



TOOLS & LINKS

Center for Community Partnerships (CCP)

www.cophpa.ucf.edu/ccp/index.cfm

COHPA Office of Research (COR)

www.cohpa.ucf.edu/Research/Contracts.htm

Institute for the Advancement of Social Work Research

www.charityadvantage.com/iaswr/IASWRHOME.asp

University-Community Partnerships: Current Practices

<http://www.huduser.org/publications/commdev/partner.html>

University-Community Partnerships – University of Toronto Example

<http://www.urbancentre.utoronto.ca/curp.html>

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

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UPDATES

Recent External Funding News

Congratulations to the following faculty members who received external funding over the Summer of 2008:

- Dr. Shawn Lawrence, Office of the State Attorney, Evaluation of Early Truancy Intervention Program, \$5,674.00.
- Dr. Eileen Abel, Jewish Family Services of Greater Orlando, Evaluating the Efficacy of a Psycho Educational Environment Intervention for Children Living in Families Experiencing the Absence of a Parent, \$20,000.00.
- Dr. Denise Gammonley and Ms. Robin Kohn, Council on Social Work Education, UCF Curriculum Development Institution (CDI) Program, \$2,501.00.

Community Partnership Research

Closing the knowledge-practice gap through community-based participatory research is an evolving science – and art – as Cargo and Mercer (2008) point out in a recent review in the public health field. Similarly, the process of creating community research partnerships is, from an empirical standpoint, very much in the formative stages as Straub et al. (2007) note. Developing knowledge around effective practices for transferring evidence-based knowledge to the field is one goal of the College of Health and Public Affairs (COHPA). One way that we are pursuing this goal in the School of Social Work is by using ‘knowledge translation’ approaches for developing evidence-based practices and social work knowledge. Knowledge translation renders systematic research findings usable for our community partners and consumers, who become our research collaborators. We are also developing knowledge translation strategies in an academic/practitioner group dialogue as a follow up to a recent evidence-based practice brown bag. We will use this newsletter to report some of those efforts and outcomes.

Social Work Research Colloquium

The School is proud to announce that Dr. David E. Pollio, Hill Crest Foundation Chair and Director of Research at the University of Alabama School of Social Work will be the Research Colloquium Speaker in March, 2009. His presentation will be on Geographical Information Systems (GIS) applications to social work research. Dr. Pollio is a nationally recognized expert in GIS, mental health and addiction services, homelessness and evidence-based practice. More information will be forthcoming at <http://www.cohpa.ucf.edu/social/OfficeofResearchEvents.cfm>