

# Team Up: CPH Bridging Academia and Practice

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## IMPORTANCE

Collaboration between public health academia and practice has gained increased attention in recent years<sup>1</sup>. Further, organizations such as the Institute of Medicine, Council on Education for Public Health, and Public Health Accreditation Board have emphasized the importance of collaboration in public health<sup>1</sup>. There are many ways in which collaboration improves community health and health professionals, including<sup>2</sup>:

- Integration and sharing of resources (personnel, research, materials, & finances)
- Workforce development
- Quality improvement of programming

## PURPOSE

The purpose of Team Up is to create a sustainable infrastructure for community-engaged partnerships that leans into community needs through the provision of technical assistance and evaluation services, student practical multidisciplinary experiential learning and strengthening of the practice-to-research relationship.

## TEAM UP IMPACT

Team Up provides a unique opportunity to bring together CPH students and faculty experts with local public health & community leaders to:

- Expand public health reach in communities
- Build an effective and resilient public health system
- Improve the health and well-being of communities through authentic partnerships with local and state public health systems infrastructure

### Technical Assistance and Evaluation



Provide technical assistance and evaluation services for local and state public health partners

### Community-Engaged Capacity Building



Improve the capacity of public health students and faculty to engage with practice partners and conduct practice-based research

### Applied Scholarship and Methodologies



Partner in or lead studies that examine the impact of and strengthen public health

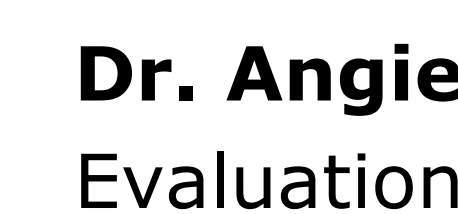
## CORE PROJECT EXAMPLES

Technical Assistance & Evaluation	Community-Engaged Capacity Building	Applied Scholarship and Methodologies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strategic planning partnership</li> <li>• Social determinants of health data and infographics</li> <li>• Evaluation plan &amp; execution</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student fellows</li> <li>• 2,500+ combined hours</li> <li>• Cultivated leadership &amp; collaborative skills</li> <li>• Faculty fellows</li> <li>• Project planning</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public health systems</li> <li>• Local and State Political Will</li> <li>• NALSYS-Employer Section</li> <li>• Public health workforce enumeration</li> </ul>

## KEY LEADERS



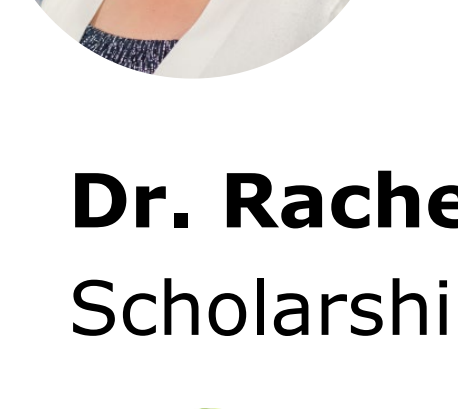
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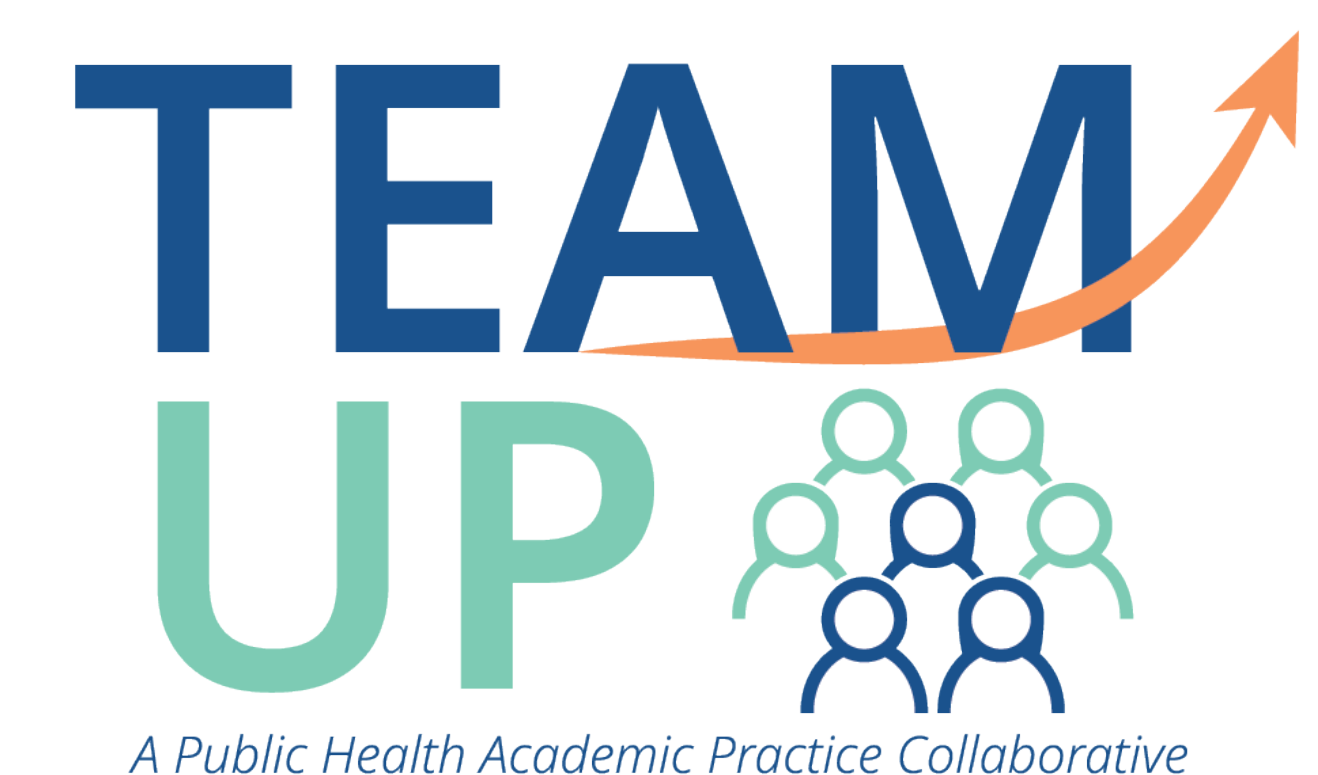


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## REFERENCES



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