

Community Health in West Philadelphia: A Disconnect Between Intent and Action

The goal of my project was to construct a community health profile for West Philadelphia which would include such dimensions as disease prevalence, accessibility of local health care clinics, rates of utilization of these clinics, and the presence of different organizations and programs aimed at improving the general health of the citizens of this region. As I spoke with various health care professionals, I also began to understand how the prevailing discourses about health in the community are actually implicated in the health problems that afflict West Philadelphia.