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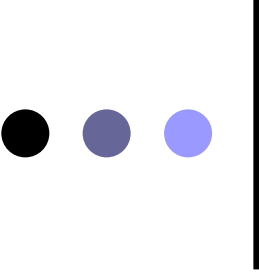
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Mission

- Improve health outcomes by providing leadership in evaluation and assessment of community relevant health and social service programs
- Provide rigorous health assessment and evaluation support to **government agencies, community based organizations, and academic partners**



Rigorous Program Evaluation = Program Improvement

- Providing technical assistance and consultation to programs on designing an effective evaluation;
- Building internal capacity to implement effective evaluations, and;
- Increasing awareness of the tools and resources needed for effective evaluation.



Technical Assistance

- Chicago Health Connection Community Community Doula Program
 - Research Product= Develop outcome measurement tool
 - Iterative Process
 - Fully explicated logic model
 - Program analysis to ensure correspondence between logic model and Community Doula Training



Technical Assistance

- Illinois and Chicago Dept. of Public Health- Keeping Immunization Current for Kids (KICK)
 - Program review of field activities
 - Design and testing of process and outcome measures to assess program impact



Building Internal Capacity

- West Town Leadership United
 - Initial Goal: to improve access to health services through privately-funded community clinic
 - Research: Community/University design and execution of a community survey
 - Findings: “West Town”
 - Geography ≠ Social/Political
 - Prevention as priority
 - Public-funding = Sustainability



Building Internal Capacity

- Little Village Environmental Justice Organization
 - Goal: to improve access to healthy meals at public schools
 - Research: Community/University design and execution of food survey of students
 - Research: Flowchart analysis of how food policy is made at Chicago Public School



Tools and Resources

- Illinois Maternal and Child Health Coalition
 - Practical assistance in data analysis to plan outreach efforts
 - Assistance in evaluating execution an outreach project



Tools and Resources

- Illinois Department of Professional Regulation, Division of Insurance
 - How to assess the impact of Health Care Justice Act
 - Critical review of existing data resources for measuring health insurance status and health outcomes



Recent Partners

- Illinois Maternal & Child Health Coalition
- Chicago Dept of Public Health
- Cook County Ambulatory Care Health Network
- Illinois Dept of Public Health
- Arkansas Community Cancer Networks
- Illinois Caucus for Adolescent Health
- American Academy of Pediatrics (Ill Chapter)
- Illinois Dept of Health Care & Family Services
- Healthy Schools Campaign
- Arkansas Special Populations Network
- La Rabida
- UIC Women's Mental Health Program
- Chicago Health Connection
- Illinois Dept of Professional Regulation
- West Town Leadership United
- Little Village Environmental Justice Organization



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