



## **Dr. Sreelekha Parakesh, MD, MPH**

Sreelekha Prakash MD, MPH is a clinician, epidemiologist and a health science researcher currently working as Associate Professor in School of Health Science in Stockton University. From being an emergency physician, she changed her career into academics and public health to work on community-based research addressing social determinants of health and prevention efforts to improve health outcomes. Her current research work involves collaboration with community-based alliance including Maternal and Child Health project with Nurture NJ, NJ Birth Equity Funders Alliance (NJBEFA) and NJEDA, Cape Assist on Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration (SAMHSA) grant work related to Drug Use and Misuse, in adolescents and young adults and on Geriatrics workforce Enhancement Project (GWEP) by HRSA with Rowan University. At the state level her current position with New Jersey Public Health Association (NJPHA) is as President-elect and co-chair of the Epidemiology group and the Chair of the Behavioral Health committee of Health Living NJ2030. At the national level she is representing epidemiology caucus on science board of American Public Health Association (APHA) and Alcohol Tobacco and Other Drugs Caucus. She is also a volunteer with Monmouth County Medical Reserve Corps and a member of Monmouth County Prevention Coalition. With Acenda taking the lead on the new Public Health Institute she is on the executive board and Chair of the nomination committee.

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