit Hispanic Development Corporation
- David Cordova, Assistant Professor, University of Michigan School of Social Work

Goal: To develop a collaborative relationship to build partnership, form and mobilize a community steering committee, and conduct substance use and mental health needs assessment.

### **Delray Impact Project- Translational Research to Inform Policy & Planning Decisions**

Primary Partners:

- Simone Sagovac, Project Director, Southwest Detroit Community Benefits Coalition
- Stuart Batterman, Professor, University of Michigan School of Public Health.

Goal: To form an advisory taskforce that builds on existing partnerships; to translate completed and ongoing health-related research relevant to Delray and the surrounding Southwest Detroit area; and to synthesize current research, highlight findings and identify next steps including research, policy and advocacy and potential funding sources.

### **Engaging Small Business to Improve Health and Health Care in Detroit**

Primary Partners:

- Shannon Saksewski, Program Manager for Health Education, Detroit Regional Chamber
- Jeffrey T. Kullgren, MD, MS, MPH, Assistant Professor, VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System.

Goal: To develop a sustainable collaborate that serves to develop mutually beneficial research projects to improve the health and health care of working families in Detroit; to identify and prioritize research questions of common interest; to design and initial partnered research project that aims to engage small business and working families in Detroit; and to develop a long-term strategy for

building the capacity needed to sustain collaboration.

## Round 3 Projects:

### **The Bell Tenants Research Partnership "The Partnership"**

Primary Partners:

- Oakland University School of Health Sciences
- Neighborhood Services Organization Bell Support Building

Goal: To develop a partnership between Oakland University School of Health Sciences and Neighborhood Services Organization Bell Building, which is housing formerly homeless and chronically homeless individuals from Detroit and Wayne County, in order to better understand and meet the needs of these newly housed individuals.

### **Detroit Urban Native Health Collaborative**

Primary Partners:

- American Indian Health and Family Services (AIHFS)
- North American Indian Association of Detroit (NAIA)
- Southeastern Michigan Indians, Inc. (SEMII)
- University of Michigan School of Social Work
- American Indian Services, Inc. (AIS)

Goal: To establish a working collaborative partnership that will benefit and meet the physical and mental health needs identified by the partnering agencies of the American Indian and Alaska Native community at large.

## Round 2 Projects:

### **Enhancing the Community Health Information Infrastructure in Northwest Detroit: Partnership Development Project**

Primary Partners:

- University of Michigan School of Information
- National Kidney Foundation of Michigan

Goal: To support partnership development activities for the Northwest Detroit Steering Committee as they work together on an initiative to enhance health information infrastructure in Northwest Detroit.

## **Detroit Climate Action Collaborative Climate Change Action Plan**

Primary Partners:

- University of Michigan School of Urban Planning
- Detroiters Working for Environmental Justice
- WARM Training Center

Goal: To collaborate on the development of the City of Detroit's first Climate Action Plan, which will address health-related impacts of climate change and will be shared with local government and other key stakeholders in the city of Detroit.

## **Nd'nibwaakaami - We Are Wise: Sacred Bundle! Pilot Grant**

Primary Partners:

- University of Michigan School of Social Work
- American Indian Health and Family Services
- Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc.
- University of Michigan Family Assessment Clinic

Goal: To pilot cultural adaptation activities of mental health services developed through a collaborative research effort, to evaluate effectiveness of the model, and to train staff at American Indian Health and Family Services on how to implement the culturally adapted activities.

## **Round 1 Projects:**

### **Youth Experiences of Violence, Discrimination and Harassment**

Primary Partners:

- University of Michigan School of Public Health
- Ruth Ellis Center
- Detroit Hispanic Development Corporation

Goal: Develop and institutionalize a Discrimination, Violence and Harassment Work Group within the Detroit Youth Passages Project, which equitably involves community and academic partners in all phases of the research process.

### **Stepping Back to Move Forward: Enhancing the Process and Capacity of the Aya Collaborative**

Primary Partners:

- University of Michigan School of Nursing
- Community and Home Supports, Inc.

Goal: Increase the partnership's collaborative capacity and sustainability through a systematic evaluation of membership, group process, and partnership goals.