

Kaitlynn M. Jones, MPH

Education:

Masters of Public Health (2017), Drexel University, Philadelphia PA.

Concentration: Community Health and Prevention

Bachelors of Arts (Sociology) and Bachelors in Social Work (2012), Colorado State University, Fort Collins CO.

Professional Experience:

Evaluation Specialist, Colorado School of Public Health, University of Colorado – Anschutz Medical Campus, Aurora CO USA – July 2022-Present.

Manager of qualitative research for the Community Organizing for Prevention Project funded by CDPHE. Focus on authentic community engagement in the creation of all qualitative research projects. Participate in strategic planning to ensure alignment of research to the project outcomes using mixed methods approach. Provide training and technical assistance to colleagues, state partners and local community coalitions in evaluation, primary data collection, and data usage. Translate and disseminate research and data findings to community partners across geographic and cultural contexts through technical assistance as well as supplementary development of web or print resources and tools.

Prevention Science Specialist, Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO USA – January 2019-July 2022

Provide training and technical assistance on prevention science and health equity to 46 Colorado coalitions implementing the Communities That Care model. Build capacity in colleagues and community coalitions to build a comprehensive community action plan, implement and evaluate public health policies, practices, and program, address racial or intersectional injustices, and undertake monitoring and strategic reflection to improve quality of implementation efforts. Create resources and trainings tailored to state-partner and community needs. Plan and facilitate affinity groups for communities implementing similar primary prevention strategies to encourage collaboration across Colorado communities. Develop and conduct qualitative case studies on population approaches to advance health equity, systems-level strategies. Translate and disseminate research and data findings to community partners across geographic and cultural contexts through technical assistance and supplementary web or print resources and tools. Assist in developing abstracts and presenting at conferences. Participate in trainings and work groups regarding racial injustice and dismantling systems of oppression.

Affiliate Professor, Regis University, Denver CO, USA – January 2018-Present

Experience in curriculum development and translating science into a more accessible format. Cultivate understanding of public health concepts, at times working with external subject matter experts, in order to increase student engagement. Focus on equity and systems of oppression that interact with the course subject. Built capacity in students to conduct research, community health assessments, and other public health applications. Serve as a mentor for students conducting narrative reviews on a variety of public health topics.

Community Engagement Specialist, Center for African American Health, Denver, CO USA – June 2017-January 2019

Monitored and evaluated Diabetes Prevention Programming as a part of a CDPHE Grant.

Tailored programs for different community contexts while maintaining scientific best practices. Used interpersonal communication skills to develop collaborative relationships in working with community-based partners, state partners, and community members. Hosted community events that aimed to build community, provide health screenings, and bring awareness of health disparities seen in the Black community.

Dornsife Global Development Scholar, Beitbridge, Zimbabwe – March-September 2016

Built partnerships with World Vision Zimbabwe, Limpopo Area Development Program. Conducted a cross-sectional study on the social effects of water point installation; key topics were access/usage, gender equality, and health. Compiled a report and presented findings to both World Vision Zimbabwe and World Vision USA. In addition to research study, monitored latrine construction in rural primary schools and collaborated with community coalitions about gender-based violence and HIV prevention.

Public Health Intern, FIMRC, Philadelphia, PA USA – March 2016-May 2017

Developed and implemented an educational maternal and child health program in Uganda to help reduce maternal and child mortality and adverse health outcomes. Built local capacity to conduct and evaluate the program. Developed a program evaluation to assess for changes in knowledge after participation in the health education program. Utilized community assets in the development and implementation of the prevention program.

Technical Coordinator, Peace Corps, Namibia – March 2015-June 2015

Implemented a community-based training program for the health sector of Peace Corps Namibia. Conducted sessions on various topics such as HIV/AIDS, Sexual Reproductive Health, Cross-Culture, International Health Development, Language etc. Developed training material that examined how broad public health topics effect Namibia specifically. Organized community leaders to participate in training program. Managed a group of trainees and provided evaluations on their progress throughout training period. Coordinated progress communications to key stakeholders.

Public Health Volunteer, Peace Corps, Kamanjab, Kunene Region, Namibia – March 2013-March 2015

Coordinated the implementation of national public health initiatives in a small village setting. Managed day-to-day operations for health projects. Provided education to target population on HIV/AIDS, women's health, Medical Male Circumcision, TB, among other topics. Used community engagement skills to make large-scale public health issues culturally understood on an individual level. Developed and implemented prevention programs on projects such as HIV/AIDS, Domestic Violence, and teenage pregnancy reduction. Initiated a small garden for a HIV/AIDS support group and lead nutrition education sessions.

Public Health Intern, Larimer County Department of Health and Environment, Fort Collins CO, USA – August-December 2012

Interned with the Maternal Services Program. Conducted intake interviews and provided informational materials to expecting mothers. Led sessions with the Health Care Program For Children With Special Needs (HCP). Made outreach phone calls and provided information about services. Prepared case folders and held case conferences. Conducted Medicaid screening assessments and documented client interviews. Referred clients to other services when needed.

Intern, Jobcare, Dublin, Ireland – July-August 2012

Worked with long-term unemployed persons and ex-offenders. Facilitated a job-readiness course. Coached clients on interview skills and CV development. Facilitated with TRASNA (Ex-offender) groups and conducted team-building activities. Established working relationships with inner-city residents.

Volunteer Experience:

Board Member, Community Board for the School of Physical Therapy, Regis University, Denver CO – Fall 2019-Present.

Rathmines Women's Refuge, Dublin, Ireland – June 2012

Directly responsible for the running of the children's center. Assessed and facilitated proper child development. Co-facilitated crisis and PTSD sessions for children living at the shelter. Provided support for women taking legal action. Explored the issue of domestic violence in a large city.

Northern Colorado AIDS Project Fort Collins CO, USA – August 2010- August 2012

Trained in prevention testing. Administered risk assessment for clients requesting HIV/Hep C tests. Performed HIV/Hep C tests. Provided information on ARV Therapy. Engaged community in discussions about HIV/AIDS at events such as Pride and World AIDS Day. Stocked and distributed food from the organization's food bank.