

## **Press Release – HERMES at the 2012 American Public Health Association Conference**

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Dr. Danielle Laborde, Senior Epidemiologist and President of HERMES, LLC is attending the American Public Health Association's 140th Annual Meeting & Exposition from October 27–31, 2012, in San Francisco, CA. The theme of this year's conference is "Prevention and Wellness across the Life Span". At the conference, Dr. Laborde will meet with other public health researchers and collaborating partners.

"This is an opportunity to extend our services and expertise to national and international clients face to face and strengthen our current networks. I am excited to meet with west coast colleagues and nurture collaborations with other experts at UC Berkeley and San Francisco."

Dr. Laborde is a public health researcher currently working on a Project funded by a Phase II Small Business Innovative Research grant funded by the National Institute of Mental Health. This project is poised to evaluate an evidence-based training solution in coastal and rural communities in North and South Carolina. The training model is designed to increase the readiness of health providers and community organizations working in economically distressed black communities to successfully address the mental health needs of disaster survivors in the immediate aftermath of natural disasters. In addition, Drs. Laborde and Lakshmi Fjord are working with Ana-Marie Jones, the Executive Director of CARD - Collaborating Agencies Responding to Disasters, a nonprofit located in Oakland. Ana Marie Jones has developed a model disaster curriculum based on community capacity building, economic empowerment and leadership.

"Our team has strong linkages to CARD and we are collaborating to advance our common disaster research interests. We are eager to build on our collective experiences"

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