



FEATURE ARTICLE

Collaboration Excellence, Protecting the Health and Environment of Underserved Communities through Collaborative Problem-Solving: College/Underserved Community Partnership Program (CUPP)

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Abstract

Many small, underserved communities are in need of resources to improve the quality of life for their citizens. While there are many state and federal resources available to them, these communities often lack the technical resources needed to access and qualify for these resources. EPA, in collaboration with colleges and universities, has developed the College/Underserved Community Partnership Program (CUPP) to address these community concerns, and HHS is an active partner. CUPP is working with Schools like Savannah State University, Tuskegee University, Florida A&M University, and Clark Atlanta to enlist college students to serve as interns in providing these underserved communities with vital technical support. This series of articles can zoom in on activities occurring at over 16 colleges, share what's happening (with photos) and show how this program is significantly improving the participating communities' economic future and health. The CUPP provides practical experience for these students in their areas of academic study and rewards them with academic credit for their efforts. Participating schools plan to provide the resources by which technical support can be provided to the underserved communities. Federal funding and resources may be provided, as available and appropriate, to underwrite this effort.

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