

VISION

The vision of the JHSON COMPASS Center is to promote the health and well-being of underserved populations in Maryland through engaging community and other stakeholders.

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The JHSON COMPASS Center aims to create, implement, and evaluate programs and policies that promote health and wellness and reduce health inequities among underserved populations. We achieve this by enhancing individual, family, and community capacities through faculty and student involvement in nurse-led community care, service learning, research, scholarship, and advocacy.

Programs and Initiatives Led by the JHSON COMPASS Center:

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- **Birth Companions** – The program trains student nurses to serve in a doula role and assist underserved women and families during the childbirth process.
- **Community Outreach Program** – Partnership with SOURCE program to provide service-learning opportunities for pre-licensure nursing students to work with community agencies in East Baltimore.
- **Community Scholars Program** – The program provides doctoral students with opportunities to actively engage in community program planning, implementation, and evaluation while developing leadership skills within the role of future community nursing leaders.

OUTREACH AND SERVICE

- **Henderson Hopkins School and Weinberg Early Childhood Center** – Partnership with Henderson Hopkins School to provide health promotion and wellness activities for the faculty, staff, students, and student's families. The wellness programs provide opportunities for Johns Hopkins Graduate students in nursing, public health and medicine to engage in service-learning activities in the East Baltimore community.
- **House of Ruth Maryland** – In partnership with the House of Ruth Maryland, COMPASS Center operates a health suite at the shelter to provide health assessment, education and wellness promotion activities. This program educates students and clients about the effect of violence on health and well-being throughout the life span as well as best practices to meet health care needs and to navigate a complex health care system.
- **Lillian Wald Community Nursing Center and Outreach (Wald Center)** – The Lillian Wald Center for Community Nursing works with partners to expand community access to wellness programming and promote health literacy and self-management. The Center also works to expand access to entry level health professions through work with local schools.

RESEARCH AND DISSEMINATION

- **Passport to Freedom & Passport to Freedom—Adapted** – Research projects to test an intervention program (Passport to Freedom) which consists of psycho-educational, trauma-informed sessions that address topics such as mindfulness practices, health, partner relationships, emotional healing, parenting, and job readiness for women in transitional housing. The adapted version of intervention addresses four out of the original six topics.
- **OWEL Cancer Education and Awareness Program** – The purpose of this project is to develop and implement a cancer education and awareness program for Black women living with HIV, building on an existing partnership with OWEL (Older Women Embracing Life) while using an evidence-based intervention program called CHECC-uP—Community-based Health literacy-focused Cancer Control.