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Faculty Biographical Sketch

Claudia Coulton is a social scientist and social worker who has focused her research on the effect of living in disadvantaged neighborhoods on population wellbeing. For over 20 years, Coulton has founded and continue to work with a network of researchers in 37 cities (http://www.neighborhoodindicators.org/) to develop neighborhood disadvantage measures and to use data to inform neighborhood change efforts. She has been involved in a series of mixed methods studies that have investigated why child maltreatment is concentrated in particular neighborhoods by examining spatial dynamics and using ethnographic methods to uncover neighborhood processes in parenting. These studies have been highly cited and have helped to shape the thinking in the field regarding the prevention of child maltreatment. Coulton has also been a leading researcher in studying how residents perceive their neighborhoods and the role of residential mobility in the neighborhood experience.

She is the founder and co-director of Case Western Reserve University's Center on Urban Poverty and Community Development. The Center on Urban Poverty and Community Development has built and maintained the NEO CANDO neighborhood indicators data system since 1992. It integrates massive amounts of information on housing and neighborhood conditions across many domains that may affect health. As a result of these experiences, she has a deep knowledge of the theory and research methods surrounding questions of how neighborhood environments can affect health. Coulton also has expertise in the analysis of neighborhood level data and in the measurement of neighborhood disadvantage. She is a highly cited researcher within her field. Google Scholar reports her citations as 8,849, H index as 41 and i10 index as 96. These skills and experiences will contribute to Coulton's work on this project having to do with measuring neighborhood disadvantage and conducting and interpreting the analysis of neighborhood data.