Integrating social health into primary care is successful on a small scale. So, what’s next?

Sophia Mun and Ariel Singer share success stories from Social Health Integration’s Universal Social Health Screening Pilot Project

The Universal Social Health Screening Project partnered with primary care teams and patients to design and implement universal screening for social health. The project uses an approach called the Social Health Questionnaire at 2 Kaiser Permanente Washington primary care clinics to help care teams better understand members’ social risks and to connect members who have social needs to the clinic’s Community Resource Specialists (CRSs).

In this Q&A, research project manager Sophia Mun, MPH, who manages the project, and social health practice facilitator Ariel Singer, MPH, who supports implementation of universal screening in the clinics, share what the project has learned through recent interviews and explain what’s next. READ MORE.

Remembering Jonathan Sugarman

A note from ACT Center co-director Katie Coleman, MPSH on the passing of ACT Center collaborator and her friend and mentor

Jonathan Sugarman, a longtime collaborator with KPHWRI, passed away on May 1 while attempting to summit Mt. Everest.

Much has been written that rightly focuses on his intellect and training and influence, but for those of you who knew of Jonathan but didn’t get a chance to know him deeply, Katie wanted to share a bit about our organizational and her personal relationship with him. READ MORE.

ACT Center is excited to share findings and build connections

AcademyHealth’s Annual Research Meeting is coming to Seattle and we’re presenting... posters, presentations, and panels, oh my!
Our team members are excited to share findings and ideas related to health care workforce burnout, mentoring early-career scientists, the efforts to integrate social health into primary care, and much more.

If you’re attending the 2023 AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting in Seattle, we invite you to join us to learn more about the ACT Center’s work to improve health for people and communities everywhere by streamlining the path from research to practice. READ MORE.

**People and Resources**

**ACT Anecdotes: Claire Allen brings fairness and excitement to her work in research implementation**

ACT Anecdotes introduce you to the people of the ACT Center through a Q&A. Each quarterly update will include a short and informative introduction to a staff member. Next up is Collaborative science manager, Claire Allen.

Learn about what drives Claire, what she's most proud of, and what she's up to outside of work (hint: it involves sea glass and a quirky island). READ MORE.

**What motivates Yates Coley’s work to build equitable prediction models?**

Yates Coley, associate investigator at Kaiser Permanente Washington Health Research Institute (KPWHRI), recently received an Emerging Leader Award from the Committee of Presidents of Statistical Societies. The award also cited Coley’s leadership and advocacy to advance justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion. In addition to their associate investigator role with KPWHRI, Coley leads the advanced analytics core for the ACT Center.

In this Q&A, you'll learn how Yates got started in their field, what they're working on now, and what they do outside of work! READ MORE.

**Featured Resource: Printable tools for managing persistent pain**

New printable forms that work in partnership with the Toolkit for Managing Persistent Pain, include worksheets, trackers, word index, and more for people living with persistent pain.

Developed by ACT Center patient partners, the forms and the toolkit provides practical tips to help anyone living with persistent pain, no matter what treatment methods they use.

View the printable forms, the toolkit, and other resources in our resource library.
We at the Center for Accelerating Care Transformation acknowledge that the work we do takes place on the ancestral lands and traditional territories of Coast Salish People.