

Assembly of Petworth

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OUR HISTORY AND MISSION

Founded and launched in 1995 with support from a Kellogg Foundation Grant, the Assembly of Petworth is a non-profit, multi-cultural and multi-ethnic community empowerment organization designed to increase the ability of healthcare providers, community-based organizations, NGOs, and public health agencies to better manage comprehensive health promotion programs and interventions.

With its inception, the Assembly of Petworth placed a high standard to focus its attention on the underserved individuals including women, children and men. Our mottoes are "A rising tide serve all ships" and "From the baby crib to the rocking chair".

We use a public-private partnership model to design, implement, and manage comprehensive health promotion programs and health behavior interventions. The Assembly of Petworth uses health and technology as our main focus, with an emphasis placed on: tele-medicine medical mobile units, multi-lingual & multi-media campaign, health fairs, medical mission and Health Science programs to execute corporate projects.

COMMUNITIES WE SERVE

We specialize in service to vast communities and populations and focus on comprehensive service delivery. We are working with the following communities: men, women, children, teens, and infants, returning citizens (paroled individuals), veterans, individuals with special needs (developmentally, emotionally, and physically disabled persons), individuals experiencing homelessness, and migrated individuals. In addition to providing services across all cultural, racial and ethnic boundaries, we are an inclusive organization that serves all who reside in the tri-state area (D.C./Maryland/Virginia).

HEALTH EQUITY GOALS

The Assembly of Petworth utilizes health technology, health sciences, and workforce development programs to build partnerships in the communities and populations that we service. We believe in a public - private partnership model, which requires all partnerships to have the trust of the community, to ensure that services and the overall partnership will be beneficial to both the community and partner. The Assembly of Petworth also seeks to assist in improvement the health status and the reduction health disparities among the traditionally medically underserved, underrepresented, and vulnerable populations.



ORGANIZATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

1996 - 1999

Community Green Campus (environmental justice initiative).

1999 – present

March of Dimes awarded the city the first pre-natal and dental medical mobile unit which was the first city-wide (Washington, DC) bi-lingual, multi-media infant mortality campaign and over 20,000 women received pre-natal and dental care through this initiative.

2005 -2007

The first city-wide (Washington, DC) Men's Health Initiative. This initiative provided bilingual cancer care, and approximately 1,000 men were screened during this initiative. Howard University was awarded a Prostate Cancer Mobile Unit.

2007 -2008

The Assembly of Petworth assisted in the launching of a Diabetes Media Campaign that featured the Howard University Diabetes Treatment Center. Additionally, coverage of this initiative was provided by WUSA TV9.



CURRENT PROGRAMS

The Assembly of Petworth is currently developing health initiative projects using our public - private partnership model.

- The Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Campaign in partnership with the Tigerlily Foundation, Howard University, Project HUMBLE, and Pfizer Inc.
- An Oral Health Campaign in partnership with the National Dental Association [NDA-DC Health Now]
- A Nutrition and Food Security program in partnership with GOYA Food, Inc.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Cancer

Related to Prostate, Breast, Cervical, Oral and Colon. Our interests are specific to the many populations that we serve. We are an inclusive organization and continue to seek additional avenues of research to assist our communities and populations.

Oral Health

With our current initiative, we would like to further explore the connections between oral health and other chronic diseases that affect populations of color. Our specific age of focus range from children, teens, adults, and the elderly.

Prevalent Chronic Health Issues

As an organization we would like to combat as many chronic health issues that have plagued the United States. Our interests are specific to the following (however we are open to additional disease that are not listed here): Hypertension, Sickle Cell Anemia, Diabetes and comorbidities (i.e. eyes, dental, kidney disease, hypertension, cholesterol, feet problems)

Infant Mortality

Gestational diabetes; prenatal, preconception, and interconception health; postpartum depression

Mental Health

Special needs (autism, ADHD), depression, substance abuse

Environmental Justice

Brownfields, mediation, soil testing, exposure to toxins

Genetics

Family history, precision medicine, etc.

WAYS YOU CAN HELP US

- Develop partnerships with us to help increase public awareness on ways to prevent chronic diseases and other health conditions in the DC Metropolitan Area.
- Conduct evidence-based research to identify preventive methods for addressing chronic diseases for those we serve in the DC Metropolitan Area.

WAYS WE CAN HELP YOU

- Host workshops or focus groups in the community [health research and clinic trials, tissue & organ donation]
- Recruit for research project [community members, space for focus group, etc.]
- Plan and implementing a research project
- Provide opportunities for students needing community services time [health fairs, screening & testing, etc.]
- Partnership & collaborations [recommending our groups to other groups or funding etc.]
- Provide expertise for community projects [researchers, proposal writers, evaluators, etc.]



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