

ALISON NAGEL WEST, M.A.

Alison is the new Vice President of Partnerships for Strategic Impact™. She completed her B.A. at the University of Virginia, where she is currently finishing her Ph.D. and licensure in clinical psychology (with an emphasis in community psychology). Alison has collaborated with Maryfrances on several projects, including work with the United Way - Thomas Jefferson Area and the Piedmont Housing Alliance (described above). Alison will continue her hourly work with the firm until May of 2019, when she will complete her Ph.D. and join Partnerships for Strategic Impact™ full-time. As a life-long resident of Central Virginia, Alison also brings a personal commitment to her role in enhancing the impact of agencies working to promote their community members' health and welfare. Alison's most relevant expertise in program design, evaluation, data collection, and analysis are described here.

Together with a small team of researchers, Alison developed an innovative school-based, group intervention for adolescents—The Connection Project — aimed to enhance prosocial peer connections and improve school culture. Alison helped to create the 12-hour curriculum and design the short- and long-term evaluation plan, including outcome and measurement selection. She has helped to oversee the implementation and evaluation of this novel intervention in St. Louis, Missouri with over 1,200 adolescents enrolled to date, and spearheaded a local iteration of the program in a Charlottesville private school. She is currently helping to design and evaluate a college-version of the curriculum, sponsored by the University of Virginia Counseling and Psychological Services.



Alison partnered with the Region Ten Community Services Board's Director of Research and Grants, Director of Integrated Care, and Medical Director to design a data collection and analysis plan for a multi-year program rollout focused on promoting community health by providing integrated care for adults with serious mental illness. The new program, *BOOST Health*, was funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSHA). Alison helped create a plan for data collection and management that (1) met SAMSHA reporting requirements, (2) integrated additional brief measures to capture outcomes of interest to program administrators, and (3) that supported a strengths-based, consumer empowerment approach.



Alison has eight years of advanced training and experience in data collection and analysis, including survey design and administration, interviewing, using advance statistical techniques with various statistical programs (SPSS, SAS, R, STATA), and summarizing results into reports for diverse audiences (e.g., National Institute of Justice, community stakeholders). Alison has expertise in integrating survey and public health data with information from interviews and focus groups to draw deeper conclusions and identify ways forward.

