

Social Justice & COVID-19 Recovery

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This time of year, is often spent taking a “break”, getting outside, and enjoying hot, longer days and nights. Summer

from all those suffering

Morehouse School of Medicine Prevention Research Center (MSM PRC) leads or collaborates on several community-led and centered initiatives that promote COVID-19 testing, communication, and vaccination.

The Georgia Community Engaged Research Alliance (GEORGIA CEAL) Against

COVID-19 focuses on research and outreach to

For more information email georgiceal@msm.edu or visit [Community Engagement Alliance \(CEAL\) Against COVID-19 Disparities | Community Engagement Alliance \(nih.gov\)](#). Project

PEACH (Georgia Peers for Equity Against COVID-19 and for Health (GA PEACH)

focuses on increasing COVID-19

urban Georgia

safely reengage as our country opens, and making vaccination decisions. We are promoting and grappling with the social justice of George Floyd and Ahmad Aubrey, our Asian American sisters, and brothers, among many others. These realities also remind us of the collective toll of our times and the importance of attention to our mental and behavior health. We are also amidst a new presidential administration bringing renewed attention to the social and political determinants of health and the policies and systems that represent the paths towards health equity for all!

Daniel Crimmins, PhD, has been the representative for Georgia State University (GSU) School of Public Health to Morehouse School of Medicine (MSM), Prevention Research Center (PRC) Community Coalition Board (CCB) for more than ten years.

He joined the CCB when it was chaired by Mrs. Ella Trammell and the MSM PRC was S

Mental Health First Aid Testimony

By Terry Ross

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understand my own intentions, approaches,
and paths. Most notably, we
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ation (expected launch Winter 2021) to train
community members as Mental Health
First Aiders within the community.

Fathers Matter Initiative:

A Community Mobilization Approach Employed in Metro Atlanta to Support Father Involvement

Georgia Department of
Public Health (GA DPH),
Maternal and Child
Health partnered with
the National Fatherhood
Initiative (NFI) to support
the work of its Strong



The schematic visual above is a graphic recording of the Leadership Summit takeaways. It displays the path towards the vision “to develop a system that serves fathers as well as moms and babies”. The seven primary strategies are in JROG ZLWK VRPH FRQQHFWLQJ LGHDV DURXQG HDFK \$OVR LQFOXGHG DUH are included on the top left.

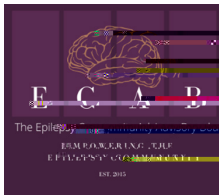


The Unexpected Recognition and First Aid Training

By Jocelyn Martin, Alexis Bell,
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Rakale Collins Quarells, PhD

The MSM Epilepsy Community Advisory Board (E-CAB) was established in 2015 as a part of an epilepsy research study to improve epilepsy self-management behaviors such as reducing depression for Blacks living with epilepsy. The study found Project UPLIFT to be successful in reducing depression in Blacks with epilepsy. Since the completion of that study, the E-CAB has been committed to increasing epilepsy awareness for people of various communities.

Mrs. Joycelyn Martin is an epilepsy advocate and support person for her sister and mother, who both experience seizures. Mrs. Martin accepted an invitation to join the E-CAB after her sister's doctor suggested sharing her epilepsy experience with others. Through the E-CAB, she was able to take a Seizure Recognition and First Aid (SFA) training, which WDXJKW KH DERXW GLIHH type W VHLJ symptoms, and safety tips. 6KR UW O DIWHU REWDL Call, MW KH Martin had a lifesaving experience. One night before putting her mother to bed, Mrs. Martin noticed that her mother ZDV VWDULQJ RII LQWR "space." She recalled staring being a symptom from the SFA training and immediately began timing the seizure.



research study to improve epilepsy self-management behaviors such as reducing depression for Blacks living with

two seizures. Her mother was admitted to the intensive care unit due to uncontrolled seizures for a week before being discharged. If not for the SFA training, Mrs. Martin believes that she would not have been able to save her mother's life. She recommends general and epilepsy communities be SFA F HUWLILHG WR KR OSH D QHP Q UYHRQ DE F 6HLJXUH 5HFRJROSLWD, Please Visit <https://learn.epilepsy.com/>.



E-CAB members at the Epilepsy Resource Day they hosted at MSM in September 2019

Seizure First Aid
How to help someone having a seizure

- 1 STAY WITH THEM**
 - ✓ Time the seizure
 - ✓ Move or guide away from
- 2 CALL 911**
 - ✓ Turn them on their side if they are not awake and aware
 - ✓ Keep away
 - ✓ Loosen tight clothing
 - ✓ Put something soft and safe under
- 3 Do NOT**
 - X Do NOT
 - X Do NOT

Call 911 if...

- Seizure assistance is needed
- Person is injured, pregnant, or seizure occurs in water

Do NOT

- Restrain the person
- Put anything in their mouth

Learn more at learn.epilepsy.com

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24/7 Helpline: 1-800-451-4600

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