

Strengths: Direct impact on participants

Dr. Fleisher's book *Living Black: Social Life in an African American Neighborhood*: “*Fleisher's conclusion—that the poor black people of the North End [Champaign, IL] were actually quite resilient, morally sound, and self-sufficient in the face of privation—goes against the common notion that American ghettos are broken places.*”

Drs. Crampton and Rolock are evaluating efforts in Columbiana, Mahoning and Trumbull, Ohio to prevent families from entering foster care through the provision of financial literacy and parenting services and supports.

The National Initiative on Mixed-Income Communities conducted a national scan of mixed model (or mixed-income) developments across Canada. They identified developments in almost all provinces and then focused on 10 developments for a more in-depth study of mixed-income housing in Canada. Innovations were identified that addressed mixed model finance, challenges in the regulatory and policy framework, and the need to elevate the goals, strategies, and resources for community inclusion and resident success in mixed model development.

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Dr. Nguyen's research focuses risk and protective factors (e.g., discrimination, religion, family support) of mental and physical health problems among older African Americans. Understanding these risk and protective factors will yield insight into possible mechanisms for racial disparities in health.

Dr. Rolock's research seeks to understand the well-being of young adults who were adopted through the child welfare system. Through a nationally-representative survey of young adults and their adoptive parents they seek to understand family stability and well-being in adoptive families.

The impact of **Dr. Prince's** work on *Transforming Child Welfare for LGBTQ+ Youth Thriving for the Attorney General's Linking Systems Webinar Series*:

After attending training on providing affirming care to LGBTQ youth child welfare workers described the impact of the training:

"This presentation made me think about things to bring up to my agency about the SOGIE (Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity/Expression) of the individuals that we serve and how to bring this up with individuals with disabilities."

"Loved hearing about the wonderful work that went into developing policy, procedures, scripts, trainings, and tools to better serve LGBTQ+ youth in the Child Welfare system."

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Dr. Miller, in conjunction with the schools of Medicine and Engineering, is developing new ways that artificial intelligence can be used in prostate cancer screening.

Dr. Lovell's research has direct impact of victims of sexual violence. She has testified before Congress and the Ohio state legislature on the harm done when states fail to test rape kits; harm to the victims and society at large.

Former or current foster youth who identify as LGBTQ+ who participated in **Dr. Prince's** work:

"I believe that the county should have a lot more resources to where people that are questioning can have the resources that they need like a gender therapist there's a difference between a gender therapist a regular therapist."

"We are already damaged because of society; it's even more traumatizing for us to be even more damaged by caregivers, foster siblings, and people of authority; there needs to be more training on how to deal with LGBTQ youth and how to make them comfortable in the home, in school, and within themselves. And love them, because love is like the most important thing."

Strengths: Local impact - Cleveland and East Cleveland

Dr. Voith is working with a community partner to develop and test a peer-mentoring program for previously incarcerated fathers in Cleveland, to help them to develop relational health in order to re-engage in key roles in their life as fathers, co-parents, and partners.

Drs. Groza and Wood offered an adoption mental health certificate program for the Cleveland community (and Romania clinicians). This increased the knowledge about the lifelong issues in adoption and highlighted best practices with specific populations (e.g., children born affected by alcohol, children with a history of neglect, and psychosocial issues in intercountry adoptees).

In Cleveland and East Cleveland, hundreds of gatekeepers were trained in specific suicide recognition and referral. Care transitions, which provides a "warm handoff" for youth being discharged from hospital following a suicide attempt, resulted in significant decrease in returning to the Emergency Department.

Dr. Timmons-Mitchell serves as a suicide prevention expert on the *Better Health Partnership Children's Behavioral Health Subcommittee*, a consortium of Cleveland hospitals and agencies.

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The Community Innovation Network, residents from East Cleveland and neighborhoods adjoining CWRU participated in Foundations of Community Building, a 8-month certificate program (nonacademic) that brings together university faculty/staff and community residents to build trust and increase connections. The program consists of 5 strength-based trainings and action circles to address issues of mutual concern.

Dr. Miller, is part of a team that provides community education regarding cancer awareness and other screening & health behaviors in Cleveland and East Cleveland. His work also includes examining the impact of stress and discrimination on men's decision-making and treatment trajectories with prostate cancer.

The Begun Center evaluates the Cuyahoga County Overdose Data to Action (OD2A) initiative funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The purpose of OD2A is to obtain high quality, comprehensive and timely data on overdose morbidity and mortality and to use those data to inform prevention and response efforts. A significant number of persons who experience nonfatal and fatal overdose are residents of Cleveland and East Cleveland. The initiative includes 17 community partners including the MetroHealth hospital, the Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner, the Cleveland Division of Police, the Cuyahoga County Sheriff, and multiple hospital systems and treatment providers.

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Drs. Daniel Flannery and Mark Singer, Begun Center, train officers in the Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority Police Department and the Cleveland Division of Police to interact more effectively with citizens.

In their evaluation of the Police Assisted Referral (PAR) program one officer commented:

“As long as I’ve worked here, 18 years, this is the first time to getting to actually talking to another person and helping them out with a problem they have.”

A resident who interacted with an officer stated,

“It’s nice to show my son that the police is here to help us, not hurt us.”

PAR provides a conduit for officers to refer residents for social and other services.

In 2020, Mandel School students provided 214,000 hours of community service hours: (\$6.2 million impact)

Dr. Edguer conducted mindfulness training for the Cleveland Clinic Pediatric Social Work team at the Cleveland Clinic Children’s Rehabilitation Hospital.

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The Center for Trauma and Adversity partners with local organizations to offer personalized training around the neurobiology of trauma and healing, trauma-informed organizations, race-based traumatic stress, and the impact of indirect trauma on the workforce.

Drs. Crampton, Groza, Wood, and Ms. Painter and Mr. Strom train Child Welfare Fellows in Cuyahoga County; child welfare staff who went on to take on leadership roles in their agencies and reshape the culture of child welfare in Cuyahoga County.

Dr. Joseph, National Initiative on Mixed-Income Communities, in conjunction with the *Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority*, are engaging local stakeholders to develop strategies for attracting and sustaining a successful mix of incomes in the Woodhill Homes public housing site. Working with residents and key stakeholders they aim to turn current public housing into mixed-income housing where residents will be offered a range of amenities and services such as high quality childcare, more green space, and commercial development.

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The Center for Evidence Based Practices at the Begun Center

provides ongoing training, consultation and program evaluation to 4 existing and 2 newly implementing Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) teams serving residents of the city of Cleveland. ACT is an evidence-based practice that improves outcomes for people with severe mental illness who are most at-risk of psychiatric crisis and hospitalization and involvement in the criminal justice system.

Opioid Workforce Expansion Program

trains students from social work and allied fields on opioid and substance use disorders, prevention, treatment and recovery. The project addresses the opioid crisis in NE Ohio through community partner sites in Cuyahoga County

The Center on Urban Poverty and Community Developments, in conjunction with the Cleveland Lead Safe Coalition studies the ‘downstream’ effects of childhood lead poisoning. Using data over a 20-year period, tracked life outcomes of more than 10,000 children in Cleveland with elevated blood-lead levels, researchers were able to zero-in on the impact of lead poisoning on both people and public systems.

“This research ... underscores the painful reality that lead poisoning not only affects a child’s developing body and robs them of their potential but has a costly impact on our entire community.”

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Dr. Joseph and Ms. Gress, National Initiative on Mixed-Income Communities, works in Slavic Village-Broadway neighborhood to shift the culture from one of fear, isolation and hopelessness to one of trust, aspiration and interdependence. This work engages practical, replicable approaches to antiracist development and community change to promote racial cohesion and advancement for all. They build capacity among residents to co-create and nurture the community change and achieve positive outcomes for residents, including: stronger neighborhoods, household stability, economic stability and mobility.

Dr. Stormann, and his team at the Begun Center, inform the decisions of the Cuyahoga County Family and Children First Council (FCFC) related to program improvements. FCFC supports several initiatives within the City of Cleveland which focus on youth development in out of school time environments, teen pregnancy prevention, and youth employment.

Drs. Voith and Salas Atwell have partnered with UH Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital to understand how to effectively engage predominantly Black youth hailing from East Cleveland and Cleveland neighborhoods who enter into the Emergency Department with a gunshot wound or severe assault by pairing them with a social worker to promote resilience, post-traumatic growth, and heal psychologically from trauma using a holistic, trauma informed approach.