

# USF NEXUS INITIATIVE 2019 AWARD RECIPIENT

## **Jill McCracken**

*Adolescent Sexual Health Education and Research (ASHER) in Liberia*

Teenage pregnancy and sexually-transmitted infections in Liberia are among the highest in the world (UNICEF, 2019). In collaboration with the Hawah V Kamara Children's Foundation, the National Public Health Institute of Liberia, and the Monrovia YMCA, Dr. Jill McCracken will collect Knowledge, Attitude, and Belief (KAB) data about youth sexuality from 40 stakeholders and 20-30 youth in order to adapt the Adolescent Sexual Health Education and Research (ASHER) train-the-trainer curriculum (a nine-week course for youth ages 13-22) to be delivered at school and community-based locations in Monrovia, Liberia.

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