

Why am I receiving this brochure?

You are receiving this brochure on the Gulf Coast Population Impact Project because you previously participated in our survey, spoke with us in small-group meetings, or expressed interest in our work. We wanted to give you an update on how we put your voice into action.

Visit our website to learn more about NCDP and our project in the Gulf:

<http://ncdp.columbia.edu>

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About Us

The National Center for Disaster Preparedness at Columbia University works to understand and improve the nation's capacity to prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters. NCDP focuses on the readiness of governmental and non-governmental systems; the complexities of population recovery; the power of community engagement; and the risks of human vulnerability, with a particular focus on children.

For further information about the Gulf Coast Population Impact Project or the SHOREline Project please contact study director David Abramson, PhD at ncdp@columbia.edu or you can call us toll-free at (866) 795-9513.

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How we put your voice into action...

2010

The story of the Gulf Coast Population Impact Project

Deepwater Horizon

April 2010 - The oil rig exploded, leaking 180 million gallons of oil over a 4-month period into the Gulf of Mexico.



Gulf Coast Visit

June 2010 - Columbia University's National Center for Disaster Preparedness (NCDP) along with the Children's Health Fund conducted focus groups and town hall meetings in Louisiana and Mississippi asking people how the oil spill affected their family's health and well-being.

2012

Door-to-Door Survey

April-Aug 2012 - In order to learn more about how the oil spill affected the hardest hit communities, we interviewed 1,437 parents in four states. Children who had direct contact with oil, tar balls, or dispersant were three times as likely to experience physical or mental health effects.

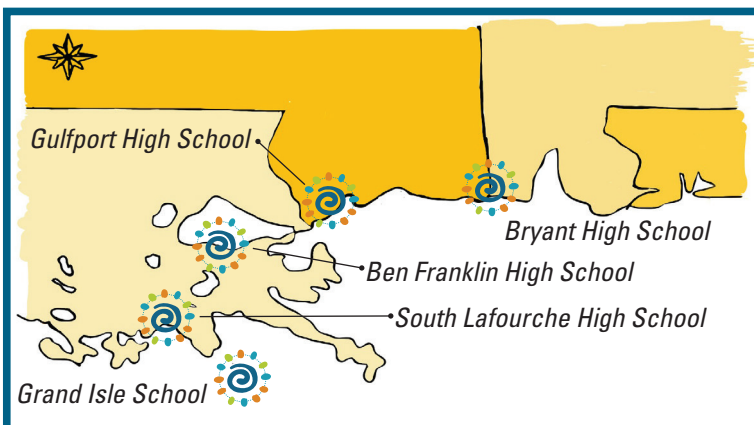


Phone Survey

July 2010 - A random sample of 1,200 families who lived near the Gulf Coast spoke with us by phone. 40% of them had direct exposure to the oil. 30% of the children had experienced either physical symptoms or mental health distress. Louisiana Senator Mary Landrieu used this information to persuade BP to provide \$52 million for mental health services.

Visit with Community Leaders

October 2012 - In five of the hardest-hit communities, NCDP visited with over 180 local leaders, healthcare providers, school officials, grass roots advocates, service providers, parents, and teens. They told us that local youth needed greater hope for the future, broader opportunities, and more skills. This inspired us to help create a solution to empower youth and strengthen the community.



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youth helping youth recover from disaster

2013

SHOREline Founded

August 2013 - As a result of our research, we established five chapters of the SHOREline youth empowerment program—which stands for **S**kills, **H**ope, **O**pportunity, **R**ecovery, and **E**ngagement—in high schools in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama. More than 100 students applied, and 60 were accepted.

SHOREline is based on project-based learning and the idea of "youth helping youth recover from disaster."

We Want to Hear From You. Your Voice Matters!

Over the next few months, we will be back in your neighborhood to speak with you again. We look forward to learning how you and your family are doing.

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