# The SURE MatCH Group

#### NOVEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

Highlighting recent news, upcoming events and publications within the lab, in addition to publications from the wider field of substance abuse and maternal and child health research.

#### RECENT NEWS

DR.QIANA L. BROWN AWARDED GRANT FROM NEW JERSEY ALLIANCE FOR CLINICAL AND TRANSLATIONAL SCIENCE



#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

NOVEMBER 7, 2019

- PREVENTING GUN VIOLENCE SYMPOSIUM WITH KEYNOTE SPEAKER, DR.DEBRA FURR-HOLDEN
- BLANCHE GROSSWALD MEMORIAL ENDOWED LECTURE FEATURING DR.THOMAS A. LAVEIST



#### **HOT TOPIC**

Marijuana use during Pregnancy.

TAKE A LOOK! THE US SURGEON GENERAL RELEASED AN ADVISORY ON MARIJUANA USE DURING ADOLESCENCE AND PREGNANCY.



# What you missed

LAST MONTH



Dr. Qiana L. Brown, Assistant Professor of Social Work and Urban-Global Public Health, was awarded a Clinical and Translational Science Awards (CTSA) Program KL2 career development award from the New Jersey Alliance for Clinical and Translational Science (NJ ACTS) as part of its Translational Scientist Junior Faculty Scholar Program.

The NJ ACTS – a new CTSA hub led by Rutgers University – selected Dr. Brown to receive the career development award from an impressive group of applicants.

The award will fund Dr. Brown's research, which focuses on substance use and maternal and child health, for up to two years. During the KL2 award period, Dr. Brown will conduct a multi-state study examining cannabis use during preconception, pregnancy, and lactation and associated maternal and child health outcomes. As a KL2 recipient, Dr. Brown is also part of the NJ ACTS's Society of Scholars in clinical and translational science.



# What's New!

THIS MONTH

#### Where:

Paul Robeson Campus Center 350 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Newark, NJ 07102

#### When:

Thursday, November 7, 2019 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM

### Key Note Speaker:

Dr. Debra Furr-Holden



## Preventing Gun Violence Research Symposium

Featuring presentations from Rutgers University faculty as well as guest researchers in public health, sociology, psychology, criminal justice, and social work, exchanging knowledge around the causes, consequences and solutions to gun-related violence. With key note speaker, **DR. DEBRA FURR-HOLDEN.** 

Dr. Debra Furr-Holden is an epidemiologist with expertise in prevention science. In the last decade her work has focused on developing environmental strategies and structural interventions for violence, alcohol, tobacco and other drug prevention in high-risk and urban settings. She has worked with local and national policy makers to improve data driven decision-making and include 'health in all policies.'

# What's New!

THIS MONTH

### BLANCHE GROSSWALD

MEMORIAL ENDOWED LECTURE

Featuring

#### Thomas A. LaVeist, PhD

Dean & Weatherhead Presidential Chair in Health Equity Tulane University School of Public Health & Tropical Medicine



**WHEN:** Thursday, November 7, 2019 | 12:00 - 2:00 PM

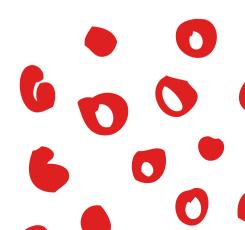
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# Hot Topic

THIS MONTH



### MARIJUANA USE DURING PREGNANCY

In a national survey, it was found that pregnant women use marijuana more than any other illegal drug. Marijuana use has doubled between 2002 and 2017 (Surgeon General 2019).

Studies found that marijuana use rose by 69% between 2009 and 2016 among pregnant women (Surgeon General 2019). The use of marijuana during pregnancy can affect a developing fetus. Marijuana use in pregnancy is associated with adverse outcomes, including lower birth weight. THC, a key component in marijuana, can enter the fetal brain from the mother's bloodstream. The Colorado Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System reported that maternal marijuana use was associated with a 50% increased risk of low birth weight regardless of maternal age, race, ethnicity, education, and tobacco use (Surgeon General 2019).

The Nation's Doctor and US Surgeon General, VADM Jerome M. Adams, M.D., addresses marijuana-related questions he often receives relating to the chemical composition, potency of today's marijuana, associated risks, and what parents and teachers can say to young people about marijuana.





### SUREMatCH Group

### **Member Publication Highlights**

THE

EPIDEMIOLOGY OF OPIOID
OVERDOSE IN FLINT AND GENESEE
COUNTY, MICHIGAN: IMPLICATIONS
FOR PUBLIC HEALTH PRACTICE AND
INTERVENTION.

Co-authored by SURE MatCH Group consultant, **Dr. Debra Furr-Holden**.

DOI: 10.1016/I.DRUGALCDEP.2019.107560.

THE

STRATEGIC PREVENTION FRAMEWORK
IN COMMUNITY-BASED COALITIONS:
INTERNAL PROCESSES AND
ASSOCIATED CHANGES IN POLICIES
AFFECTING ADOLESCENT SUBSTANCE
ABUSE

led by SURE MatCH Group consultant, **Dr. N. Andrew Peterson**Doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2019.04.004

THE

EFFECT OF SUBSTANCE USE
DISORDERS ON THE
ASSOCIATION BETWEEN
GUIDELINE-CONCORDANT
LONG-TERM OPIOID THERAPY
AND ALL-CAUSE MORTALITY.

Co-authored by SURE MatCH Group consultant, **Dr. Stephen Crystal** . DOI: 10.1097/ADM.00000000000000055

THE

INNOVATIONS
IN CHILD WELFARE
INTERVENTIONS FOR
CAREGIVERS WITH
SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS

LED BY SURE
MatCH Group consultant, **Dr. Emily Bosk**doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2019.03.040

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