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Promoters for Iowa Prison Empowerment and Reform Project

SUMMER NEWSLETTER

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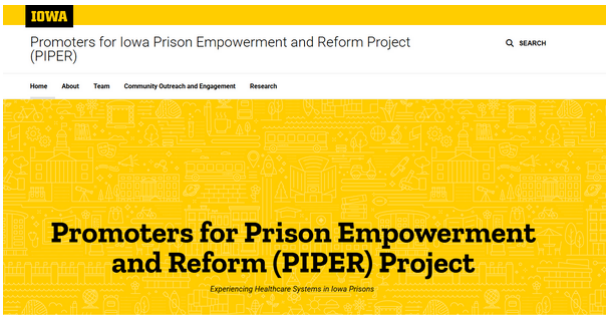
Introduction

Hello everyone, welcome to the PIPER Project summer newsletter!
This newsletter will summarize our collective progress on the project this summer, celebrate research team highlights, and share the dates for upcoming dates and meetings! If you have any suggestions for future newsletters please do not hesitate to reach out.

Project Updates

June
We interviewed another participant, bringing our study total to five participants! The advisory group met twice and discussed participant interview reflections, quotes, and survey data.

July
Open coding was completed for all five interview transcripts by the end of the month. Hooray! We held one PIPER meeting and discussed rebranding "PIPER" to better align with the work of the group and briefly touched on the manuscript draft. We also discussed the development of the new PIPER website! The website features five tabs: Home, About, Team, Community Outreach & Engagement, and Research. We cannot wait to share it with you all!

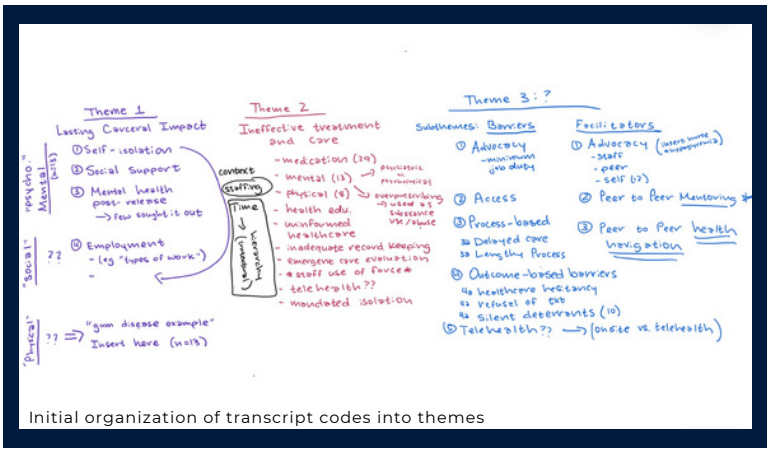


Home page of PIPER Project website

August
We used the codebook to identify overarching themes across all five interview transcripts. This allowed us to identify three main themes: 1) *Lasting Carceral Impact*, 2) *Ineffective Treatment and Care*, and 3) *Carceral Catalysts and Constraints*.

Through thoroughly reflecting on and discussing the three themes, the PIPER advisory group identified a fourth theme rooted in their personal experiences: 4) *Reframing Recreation: From Privilege to Promoting Health*- an enlightening addition.

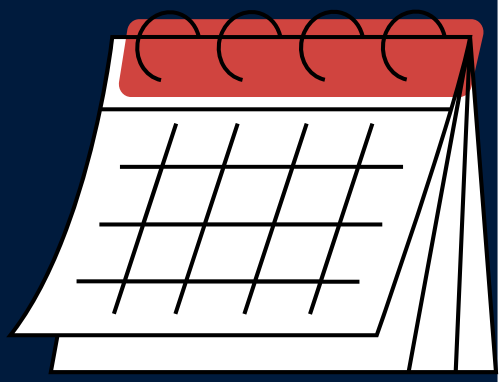
Additionally, we decided to continue the monthly meetings throughout the fall semester to maintain momentum and community! The team also decided to submit for the College of Public Health Spotlight Series- an opportunity to share project updates to a larger audience.



Initial organization of transcript codes into themes

Gratitude
Our group met a total of four times over the summer!! It was great to have a consistent space to collaborate and have extremely productive and fruitful conversations with everyone. We look forward to continuing that throughout the rest of the year!

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS!



Upcoming Meetings (4:30PM-6:00PM)	College of Public Health Spotlight Series
• September 17, 2025 • October 29, 2025 • December 3, 2025	• October 10, 2025 ◦ 12:30PM-1:20PM

ASKS:

- Add all of the above dates to your calendar
- Let us know whether you would like your photo and/or a bio on the PIPER website!

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