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Maria D. Jimenez is a Research Associate on two community-based participatory research projects under the direction of Dr. Elaine Symanski. In both projects, *Hypertension in Mexican-Americans: Assessing Disparities in Air Pollutant Risks* and *Metal Air Pollution Partnerships Solutions (MAPPS)*, the focus of her work is the engagement and participation of community residents in the different phases of the research projects. Through her expertise, Ms. Jimenez seeks to facilitate the collaboration between researchers and the study population to improve community knowledge and capacity in the prevention of health risks and the promotion of environmental health strategies.

Ms. Jimenez is particularly experienced in recruiting participants, developing community outreach strategies, producing culturally sensitive education materials, applying popular education methodology in training programs, and organizing community forums and leadership meetings. She has been recognized for her community work with numerous awards, including the 2010 John McGovern Award Lecture Series for Health Promotion.