



SERVICE LEARNING AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT THROUGH HIGHER EDUCATION

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TCOMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT TO DEVELOP COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND NAVIGATOR PROGRAMS

ABSTRACT:

This community based research project aimed to assess community needs to help local leaders identify areas for policy, system, and environmental change. The surveys conducted evaluated perceived, expressed, and basic needs, including infrastructure, crime, and food insecurity. The findings will guide Community Education Programs that promote health and sustainable change, and allow residents to have access to resources.

THEMATIC FOCUS:

Shifting Foundations: Modern fundamental changes in how communities form, change, and represent themselves.

Convergence and Intersections: How increasing or decreasing hyperconnectivity can impact community engagement.

Floods and Droughts: Too much of one thing, not enough of another. How complimentary partnership can fill the gaps.

BIO:

Yuliana is an undergraduate student with experience in community based research since 2024. This experience has allowed her to work with the Houston community to understand their needs and address local health challenges. This experience solidified her passion for service and made her aware of the factors that impact our well being. The journey also inspired her to look beyond her undergraduate years and pursue a career as a physician to improve access to adequate care.