



Detroit Neighborhood Health Study

Annual Data Collection Begins!

On Tuesday, September 21, 2010 we began the third phase of DNHS telephone surveys. As of 10/28/10 we have completed **646** surveys. On Tuesday, October 12, we began collecting the biological specimens (blood and saliva). As of **10/28/10** we have visited **115** participants homes for specimens. Our goal for this year is 1,000 specimens! Both collections will continue into Spring 2011. If you have **questions regarding the surveys**, please call Abt SRBI toll-free at **888-812-9285**. **Questions about the specimen collection** should be directed to **734-647-8438**.

Meet This Year's Field Team



Participants in this year's specimen study will be greeted at their door by one of these field team members. From left to right, Veronica Hyman, Phlebotomist; Whitney Littleton, Phlebotomist; returning from last year, Denita Fate, Supervising Lead; Natosha Gilmore, Lead. Dairun Hoskins (pictured below) returns as Courier. We have already received positive feedback on the professionalism and politeness of team members!

Meet Helen Spink



Helen is the new DNHS Research Coordinator and has taken over day-to-day operations as well as related administrative and laboratory duties. Helen has a MPH in Hospital and Molecular Epidemiology from the University of Michigan and a BA in Human Biology (Biomedical Ethics) from the University of Virginia. Helen is interested in the social determinants of infectious diseases. She has worked for the UM Cardioprotection Research Laboratory, completed an internship with the Bioethics Dept at the Cleveland Clinic and has experience with health care consulting and intellectual property law. Welcome, Helen!

Thank You to Last Year's Team

If you participated in the specimen collection study last year, you likely were visited by one of the women in the photo below. From left to right, Marlena Evans, Lead; Denita Fate; Lead; Ernestine Mitchell, Phlebotomist; Dairun Hoskins (center), Courier. This team worked tirelessly and assisted in collecting and transporting 816 specimens. Our sincere thanks to you all!



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