

Community Connections: Partners for Learning and Service

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Worksite evaluation, education, and injury prevention

Provides ergonomic evaluations and recommendations for industrial settings wishing to reduce their risk of worksite injuries. Faculty Mentor: Peter Bowman (bowmanpj@musc.edu).

Functional status assessment for community dwelling elders

Provides underserved, community dwelling older adults with information regarding their functional status and recommendations about how to improve their level of function. Faculty Mentor: Sandra Brotherton (brothers@musc.edu).

High school athletic screening

Provides a musculoskeletal assessment as part of the annual screening process for high school athletes. Faculty Mentor: Debora Brown (brownded@musc.edu).

Brain injury prevention for children

Increases awareness and knowledge among children, ages 2-12, about the risks of traumatic brain injury and the use of good safety habits when using non-motorized forms of transportation. Faculty Mentor: Jerry Burik (burikj@musc.edu).

Health promotion in community mental health

Provides group and individual therapeutic interactions for adults with developmental disabilities to assess occupational roles and performance within the community. Faculty Mentor: Nancy Carson (carsonn@musc.edu).

Summer program for children with hemiplegia

Camp Hand to Hands, a week long summer program for young children, uses constraint induced movement in a playful manner to promote increased use of their hemiplegic hand. Faculty Mentors: Lisa Nichols and Patty Coker (cokerpc@musc.edu).

Summer program for children with hearing impairments

Camp Communication Vacation, a week long program for children with hearing impairments ages 5-13, provides communication and language development in a fun-filled environment. Faculty Mentor: Laurel Hays (hardl@musc.edu).

Aging in place

Educational sessions that promote wellness, independence, safety, and health for elders who wish to remain in their own homes and delay the need for assisted living environments. Faculty Mentor: Maralynne Mitcham (mitchamm@musc.edu).

Respite programs for children with disabilities

Kids Night Out provides a respite evening for parents and caregivers while their children with disabilities participate in activities and entertainment that is adapted to meet their special needs. Faculty Mentor: Lisa Nichols ([moved to lnichols@uga.org](mailto:lnichols@uga.org)).

Exercise and multiple sclerosis

Seminars for individuals and their family members that increases awareness and knowledge of appropriate exercise programs for different types of multiple sclerosis. Faculty Mentor: Lisa Saladin (saladinl@musc.edu)

Health promotion strategies for those aging with a disability

Seminars for health professionals or individuals aging with a disability that increases their knowledge about secondary conditions and strategies needed to enhance their health, wellness, and fitness. Faculty Mentor: Holly Wise (wiseshh@musc.edu).

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