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The Connection Community Consultants Projects 2020-2021 Academic Year*

Measuring Advocacy Work in Intimate Partner Violence

Organization: [House of Ruth MD](#)

Description: House of Ruth Maryland leads the fight to end intimate partner violence by changing the attitudes, behaviors and beliefs that support it, and providing victims of violence with the services necessary to help victim rebuild their lives safely and free from fear.

House of Ruth Maryland was looking to conduct a literature review of tools used to measure outcomes in intimate partner violence. This was a subset of their Measuring Success Outcomes Project which works to provide support to partner organizations to find diverse ways to measure outcomes.

Final product: The final deliverable was a report identifying specific tools regarding IPV outcome measurement.

Team members: 5 JHSPH students.

Strengthening the Equitable Lens in Choosing Vendors: Local and National

Organization: [Civic Works](#)

Description: Civic Works is a non-profit that transforms Baltimore neighborhoods through education, skills development and service learning. For over 26 years we have worked to transform vacant lots, grow and distribute fresh produce, train young people in green careers and help seniors age in place. We have 100 staff and 200 AmeriCorps members who work together with passion and motivation to improve our city and see it through an equitable lens.

Civic Works was looking to diversify their vendors by identifying vendors who show equitable hiring, ownership, leadership and fairness in their practices. Consultants worked with Good Business Works Baltimore staff and Civic Works staff who make purchases from various vendors throughout Baltimore.

Final product: The final deliverable was a presentation and updated database that showed all companies that qualify that is easily accessible and user-friendly and be able to be periodically updated.

Team members: 4 JHSPH students.

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Julie Community Center Grant Temple

Organization: [Julie Community Center](#)

Description: The Julie Community Center is a non-profit community organization involved in advocacy, education, and workforce development initiatives in Southeast Baltimore for over 45 years. Their mission is to work with Southeast residents, particularly those on low and fixed incomes, to identify and access needed resources and support, to develop instruments that combat both poverty and urban decline, and to foster individual and neighborhood pride, participation and self-determination. They partner with local individuals, schools and organizations to identify and address the community's needs such as after school programs and youth enrichment activities, senior citizen outreach at Apostolic Towers, Summer Peace Camp and GED classes and the Child Care Training Program.

Julie Community Center was looking to review existing language and recent grant proposals and gather background information on the Julie Community Center. Consultants worked with staff to develop a letter of inquiry template that the Julie Community Center can send to prospective funders.

Final product: The final deliverable was a grant template and Letter of Interest for use by Julie Community Center.

Team members: 3 JHSPH students, 1 SOM student.