

## Change Champions

### Programmatic Implementation

The Change Champion program recruit's student scholars primarily from previous DHHS HBCUs/MSIs Internship program cohorts to achieve the department's strategic goal to provide more equitable opportunities for internship access within NC DHHS and supports the initiative to build a strong and inclusive workforce. In doing so, scholars gain valued professional experience that help attract, recruit, and retain public health, social workers, and other human services professionals for career opportunities with DHHS.

Change Champion scholars work collaboratively with campus health centers and DHHS staff to organize, lead, and facilitate outreach and engagement activities that promote best practices, testing, prevention, and treatment on the campus of HBCUs/MSIs in North Carolina. These priority areas represent a whole-person health and equity centered approach that strive to improve health outcomes for students from historically marginalized communities. Proposed topics for outreach include:

#### Outreach Activity and Engagement By Month

<b>Month/ Awareness Focus</b>	<b>Disparity Focus</b> best practices, testing, prevention, and treatment	<b>Activity-plan w/ Champions and Health Center Directors</b>	<b>Internal Partner Group</b>	<b>Event to promote Strategic priority</b>
August Mental Health	Mental Health	TBD	<b>MPOX CoAg</b> -Langston, Noah, Candice and Catherine G.	-Investing in Mental -
September	Suicide Prevention	<b>Activity:</b> Get the SCOOP, 988, NC CARE 360	<b>DMH and NC CARE 360</b>	Social Media Engagement
October	Diabetes Awareness Champion	<b>Activity:</b> Diabetes prevention	<b>OHE and ORH</b>	

	MDPP Program in the OHE, connecting communities to diabetes management			
November	Digital Equity	Host an event on Campus	<b>ORH</b>	
<b>December</b>	<b>Admin planning</b>	<b>Engagement Strategy</b>	<b>MPOX CoAg, Clinical Coordination Branch</b>	<b>Event</b>
Jan	National Drug and Alcohol Awareness Week	Increasing access to preventative measures against communicable and preventable diseases & mental health resources on campus	<a href="#">MPOX CoAg</a> -Langston, Noah, Candice and Catherine G.	Mpox Focus Group and <a href="#">Social Media Education Campaign</a>
Feb	Teen Dating Violence; National Black HIV/Aids Awareness; African Heritage and Health Week	Increasing access to preventative measures against communicable and preventable diseases	<a href="#">MPox COAG</a> Langston, Noah, Candice and Catherine G.	<a href="#">Social Media Education Campaign</a>
March	Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month; International Women's Day (March 8 <sup>th</sup> );	Host an event highlighting barbershop program	Division of Public Health, Community and Clinical Connections for Prevention and Health Branch - Tish Singletary	<a href="#">Recruit Participants to participate in program</a>

	Disability Awareness Month; Women's History Month		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Courtney Ingram</li> <li>- Courtney Eggleston</li> </ul>	
April	National Social Work Month; Health Information Professionals Week; NPHW	Host an event highlighting barbershop program	<a href="#">Division of Public Health, Community and Clinical Connections for Prevention and Health Branch</a>	Recruit Participants to participate in program
May	Report/Recruit	Report/Recruit	ALL Partners	
June	HBCU Internship Program	HBCU Internship Program	N/A	
July	HBCU Internship Program	HBCU Internship Program	N/A	

\*May-June Report writing with all partners