Taking clinical psychology to the community to reach diverse and underserved youths

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Importance of social forces: A reaction to clinical psychology

1) understand how social forces affect individuals & groups.
   • Poverty
   • Oppression
   • Inadequate schools
   • Increasing individuals skills/resources
   • Altering aspects of the social context

2) improve how context/environment affects individuals
   • Community consultation
   • Creating alternative settings
   • Community organizing and coalition building
   • Advocacy
Value Stances

• Getting to know community
• Learning how to be helpful
• Engaging community diversity
• Supporting underprivileged (e.g., intergenerational poverty)
• Seeking out perspective of powerless within social systems
Examples

• Centre 63 (Jean Lowe) - Making it better for boys
• Capoeira for All (Michael Horsley) – community projects for identity, employment, and inclusivity
• Steve Baker from Aspire Schools Federation
Community placements – what can you do?

Topics of interest and why

Who are the possible key stake holders?

What groups have possibly been unheard in regards to this issue?