South Oakland PhotoVoice
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COCAIN ADDICTION
BRAIN IMAGING STUDY

The University of Pittsburgh Departments of Psychology and Psychiatry are conducting a study of men and women from 18 to 45 years of age regarding imaging studies of those who have an addiction to cocaine.

Participants must be medication-free (birth control acceptable). The study involves filling out questionnaires, interviews, and brain scanning (PET brain scan).

The research study will take place at UPMC Presbyterian University Hospital.

Payment for participation upon completion.

For more details call 412-586-9633 or email PMIPstudy@gmail.com or visit www.addiction-studies.pitt.edu
The industrial sculpture in a backyard in South Oakland shows not only the past of its residents (blue collar workers) but also represents a larger trend in South Oakland of reimagining and recreating itself by giving old things new uses and meaning, such as making industrial objects art. The fact that this sculpture is rusted and old and still placed behind a chain-link fence also demonstrates the mentality of the neighborhood, given that fences surround most pieces of private land, no matter how big or small, which suggests how the community lacks an atmosphere of trust.
(above) This sign demonstrates that people still live even in the most rundown of houses in South Oakland. (left) This house was found in a place known as “The Run” which is only accessible for pedestrians by walking down a set of wobbly stairs enveloped in overgrown greenery. This set up is more stereotypical of South Oakland than we were expecting.
We took a picture of this stoop because we thought it embodied a very South Oakland juxtaposition: crime and family. South Oakland is known by students as an area with crime issues and the bars on many windows proves that local residents also view it as a problem. But the stroller parked outside raises the stakes. A few young families live in South Oakland. The idea of raising a child in a poor and violent neighborhood is a scary one and one that must be considered by any individual hoping to work to better the South Oakland community.

But the sign itself suggests a community approach to limiting violence by expressing a message of love and support to everyone in the community.