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Amy Olejniczak Recognized as Leader in Public Health by de Beaumont Foundation *Awarded for Significant Contributions Made to Public Health*

MADISON – Today, our Associate Director, Amy Olejniczak is being recognized by the de Beaumont Foundation as one of the inaugural [40 Under 40 in Public Health](#). The 40 rising stars of public health were chosen by a panel of judges for their fresh perspectives, creative problem-solving, and innovative health solutions in communities across the country.

Amy has always strongly believed that young people have the ability to be incredible advocates for the health of their generation if given the space and tools to do so. In 2010, Amy took the initiative to uniquely merge all of her passions – adolescent health, advocacy, youth empowerment, health communication, and health promotion – to found what is today known as the [Providers and Teens Communicating for Health \(PATCH\) Program](#). She continues to lead this innovative, youth-driven program working to improve adolescent health and well-being in Wisconsin and across the nation.

In her nomination submission, a partner noted, “Amy’s leadership of PATCH is influencing systems-level changes and conversations on preventive health care for teens. Through her work, thousands of teens and health care professionals have gained valuable knowledge and skills needed to enhance the communication and relationship between these two populations in health care settings. Amy’s enthusiasm for her work and the teens her work impacts is contagious. She strives to help other public health professionals understand the importance of youth-friendly health care and is fully committed to sharing her knowledge and skills across the country.”

Many lists that recognize young leaders in healthcare, but not in public health. The de Beaumont Foundation’s first list of 40 Under 40 in Public Health wonderfully showcases leaders and highlights the kinds of solutions and innovations that will be needed to improve the health of communities across the country.

“We launched 40 Under 40 to humanize the public health field and show the diversity of the individuals who commit to strengthening the health of our nation’s communities,” said Brian C. Castrucci, DrPH, president and CEO of the de Beaumont Foundation. “Public health is different from healthcare, and by elevating the work and voices of these inspiring leaders, we hope to attract and motivate other professionals to bring creativity and innovation to the future of public health.”

For more information about 40 Under 40 in Public Health, including detailed eligibility and selection criteria, visit debeaumont.org/40Under40.

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