**Stronger Partnership, Stronger Community, Using Health Literacy to Increase Resilience (Stronger2)**

Stronger2 is a 2-year community outreach and capacity-building initiative made possible through a $3.875 million award to the Fairfax County Health Department from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of Minority Health (OMH).

Stronger2 brings together non-profits, houses of worship and historically Black fraternities and sororities to increase the acceptability and use of COVID-19 public health information and services by Hispanic and Black/African Americans living in Fairfax County.

The initiative will also enhance culturally appropriate health literacy practices among health care providers and community members as well as bring about systemic changes in the healthcare delivery system.

Specifically, Stronger2 will improve:

* Access to culturally proficient COVID-19 testing and vaccination for focus population
* Focus population’s knowledge about COVID-19 mitigation and messaging strategies
* Increase trust between government and community and,
* Improve communication between patients and providers

**Implementation Partners in Alphabetical Order**

Church of the Living God

Emanuel Worship Center

Emerson Diversity Health Foundation

George Mason University

Grapevine Health

Institute of Public Health Innovation

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc

Mt. Olive Baptist Church

National Hispanic Medical Association

Ninos de Maria

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc.

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Virginia State University