

Partnerships to Encourage Colorectal Cancer Screening in Public Housing

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I Have No Disclosures

Healthy Neighbors Partnership



- **Who:** Upstate Medical University & Syracuse Housing Authority (SHA)
- **What:** Health programs to address health disparities among SHA residents
- **When:** 2010 – current
- **Why:** Builds trust with Upstate and the public housing community
 - All programs support the health and quality of life of SHA residents
 - Needs Assessments identify Priorities
- **Model**
 - Resident Health Advocates (RHAs) trained by Upstate (6-10)
 - 8 week general and 4 week specific
- **Funding**
 - \$25K Prevent Cancer Foundation Grant 2016-2017 for CR Cancer
 - Stipends, FIT kits, stamps, lunches, small incentives, shirts



Training and Activities

GOALS:

- Increase Knowledge
- Decrease Fear
- Increase Screening
- Assist with Navigation

METHODS:

- Peer to Peer
- Door to Door
- Education sessions
- Health Fairs
- Neighborhood events
- Giveaways



We Matter..... Ongoing

COLON FIT Kits	June 2016 – May 2019
	6/30/2016 – 4/30/2019
# informed	2208
# ≥ 50 years old	994
FIT kits distributed	151
FIT kits returned	39
Colonoscopies	8
Polyps removed (cancers prevented)	3
Cancers Diagnosed	0

COLON InSure Kits	May 2019 - current
	5/1/2019
# informed	293
# ≥ 50 years old	161
InSure kits distributed	92
InSure kits returned	46
Colonoscopies	3
Polyps removed (cancers prevented)	0
Cancers Diagnosed	0

Totals	
→	2500
	1155
→	243
→	85

25% Return Rate
With 3 sample kit



50% Return Rate
With 1 sample kit



Going forward

- Replication of the model in Central NY- next Hispanic, Rural
- Considerations:
 - Does it address a need in the population
 - Leadership buy-in, space, stakeholder engagement
 - What is feasible
 - Coordinator
 - Funding
 - Branding
 - Continuous Engagement and Communication



**WE MATTER CAN SEND
YOU AN AT HOME
COLON SCREENING KIT!
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Thank you!

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