

An evaluation of the Housing and Nurses for Health (HNH) Partnership

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ABSTRACT: Background and Purpose. The Housing and Nurses for Health (HNH) Partnership aims to dually prepare nursing students for emerging roles in population health and to address health inequities in low-income, public housing communities through a collaborative partnership approach. For over 10 years, clinical nursing faculty and nursing students have partnered with housing staff at housing sites in the Portland Metropolitan area to serve residents and link them to the resources they need for a healthy life. The purpose of this evaluation is to understand the value of the HNH Partnership and how it can be improved over time.

Methods. The Housing and Nurses for Health (HNH) Partnership will be evaluated using a descriptive, longitudinal outcome evaluation design with survey methods. A conceptual framework based on original partnership project goals will guide the evaluation in three specific areas: Collaboration, Learning Outcomes and Health Promotion Outcomes.

Results. Preliminary results reveal university-housing partner collaboration strengths and weaknesses, student learning outcomes and resident health promotion outcomes.

Conclusions/Implications. Knowledge gained will be used for partnership improvement over time that will potentially benefit students, faculty, organizations and residents involved in the project by: enhancing collaboration between partners, enhancing student-learning outcomes, and meeting community health promotion needs.

OBJECTIVE(S):

- Describe the value of the HNH Partnership in terms of student learning outcomes and resident health promotion.
- Identify how the HNH Partnership can be improved over time.

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