

CIRA Methodology and Biostatistics Seminar Series

“Challenges and Opportunities of Community Based Participatory Research: Notes from the Field”

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Community Based Participatory Research (CBPR) is a collaborative approach that equitably involves community partners in the research process and uses knowledge and action to promote social change. This presentation will address the preparation, design, and implementation of a locally relevant CBPR project based in New Haven's first federally funded HOPE VI community. Monterey Place, formerly known as the Elm Haven Projects, is a mixed income community that was created to “change the face of public housing.” Through the course of preliminary fieldwork, residents of Monterey Place expressed fear and anxiety about eviction and increasingly stringent policies pertaining to drug use and criminal activity. These concerns were translated into a research project designed to address the direct and indirect links between eviction and HIV-related risk on an individual and community level. With the help of a community advisory committee, we have been able to formulate a research agenda that reflects the immediate needs of Monterey residents while at the same time providing formative data on the impact of eviction on community stability and HIV-related risk. Throughout this presentation we will reflect on the many challenges and opportunities of CBPR and discuss how the methods of CBPR can be adapted for particular research needs.



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