Community Engagement through Community Cafes: Conversations that Matter

- Engaging community members in focused, structured discussions around questions that are important to child, family and community well-being.
- Building partnerships with parents and building protective factors within a community

Team Members include: Robin Cogan  Candida Rodriguez
"The power of community to create health is far greater than any physician, clinic or hospital."

~Dr. Mark Hyman
Engage Community Voices

Stories and Numbers

COMMUNITY CAFE
BUILT BY THE PEOPLE

Inviting Space

Have Conversations that Matter
Camden City Data:

Size: 9 square miles
Population: 74,426
52.6% of children are living in poverty
High school graduation rate: 68.8%
African Americans: 42.4%
Hispanics: 48.1%
Foreign Born Residents: 13.5%
Asian: 2.7%
Caucasian: 5.3%
More than 50% of residents are under 21 years of age
Camden City Data continued...

Rate of Violent Crimes: #4 in Crime Index 21.19% per 1,000 residents
Property Crime Rate: 35.78% per 1,000 residents
Total crime rate: 56.97% per 1,000 residents
59.9% of residents experience economic hardship
90% of Mi Casita students qualify for free or reduced lunch
42% of Mi Casita students have at least one parent that is undocumented
Strengths & Stories

- Warrior Spirit
- Compassionate Adults
- Community Resilience
- Artistry
- Youth Rising
- Creative
- Promise Neighborhoods
- Trauma-Informed
- Mentors
Nothing About Us, Without Us

Foundation of Successful Community Based Work
The Possibilities are Endless

Parents & Caregivers
Staff
Community Members
School Nurses
School nurses and pediatricians team up for better care in Camden

June 14, 2017

Adults with complex health and social needs are not the only ones in Camden who often visit the emergency department (ED) instead of their primary care providers. Robin Cogan, a school nurse who works at four Camden-area preschools, noticed that when she asked parents to get medical clearance from a doctor to allow their child Read More....
The Pair of ACEs

Adverse Childhood Experiences

- Maternal Depression
- Physical & Emotional Neglect
- Emotional & Sexual Abuse
- Divorce
- Substance Abuse
- Mental Illness
- Domestic Violence
- Incarceration
- Homelessness

Adverse Community Environments

- Poverty
- Violence
- Discrimination
- Poor Housing Quality & Affordability
- Community Disruption
- Lack of Opportunity, Economic Mobility & Social Capital

Case Studies in Real Time

4 Year Old Girl
- Food Insecurities
- Deportation status TBD
- Housing Insecurities
- Domestic Abuse
- Sexual Violence

Services Provided:
- Referral Perinatal Cooperative
- Visit to Immigration Attorney
- Home Visit
- Food Pantry

3 Year Old Boy
- Recent medical emergency at school
- No Health Insurance
- No Proof of Income to Receive any Supports
- Health Literacy Concerns
- Deportation Status TBD

Services Provided:
- Attempted to get Charity Care but it was denied
- Warm Hand-off to Provider who can coordinate needed MRI
- Social Worker referral through FQHC