

**Learning from and Listening to Implementation Partners:
Building on Partner Expertise to Enhance Implementation Science Research**

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We will present an overview of the genesis and development of the **Community REsearch Activity Assessment Tool (CREAT)** to assess research activity and capacity of community organizations. Results of the pilot assessment of knowledge generation activities of community organizations will be highlighted, and we will discuss the implications for leveraging successful implementation science partnerships within the Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) initiative.



Dr. Humphries has a broad background in public health research and practice. She has been a consultant in the areas of diet and physical activity behavior change, sustainability of community health programs, program monitoring and evaluation, and training in participatory monitoring and evaluation for organizations in Vietnam, Africa and in the United States. Humphries is also a member of the Community Research Core for the Center for Interdisciplinary Research on AIDS at Yale and a leader of the R3EDI hub that provides technical assistance to HIV implementation research projects funded through EHE.



Natasha Ray is the Core Services Manager for New Haven Healthy Start (NHHS) at The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven. Her commitment to women, children and families can be traced to when she was president of Mothers for Justice, engaging in advocacy on policies impacting their lives of families and communities. Ms. Ray has served on the Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholars Program Steering Committee at Yale University School of Medicine, where she has helped to guide scholars in community-based participatory research for more than 10 years. She is also co-chair of the Center for Research Engagement at Equity Research and Innovation Center.

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