



COMMUNITY-ENGAGED LEARNING STREET HEALTH

PATHWAY: HEALTH EQUITY

Project Description

- Develop baseline health data for regular participants in the NEST and HART programs and for unsheltered street homeless identified by the City of Norfolk to End Homelessness
- Conduct basic health screening and provide referrals for accessible follow-on care
- Conduct a systematic study of high-yield cost-effective assists for homeless persons in Norfolk and recommend systems for providing those things on a regular basis

Annual Student Activities

- Students will be oriented to unsheltered street homeless in Norfolk, VA
- Students and physician volunteers will conduct up to 12 screening clinics annually

Community Outcomes/Results

- ↑ Access to healthcare among Norfolk's homeless population
- ↑ Continuity of care among Norfolk's homeless population
- ↑ Efficiency and effectiveness of both developing and existing programs that provide healthcare to the homeless

FACILITATOR

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PARTNERS

- City of Norfolk Office to End Homelessness
- Norfolk Department of Human Services
- Homeless Action and Response Team (HART)
- Norfolk Emergency Shelter Team (NEST)
- Anthem

THE NEED

- Homelessness in Hampton Roads is a systemic challenge
- Homelessness affects both families & individuals
- Individuals who are homeless experience significant health challenges
- This vulnerable population would likely benefit from additional screening
- Access to healthcare among Norfolk's homeless and attention