

MINORITY HEALTH MONTH SERIES:

Berrien County Health Department is targeting obesity through hosting community events, as well as inducing policy and environmental change. **BCHD** is currently in the process of hosting a *Photovoice* youth event. This project will give youth an opportunity to use digital cameras around the community to document their environment and take an active approach through conversation and advertisement on ways to eliminate obesity. There will be two events within the county aimed at addressing obesity: one will be held at the Benton Harbor Farmer's Market, and the other will be held at Benton Harbor's Union Park.

Feeling inspired??? Reach out today!

<http://bchdmi.org/>

The **Better Detroit Youth Movement** has implemented the GLOW initiative (Girls Leaning on Women) in hopes of addressing the risky sexual behaviors of adolescents living within the Detroit area. GLOW will also use video technology to produce a documentary revealing the attitudes, behaviors, and knowledge about STDS, HIV/AIDS facts and prevention methods. The goal of this project is to use social media to explore ideas of Black adolescent females and peers while increasing ethnic pride in relation to the seriousness of HIV/AIDS and STD epidemics that plague communities of color.

Get active! Please visit their webpage for more information:

<http://bchdmi.org/http://betterdetroityouth.org/about.html>

This summer the **Detroit Hispanic Development Corporation** is focusing on youth violence and gang involvement/affiliation in Southwest Detroit. The focus of their project for the minority health month series is to address youth violence within the community with social media technology and risk communication methods. They will help youth develop entrepreneurial skills and health literacy through a "youth-driven" approach to ensure its sustainability with the community. An event will be hosted at the **DHDC** Youth Center in Detroit, a center capable of housing 200+ youth and families, community forum, and a youth dance.

Interested??? Visit:

<http://www.dhdc1.org/>

Genesee County Community Mental Health will be hosting an anti-bullying contest for youth who have been bullied—essentially giving participants a chance to tell their stories and be heard. This event was created to help raise awareness of what bullying is, and how it impacts everyone. The submissions for the contest will be judged by student and community leaders. The contest will be held at Perani Arena.

Feeling Motivated? Please visit the web to contribute to quality care:

<http://www.gencmh.org/default.aspx>

Ingham County Health Department's goal for this summer is to reduce exposure to HIV and STI's among Ingham County youth aged 12-17. The project will consist of hosting a fashion show, to engage the youth in participation, ultimately this projects aims to accomplish increasing knowledge and awareness about HIV/STI's as well as confidential services that are available to youth. Last, but definitely not least, this program hopes to inspire youth to become aware of their HIV/STI status. The long-term expectations of this project are to show an increase of youth seeking HIV/STI prevention services and testing at **JCHD**.

Be a part of change, visit:

<http://hd.ingham.org/>

The **Horizons Project** summer project is HIV/AIDS education targeting transgender youth of color, specifically because young gay, MSM, and transgender individuals of color continue to have higher diagnoses than their heterosexual counterparts. This project will use a multimedia photovoice campaign to promote HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention.

Get active! Visit:

<http://www.peds.med.wayne.edu/horizons/index.php>

The focus of **Jackson County Health Department's (JCHD)** project is to increase the education and awareness of youth about dissimilar health outcomes of minority youth residents of Jackson. Youth will create a media campaign to promote some strategic lifestyle choices that lead to reduction of obese/overweight individuals in the community. Some other programs will also take on addressing the issue of obese/overweight minority youth in Jackson by focusing on Healthy Convenience Store Conversion through increasing access to healthy, affordable food. By increasing the education/awareness of community about the dissimilar health outcomes of minority youth in comparison to the majority, the agency hopes to increase the community's active participation in the following organizations: Healthy Convenience Store Conversion Coalition, Walkable Communities Taskforce and relevant Partnership Park Downtown Neighborhood Association Committees.

For more info. About JCHD please visit their webpage:

<http://www.jchd.us/>

Prevailing Community Development Corporation will focus on the Chadsey Condon community this summer developing a youth and community driven project that highlights the instances and pressures that lead to violence. Youth will receive the opportunity to create, develop, and produce videos (with excerpts from the community) as well as, blog about their process and subject matter with violence prevention and intervention as focal points.

The **Teen H.Y.P.E. Youth Development's** goal for this summer is to support activities that increase HIV/STI awareness and show how these infections disproportionately affect minorities. The youth will participate in a media campaign that promotes HIV/AIDS awareness. The overall goal of this project is to increase knowledge of locations in the city where youth can access confidential services.

For more info. Visit Teen Hype today!

<http://www.teenhype.org/index.html>

This summer the **Corners Youth Leadership Council (YLC)** will be focused on educating youth about peer-to-peer violence and the effects of bullying. The education will take various forms: through conducting research, interactive team building meetings, and a short film—highlighting the causes and possible solutions to bullying.

Desire to know more??? Help yourself at:

<http://www.cornerhealth.org/>

This summer **Wedgwood Christian Services** will use *photovoice* to engage at-risk youth in the community, to share their stories by identifying local risk of violence and some protective factors. Youth will create a media project that will empower the community and get them to seek valid solutions. The project will explore community and youth perspectives as it pertains to sexual violence.

Visit <http://wedgwood.org/sservices.html> to learn more about WCS!

Wellness AIDS Services Incorporated project for this summer focuses on promoting available strategies to youth and youth-serving organizations in Genessee County in efforts of reducing STI rates among Black teens.

Get involved today!

<http://wellnessaids.org/>

CALENDER KEY:

	BCHD- Berrien County Health Department
	BDYM- Better Detroit Youth Movement
	DHDC- Detroit Hispanic Development Coalition
	GCCMH- Genesee County Community Mental Health
	ICHHD- Ingham County Health Department
	Horizons Project
	JCHD- Jackson County Health Department
	Prevailing CDC- Prevailing Community Development Corporation
	Teen HYPE- Teen H.Y.P.E. Youth Development
	CLC/YLC- Corner Health Center Mission
	WCS- Wedgwood Christian Services
	WASI- Wellness AIDS Services Incorporated

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