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Top Stories

“Don’t Sugarcoat It” Recap

On September 15, over 60 people from across South Jersey gathered at the Mullica Hill Branch of the Gloucester County Library for WRI’s Forum About South Jersey. Details about the event, the full report, and the day’s presentation are available for public access. [Read more.](#)

Inaugural Bridgeton Health Coalition Meeting

On September 21, 2016, WRI - in partnership with stakeholders in the City of Bridgeton and Cumberland County - held the official kickoff meeting for the Bridgeton Health Coalition. The coalition, funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, will develop a strategic plan that will incorporate short and long-term goals around strategies to improve health outcomes in the City of Bridgeton. [Read more.](#)

WRI Staff Featured as Panelist in Race and Policing Webinar

The Emma Bowen Foundation recently hosted a webinar on race and policing featuring Tracy Swan, WRI’s Senior Project Administrator. Lasting one hour, the webinar was a frank conversation between criminal justice/policing experts, practitioners, and the Emma Bowen Foundation Fellows about recent violence stemming from decades of fraught police-community race relations. [Read more.](#)

The Importance of Student Involvement at WRI

Research Project Assistant and former student employee, Jessica McConnell, looks at how her time and experiences with WRI have developed her professional skills. [Read more.](#)

WRI Spotlight

Michael Moynihan, Advisory Board Chair

A long-standing Advisory Board member who first came to WRI through his work with the United Way of Camden County, Mike recently spoke to our staff about his time with the organization. During his tenure as the Advisory Board Chair, WRI’s board made significant progress. [Read more.](#)



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Upcoming Events

WRI Advisory Board Annual Meeting - Oct. 25th

The Forum About South Jersey - Dec. 6th

“Is South Jersey Getting Its ‘Fair Share’ of Public Goods?”

Rutgers University-Camden, Rand Institute Faculty Fellow Professor Shauna L. Shames will present her findings on whether state resources (i.e. State Aid, infrastructure development, and education opportunities) are divided justly amongst North, Central, and South Jersey.