Pre-Disaster Outreach to Establish Post-Disaster Partnerships

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HBCU-CBO Gulf Coast Equity Consortium

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- Founded in 1992, the DSCEJ has become a powerhouse for **community-driven research-to-action** on environmental justice and climate justice in collaboration with HBCU faculty and students.
- The DSCEJ has developed and embraces a Communiversity Model for community partnership.

Communiversity Model

HBCU-CBO Gulf Coast Equity Consortium

- In 2017, the **HBCU-CBO Gulf Coast Equity Consortium was formed and** is co-directed by Dr. Beverly Wright, Deep South Center for Environmental Justice, and Dr. Robert Bullard, Texas Southern University
- The Consortium was launched to **build partnerships between community-based organizations and HBCU faculty mentors** in the five Gulf Coast states **that improve the lives of children and families** harmed by pollution and vulnerable to climate change

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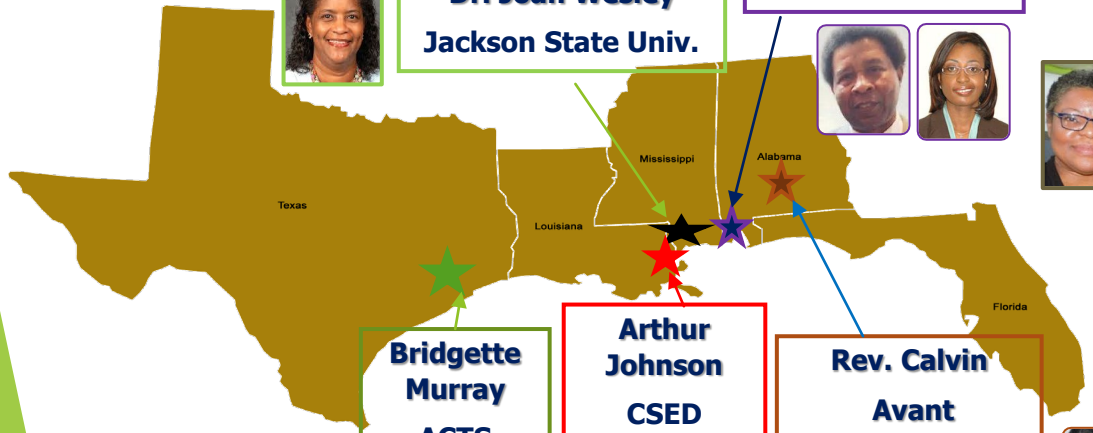
- In the Consortium, **CBOs are supported in building their organizational capacities with re-grants** they can use to hire staff, provide outreach, conduct research, and purchase computers and equipment.
- DSCEJ convened and facilitated Environmental Justice Forums hosted by CBO partners that had an average attendance of 100 community members. **Community members developed research-to-action agendas on their priority issues: air pollution and flood risks.**
- For the three years prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, DSCEJ held **quarterly in-person meetings** attended by all Consortium members that **focused on skills training, progress on agendas, and evaluation**. Regularly scheduled **monthly conference calls** with each CBO, HBCU faculty mentor, DSCEJ and TSU staff. Convenings are now on Zoom.

HBCU-CBO Gulf Coast Equity Consortium Members



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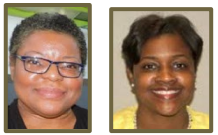

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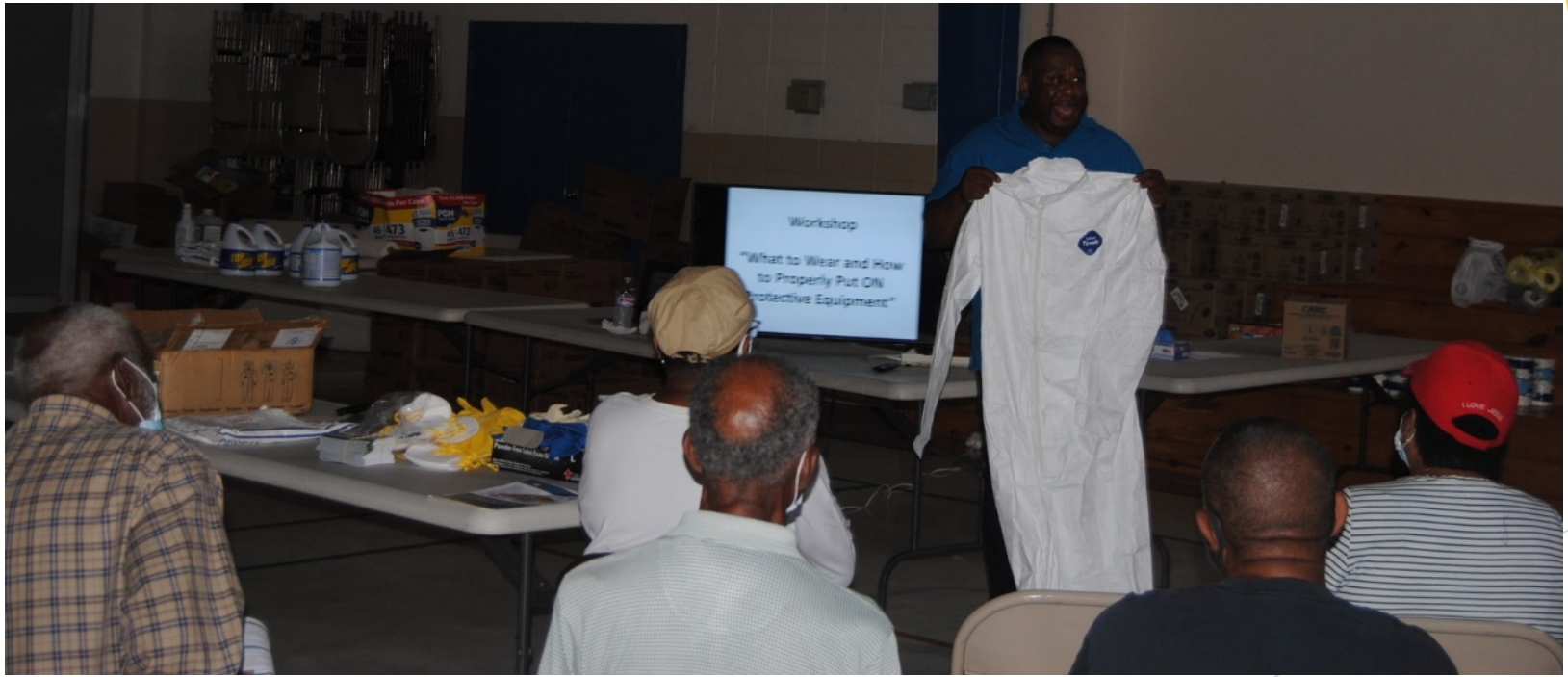
PPE Workshop, Smith Ridge



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