

Women's Health Disparities and Reproductive Health
Virtual Workshop, April 27 - 28, 2022

**Creating Authentic Partnerships between the Columbia Center for
Children's Environmental Health (CCCEH) and Community Youth,**

April 28, 2022

Since 1998, the Columbia Center for Children's Environmental Health (CCCEH) has been conducting community-based research in Northern Manhattan and the South Bronx neighborhoods of New York City to identify the harmful effects of early life exposure to environmental pollutants on children's health. Community partnerships are the keystone of this research and are instrumental in helping us identify community needs and ensure that our research has measurable and maximal translational impact. Beginning with *We Act* for Environmental Justice, which was our original leading partner, we have expanded our collaborations with other community groups and now have 22 active members of our Community Advisory and Stakeholder Board (CASB). In collaboration with these groups, we have been elevating and amplifying the voices of youth within and around the community. Here, we provide an example of an issue (Beauty Justice) around which we extended our collaborations and ultimately our reach by engaging with and supporting our youth-based community members.