



Leaders in Health Alumni: Five Questions with Darris Jordan

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1. What drew you to participate in the Leaders in Health program?

“I was excited to learn about research from a community-oriented perspective and to have a small group of people on that journey with me.”

2. What was your Leaders in Health project about?

“My project focused on better incorporating the experiences of residents served through the city of Boston's interagency partnership work.”

3. What was your favorite part of participating in Leaders in Health?

“I had the opportunity to get a different perspective on research while learning from our expert faculty—Bekka and Ra'Shaun. I also appreciate the connections I made to others in my cohort (and to other cohorts since).”

4. What are you up to now? Any plans for the future?

“I was a program coordinator at the Boston Public Health Commission when I participated in the program and am now a program director there, supporting partnership work and overseeing our direct services for residents with respiratory conditions.

I'm not sure what's next for me, but whatever it is, it will continue to allow me to build connective and collaborative efforts to serve residents.”

5. What advice would you share to those who might be interested in applying for a future Leaders in Health cohort?

“The program is a great space to learn and grow, but also to network with folks across the state. It's a beautiful thing to talk about how to apply these learnings to our work with a group that is also dedicated to doing meaningful work in meaningful ways.”