

Community Development Studio

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Newark, NJ*

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Purposes of Course

- (1) Learn about community development
- (2) Provide applied research assistance to a community-based organization
- (3) Develop a methodology for community development corporations to share their expertise with others

Project Description

We will be working with New Community Corporation (NCC) in Newark, one of the largest and most successful community development corporations in the country. NCC was founded in the 1960s in response to the 1967 civil disturbances in Newark and the unmet needs of poor people in that city. NCC's founder, Msgr. William Linder, continues to lead the organization with vigor and intelligence. Located in Newark's Central Ward, NCC's size and breadth of activities set it apart from other CDCs. NCC is involved in housing construction and management, job training, welfare-to-work training and services, retail trade (it is part owner of a successful Pathmark supermarket), childcare, senior care, health, security, and education (it has three charter schools). No CDC on the planet provides a more comprehensive set of services.

Because of its successful track record, NCC is deluged with requests for information about its methods and activities from other CDCs, the media, and

the interested public. Responding to these requests consumes considerable resources of time and effort, but also helps fulfill NCC's goal of extending its expertise beyond Newark and building the capacity of the non-profit sector. NCC hosts more than two hundred tours a year, devotes executive staff time for phone calls and visits from other organizations, and provides information through their website, a videotape, and publications.

NCC staff asked for our assistance to develop materials to allow them to more easily share their expertise with others. NCC will distribute these materials to visiting groups, in response to information requests, through its website, and through other means. Reflecting the organization's program priorities, the studio will create how-to documents on the following topics:

- NCC's Vision and Approach to Community Development
- Understanding the Development Process
- Developing Senior Housing
- Navigating the Political Landscape
- Providing Community-Based Healthcare

To do this we will:

- Visit NCC, meet with top staff, and tour the organization
- Conduct in-depth videotaped interviews with NCC staff
- Develop documents and multimedia materials presenting NCC's experience and expertise on the above topics
- Meet with NCC staff throughout the semester to review and assess our progress
- Present the documents to the Bloustein community and to NCC

Course Materials

Course Pack: available at Pequod Copy on Somerset Street.

Peer Grading

20% Class Participation

20% Draft Work Products & Field Notes

50% Final Work Products

10% Presentation

Time Line

Date	Activity	Product
Jan 26	Overview	
Feb 2	Tour Newark and NCC	Form research teams Monsignor Linder Dale Anglin Madge Wilson, NCC Board Member
Feb 9	Project design 1	Examples of materials from other organizations Develop research model
Feb 16	Project design 2	Draft research questions & interview instruments
Feb 20 Friday	Interviews	<i>Overview of NCC</i> Monsignor Linder Madge Wilson, NCC Board Member
Feb 23	Project work	<i>Project work</i>
Feb 27 Friday	Interviews	<i>Development & Housing</i> Ray Codey Hillary Jury Joseph Matara <i>Healthcare</i> Initial meeting with healthcare team Michael Davie Ellen Boddie Mary Abernathy Susan Wolcott William Baez
March 1	Project work	<i>Project work</i>
March 5 Friday	Interviews	<i>Political Landscape</i> Richard Cammarieri Sister Eileen Madge Wilson Gloria Chambers Ray Codey
March 8	Project work	<i>Project work</i>
March 12 Friday	Interviews	<i>Healthcare</i> Healthcare Team Michael Davie Ellen Boddie Mary Abernathy Susan Wolcott William Baez
March 19 Friday	Spring Break Week – Reserve for Interview Follow-up	Follow-up
March 22	Project work	Project work
March 26 Friday	Interviews Follow-up	Follow-up
March 29	Project meeting at NCC	First draft reports
April 2 Friday	Last minute interviews	Last-minute interviews
April 5		Second draft reports First draft presentation
April 12		Revision of draft reports as needed Second draft presentation
April 19		Final report Final class presentation
April 26	Presentation to EJB	
May 3	Final Presentation at NCC	

Course Activities

January 26 Studio Overview

Introductions and interests—yours, ours

Overview of the Studio project

Background on New Community Corporation

NCC Literature packets (distributed in class)

NCC. 2003. 2002 Report to the Community: Block by block and brick by brick, we are rebuilding our community. Newark.

The Clarion. NCC's newspaper

Newark In Focus: A Profile from Census 2000. Living Cities: The National Community Development Initiative. The Brookings Institution Center on Urban and Metropolitan Policy.

<http://www.brookings.edu/dybdocroot/es/urban/livingcities/newark.pdf>

Film:

New Community Corporation. 1998. *Faith, Hope, and Leverage.*

February 2. Visit and Tour of NCC

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Meet in Newark at New Community Corporation at the Priory (NCC's restaurant and headquarters), meet NCC staff and discuss the project, and tour NCC (bring your cameras and notepads!)

(The Priory, 233 West Market Street, Newark 973-623-2800)

NCC's Proposal for a New Community Management and Community Development Institute. Abstract and pages 2-6

Guskind, Robert and Neal Peirce. 1993. *Against the Tide: The New Community Corporation 1968-1993*. Newark: NCC.

Linder, William and Gerald Shattuck. 1996. *New Community Corporation: Neighborhood Development in Context*. Newark: New Community Press.

_____. *New Community Corporation: An Alternative Community Development Model in Religious Context*. Newark: New Community Press.

Bennett, Stephen. 1991. "Making it Work in the Inner City." *Progressive Grocer*. November. 22-26. pp 1, 4-6.

Lasseter, Diana. 1997-8. "A Mission of Hope." *NJ Business News*. December 15-January 4.

Community Development Studio. 2002. *Building Community: The Work of the New Community Corporation*. Rutgers University Program in Planning and Policy Community Development Studio Report.

NCC's Website <http://www.newcommunity.org>

Work product: Form Research Teams

February 9. Project Design I

Center for the Study of Social Policy. No date. *Help on the Way: Communities Get the Results They Want from Peer Matches: A Powerful Approach to Technical Assistance*. Washington, DC: author. Accessible at: http://www.aecf.org/tarc/spotlight/help_on_the_way.pdf

"New Community Neighborhood Shopping Center." *Urban Land Institute. Project Reference File*. v27, n1 January-March. 1997.

Reardon, Christopher. 1995. "Career Ladders." *Report*. The Ford Foundation. V26, n2:4-10.

Kennedy School of Government Case Program. 1998. C14-98-1478 and 1478.3
“‘Self-Help’ Housing on the Texas-Mexico Border (A): The Complications of
Good Fortune for a Small Nonprofit Organization.” And “Background Note.”

Temali, Mihailo. *The Community Economic Development Handbook: Strategies and
Tools to Revitalize Your Neighborhood*. Saint Paul: Amherst H. Wilder Foundation.

Community Problem Solving. Excellent website with many resources:

<http://www.community-problem-solving.net/cms/viewPage.cfm?pageId=203>

Knowledgeplex Website. Resources for housing and community development.

<http://www.knowledgeplex.org/>

Bring to class: Examples of the ways in which other organizations share their expertise

February 16. Project Design II

Fontana, Andrea and James H. Frey. 2000. “The Interview: From Structured
Questions to Negotiated Text.” In Norman Denzin and Yvonna Lincoln. Ed.
Handbook of Qualitative Research. 2nd Ed. Thousand Oakes: Sage Publications. Pp
645-672.

Work product: Draft research questions

Friday February 20. Interviews

Overview of NCC

Monsignor Linder

Art Wilson, Board President

Dale Anglin

February 23. Project Work

Guest Speaker: Richard Roper

Friday Feb 27. Interviews

Development & Housing

Ray Codey

Hillary Jury

Joseph Matara

Mary Abernathy

Healthcare

Initial meeting with healthcare team

Michael Davie, Assistant Director, Essex Valley Nurses and Home Health

Ellen Boddie, Director of the School of Practical Nursing

Mary Abernathy

Susan Wolcott?

William Baez, Healthcare recruiter

March 1. Project Work

Friday March 5. Interviews

Political Landscape

Richard Cammarieri

Sister Eileen

Madge Wilson

Gloria Chambers

Ray Codey

March 8. Project Work

Friday March 12. Interviews

Healthcare

Healthcare Team

Michael Davie

Ellen Boddie

Mary Abernathy

Susan Wolcott?

William Baez

March 15. SPRING BREAK

Friday March 19. Hold for Follow-up Interview

March 22. Project Work

CUPR style guide
Norm's grammar sheet 101

Basic how to for graphic design.

<http://graphicdesign.about.com/library/weekly/aa012700a.htm?once=true&>

Friday March 26. Hold for Follow-up Interview

March 29. Project Meeting at NCC

Review progress and address any questions, problems, etc

First draft reports – materials for NCC staff to review

Friday April 2. Hold for Last Minute Interviews

April 5. Polish Reports and Start Presentation

Second draft reports
First draft presentation

April 12. Complete Reports and Polish Presentation

Final draft reports
Draft presentation

April 19. Dry Run Through

Final report

Final presentation

April 26. Presentation to Bloustein Community

Practice and dry run for constructive criticism from Bloustein community

May 3. Final Presentation

Final Presentation in Newark at NCC

Additional Resources

de Souza Briggs, Xavier and Elizabeth Mueller with Mercer Sullivan. 1997. *From Neighborhood to Community: Evidence on the Social Effects of Community Development*. New York: Community Development Research Center, Milano Graduate School of Management and Urban Policy. New School for Social Research.

Koechlin, Carl. 1989. "Integrating Compassion and Pragmatism in a Successful Community Development Strategy: A Case Study of New Community Corporation." Unpublished Master's Thesis. Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

KOG Associates, Inc. 2001. *Return on Investment Study, Welfare Transition Program*. Prepared for New Community Corporation, Gateway to Work.

Linder, William. 1988. *An Urban Community Development Model*. PhD Dissertation, Fordham University.

PICCED. *Community Development Corporation Oral History Project*. New Community Corporation (NCC). <http://www.picced.org/advocacy/ncc.htm>

Zdenek, Robert. 1998. *Leadership is Not Enough: The Importance of Organization Capacity and Social Networks in Community Development*. PhD dissertation. University of Southern California.