

WEBINAR: Operationalizing Equity through Participatory Data Storytelling

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PANELIST BIOGRAPHIES

Soojin Conover, PhD

Senior Research Analyst, Vital Village Network

Soojin is a public health professional who is passionate about advancing equitable health policy, addressing health inequities, and promoting data capacity building. Her expertise includes environmental health and health service research incorporating spatial information to provide evidence-based policy implications.



Yusuf Ali, BS

Network Coordinator Vital Village Network

Yusuf Ali grew up and has worked professionally in the communities of Dorchester, Roxbury and Mattapan over the last 8 years. Yusuf graduated with a Bachelor's of Science in Business Administration from Florida A& M University in 2008. Yusuf is passionate about holistic healthy lifestyles and has focused his work towards empowering and providing families & individuals with resources in the areas of access to wealth, food access, and civic engagement.



Renée Boynton-Jarrett, MD, ScD

Founding Director, Vital Village Network at Boston Medical Center

Renée Boynton-Jarrett is a practicing primary care pediatrician at Boston Medical Center, a social epidemiologist and the founding director of the Vital Village Community Engagement Network. Through the Vital Village Network, she is supporting the development of community-based strategies to promote child well-being in three Boston neighborhoods. She joined the faculty at Boston University School of Medicine in 2007 and is currently an Associate Professor of Pediatrics.



She received her AB from Princeton University, her MD from Yale School of Medicine, ScD in Social Epidemiology from Harvard School of Public Health, and completed residency in Pediatrics at Johns Hopkins Hospital. Her work focuses on the role of early-life adversities as life course social determinants of health. She has a specific interest in the intersection of community violence, intimate partner violence, and child abuse and neglect and neighborhood characteristics that influence these patterns.

Ronda Alexander (Moderator)

Director of Operations, Vital Village Network at Boston Medical Center

Ronda Alexander is a native Detroitter dedicated to working with communities to reach their desired goals by aligning and leveraging their resources. Ronda joins us from the United Way for Southeastern Michigan where she served as the Director of Corporate and Community Alignment on the organization's College and Career Pathways team. In her role at United Way Ronda worked to help external corporate partners find meaningful ways to engage with both students and educators; as well as worked across teams within the organization to align and leverage resources. Prior to joining United Way Ronda worked on the premier education initiative of Ford Motor Company Fund – Ford Next Generation (Ford NGL) for nine years. While at Ford Fund Ronda served a variety of roles including Professional Development/Technical Assistance Specialist and Program Manager for STEM initiatives. In all of her roles with Ford Fund Ronda worked with and supported multiple communities across the country as they worked to transform their communities through education. *Learn more about Vital Village at: <https://vitalvillage.org>*



About the Webinar

Participatory data storytelling is a powerful equity tool for system transformation. Partnering with community stakeholders at all stages of the research process -- from design, to developing shared metrics, to strengths-based data collection, and collaborative analysis -- is critical for creating compelling narratives to tell stories of impact to key audiences. This interactive session will delve into why equity matters for data storytelling and discuss strategies for data visualization and designing participatory processes. Speakers will highlight local examples of implementing these practices into projects, including a virtual walk through of Vital Village's Community Housing Data Tool and Child Wellbeing Tracker.