

# THE WAGES\$ STUDY: 2019



The WAGES\$ Study is a five-year study that will evaluate the effects of a minimum wage increase in Minneapolis on the health of low-wage workers. We are currently in year two of the study.

## STUDY TEAM

The study is led by Dr. Caitlin Caspi at the University of Minnesota (UMN). UMN partnered with Dr. Molly De Marco at UNC's FFORC to enroll participants in Raleigh, NC to serve as a comparison.



## PARTICIPANTS

In 2018, 479 people who earn low wages (\$11.50/hr or less) in Raleigh, NC enrolled in the Wages Study. During all five years they will complete a survey and verify their current wages, and we will measure their height and weight. Every other year they will collect and return two weeks worth of food receipts. The same will happen in Minneapolis.



## PARTNERS

Over 35 organizations serving families living in Raleigh, NC partnered with FFORC to conduct outreach. These organizations include The PRIME Collective LLC, Passage Home, Dress for Success, Alliance Medical Ministry, and more!



## STUDY PRINCIPLES FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

We are committed to: 1) ensuring a positive experience for and fairly compensating participants and 2) sharing the results of this study to support organizations that provide services to and advocate for low-wage workers.



## NEXT STEPS

May 2021: We'll convene partners in Raleigh to share a summary of the data collected in the first three years. We'll discuss how to interpret the results and tell the stories that need to be told.  
July-October 2021: We will conduct follow-up appointments with all enrolled participants.

