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Joint Pilot Grant Awards

Defining and Implementing Trauma-Informed Approaches: Bridging the Academic-Community Divide to Support Community-based, Youth Serving Programs

Partnership: **Rachel Myers, PhD, MS**, from the **Center for Injury Research and Prevention** (CIRP) at CHOP and the **Center for Violence Prevention (CVP)** at CHOP, and **Ronna Kassel** from **Christian Street YMCA**

Project description: The team will support, implement, sustain, and evaluate the impact of trauma-informed approaches within 16 branches of the Greater Philadelphia YMCA. Overall, this project will specifically address how to create competence and confidence among program staff to deliver community-based programming in trauma-informed ways.

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Partnership Development Awards

Strengthening Partnerships to Elevate Home Visiting Community Voice

Partnership: **Tara Dechert, MS**, from PolicyLab, and **Shukriyyah Mitchell, BSN, RN**, from the **National Nurse-Led Care Consortium**

Project description: The team will build a parent and family advisory council that would ensure the community of home-visited clients' voices are incorporated in all implementation efforts including recruitment and outreach efforts, and research and quality improvement. From this work, their goal is to develop pathways that can be replicated across systems and organizations to allow clients and the home visiting community to lead and partake in future research and decision-making processes.

A Multimodal Approach to Exploring the Adultification of Black Girls and its Impact on Medical and Mental Health Outcomes

Partnership: **Daniela Brissett, MD**, and **Nadia Dowshen, MD, MSHP**, PolicyLab members from the Craig Dalsimer Division of Adolescent Medicine at CHOP, and **Tawanna Jones, EdD**, from **we R.E.I.G.N.**: Rooting, Empowering, and Inspiring a Girl's Nation

Project description: The team will explore, through personal narratives, the lived experiences of adolescent youth who identify as Black and female aged 13-25. They hope this project will create a better understanding of how Black girls respond to institutional stereotypes but also to examine existing resilience skills used in their everyday lives.

A Collaborative Approach to Building a Menstrual Hygiene Product Distribution Site Within a Pediatric Hospital-based Food Pharmacy

Partnership: **Shelby Davies, MD**, PolicyLab member from the Craig-Dalsimer Division of Adolescent Medicine at CHOP, and **Lynette Medley, MEd**, from **No More Secrets Mind Body Spirit** (MBS) Inc. and **the SPOT Period**

Project description: The team will create a research partnership infrastructure between CHOP's Division of Adolescent Medicine at CHOP, The Food Pharmacy at CHOP, and No More Secrets MBS Inc. and The SPOT Period. This first-of-its-kind partnership will aim to better understand the relationship between food insecurity and period poverty as a means for developing a menstrual product distribution program within a food pharmacy, which is a food bank and education center aiming to reduce hunger and improve health by making nutritious foods readily available to patients and their families.