

WRI ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

Happy New Year from WRI!

WRI Hosts Forum About South Jersey

Coalitions and partnerships in the public health sector have become a very important tool for addressing multifaceted health issues. What has been the actual impact of this organizing strategy?

Dr. West, Associate Dean and Associate Professor of Health Systems and Policy at the Rutgers School of Public Health, recently completed a study of public health coalitions and their impact on health outcomes within the South Jersey Region. Her research addresses several important issues:

- *What are the challenges in measuring coalition impact?*
- *What are the advantages and challenges of working in a coalition?*
- *What challenges exist for improving health outcomes in the region?*

Come join the Walter Rand Institute and Dr. Bernadette West as we discuss public health and next steps in helping co-

[Click here to register for the Forum About South Jersey!](#)

February 13, 2015
10:00 - 11:30 AM
Cherry Hill Public Library
1100 Kings Highway North
Cherry Hill, NJ 08034

The
FORUM
About South Jersey

Public Health Coalitions in South Jersey
Presented by Bernadette West, Ph.D.

Dr. Bernadette West, Associate Dean and Associate Professor of Health Systems and Policy at the Rutgers School of Public Health, will present her recently completed research on public health coalitions and their impact on health outcomes in the South Jersey Region.

To register, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-forum-about-south-jersey-public-health-coalitions-in-south-jersey-registration-14349587001>

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Senator Walter Rand Institute
for Public Affairs

WRI Conducts Assessment for NJACP

The Senator Walter Rand Institute for Public Affairs is currently conducting a follow-up Salary and Benefits Assessment for the New Jersey Association of Community Providers (NJACP). The assessment looks to capture the fiscal and operational status of community based agencies and compare these results to the original assessment done in 2007.

The mission of The New Jersey Association of Community Providers (NJACP) is to assist member agencies as they provide quality support and services for people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities, including but not limited to autism, cerebral palsy, and communication impairments.

WRI Advisory Board Meeting

The WRI Advisory Board met on Wednesday, December 6, 2014, approved bylaws, and elected officers for the new year. We are excited to announce our new Advisory Board officers: Michael Moynihan, Chair, who is the Executive Director of the United Way of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey in Camden County, and James Rhodes, Co-Chair, who is Deputy County Administrator for Camden County. The Board also formed three committees: Outreach and Engagement, which is co-chaired by Chris Perks and James Rhodes, Student Support, which is co-chaired by Judge Charles Rand and Patricia Egan Jones, and Public Policy, co-chaired by Jack Fisher and Carolyn Heckman.

WRI welcomes Jordan Lambert, who joined WRI as a Research Assistant in July 2014. He is currently a senior in the joint-degree program in Criminal Justice at Rutgers-Camden, and is expecting to receive his BA this Spring. At WRI, Jordan is working on the Camden School District School Based Youth Services (SBYS) Evaluation and the Camden COPS evaluation.

WRI participated in the annual office decorating contest, sponsored by the Chancellor's Office. We are glad to announce that we won "Best Use of the Deck the Halls" theme and "Best in Show." Congratulations to all staff that participated in the effort!

Check our updated website: [HTTP://WRAND.RUTGERS.EDU/](http://wrand.rutgers.edu/) and our new Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/walterrandinstitute>

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