

Great Cities Commitment Programs at UIC

Health and Wellness

25th Ward Youth Soccer Program

Description: UIC provides field space for a youth soccer program sponsored by the office of 25th ward alderman Danny Solis. The program runs from mid-June through late-October each year, and begins with a large community fair.

Dates active:

Category: Health and wellness

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Partners: Chicago City Council

25th Ward

Active Living by Design

Description: The purpose of this community collaborative intervention is to increase the level of physical activity in the primarily low-income Latino community of Logan Square. The partnership has conducted a community survey that identified the barriers to physical activity and the types of activities that the community prefers. Currently the partnership is developing and implementing community-based strategies that promote integration of physical activity into daily routines.

Dates active:

Category: Health and wellness

UIC Partners: Nursing

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Partners: Illinois Health Education Consortium

Logan Square Neighborhood Association

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

American Diabetes Association Walk

Description: Annual walk to raise funds to support diabetes mellitus research. College of Pharmacy students and faculty participate in the event along with Walgreen employees at one of various sites around Chicago.

Dates active: 2004 -- present

Category: Health and wellness

UIC Partners: Pharmacy

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Partners: American Diabetes Association
Illinois Council of Health-System Pharmacists
Illinois Pharmacists Association
Walgreen Company

American Heart Association Heart Walk

Description: As the signature fund-raising event for the American Heart Association, the Heart Walk promotes physical activity and heart-healthy living in a fun family environment. This year over 1,000,000 walkers will participate in more than 600 events across the country.

UIC's Medical Center participates in the event as a local sponsor, providing a booth on the lakefront with free information and give-aways from the Medical Center and raising money for the AHA. In return, UIC receives research money from the AHA.

Dates active:

Category: Health and wellness

UIC Partners: Medical Center

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Partners: American Heart Association

American Lung Association Influenza Immunization Efforts

Description: College of Pharmacy students and faculty members work closely with the American Lung Association to help in the immunization of individuals for the prevention of influenza at various Chicago Department of Aging Regional Centers during fall months.

Dates active: 2003 -- present

Category: Health and wellness

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Partners: American Lung Association

Illinois Council of Health-System Pharmacists

An Intensive Study Of Mentoring Relationships In Urban Boys And Girls Clubs

Description: Adult mentors in urban youth development organizations (YDOs) can serve as crucial educators and support figures, promoting adolescent learning, competence, and development. The overarching goals of the present research are to understand variations in mentoring relationships within YDOs; elucidate their linkage to characteristics of youth, staff, the social climate of the YDO, and parental responses; and examine how these relationships foster self processes that provide a foundation for positive development. The research focuses on ties between mentors and youth from 3 clubs. The primary sample will be 24 relationships in which the youth has nominated that staff person as their closest tie; for comparison, an equivalent number of relationships will be examined in which that staff person is not a youth's closest club tie.

Dates active: 01/15/2004 -- 04/30/2005

Category: Health and wellness

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Partners: Boys and Girls Clubs of Chicago
Northwestern University

Beauty and Barber Shops Health Initiative

Description: Beauty and barber shops provide an excellent opportunity to reach men and women of all ages in a friendly, familiar, and comfortable environment. This initiative utilizes the beauty shops as a venue to expand awareness regarding women's and men's health and wellness issues. The initiative is a training program that provides beauty salon owners with resources and skills to improve the health of the clients they serve by improving one's sense of well-being. This initiative extends the concept of personal beauty to include overall health and wellness. This year the initiative will focus on primarily breast and cervical cancer prevention and screening. However, the initiative will also address general men and women's health concerns including exercise and nutrition.

Current beauty/barber shops involved in the program:

- Guys and Dolls Salon (Austin)
- Destiny's Creative Hair Designs (Park Manor)
- Sister Locs (South Shore)
- Beauty and Barber Shop (North Lawndale)
- Franchie Barnes' House Calls

Dates active: 2003 -- ?

Category: Health and wellness

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Partners: Illinois Department of Human Services
Johnson and Johnson
National Center of Excellence in Women's Health
Office on Women's Health, Department of Health and Human Services

Center for Botanical Dietary Supplement Research in Women's Health

Description: The UIC/NIH Center for Botanical Dietary Supplement Research in Women's Health was established to address the issues of standardization, quality, safety, and efficacy of botanical dietary supplements. The Center evaluates botanicals with potential benefits for women's health, initially focusing on plants that are reported to alleviate the symptoms of menopause. Women have experimented with herbal remedies for gynecological complaints for centuries, but few systematic investigations have been carried out in the United States. These studies will address the safety of botanicals and their ability to reduce the frequency and intensity of hot flashes and other somatic symptoms in menopausal women.

Dates active: 1999 -- present

Category: Health and wellness

UIC Partners: Liberal Arts and Sciences
Medicine
Pharmacy

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Partners: National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM)
National Institute of General Medical Sciences
National Institutes of Health
Office of Dietary Supplements
Office of Research on Women's Health

Center for Cognitive Medicine

Description: The Center for Cognitive Medicine is dedicated to developing new knowledge about the cognitive problems caused by brain disorders and normal aging. In our clinical work, we use neuropsychological assessments, eye movement measurements and functional brain imaging to diagnose the causes of cognitive disabilities. In our research clinics, we treat patients with novel pharmacologic approaches designed to enhance and preserve cognitive abilities. Our current research programs are focused on autism, traumatic brain injury, the effects of hormones on brain function, and the early evaluation and treatment of schizophrenia and bipolar disorder. Medical students, graduate students, residents, psychology interns and postdoctoral fellows train in the Center. We have a weekly seminar series open to the professional community where we discuss new research findings and individual patients presenting with atypical brain disorders.

Dates active:

Category: Healthcare for at-risk populations
Health and wellness

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Partners:

Center for Drug Information

Description: The Center for Drug Information at the University of Illinois Medical Center is an academic and consultative unit of the College of Pharmacy and provides clinical support to organizations in need. The goal of the Center is to provide evidence-based medical information, to enhance the skills of healthcare professionals through workshops, and to serve as a resource for healthcare professionals involved in patient care. These services are provided by experienced faculty on a consultative basis.

Dates active:

Category: Health and wellness

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Pharmacy

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Partners: Astellas Pharma US, Inc.
Baxter International, Inc.
Cardinal Health
State of Illinois

Tom's of Maine
WellPoint, Inc.

Center for Pharmacoeconomic Research

Description: The mission of the CPR is to promote and facilitate advancement in understanding of the clinical, humanistic, and economic impact of pharmaceutical products, contemporary pharmacy services, and medication use policy, with respect to the health and safety of patients, organizations and society. The efforts of the CPR fall into four categories: research, education and training, service, and entrepreneurship.

Dates active: 2001 -- present

Category: Health and wellness
Business and entrepreneurial development

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Partners: Abbott Laboratories

National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)

Sanofi-Aventis

Takeda Pharmaceutical Company Ltd.

United States Department of Health and Human Services

Bureau of Primary Health Care

Walgreen Company

Center for Public Health Practice

Description: The Center for Public Health Practice (CPHP) promotes public health workforce development and houses programs that advance professional skills and leadership development and prepare the public health workforce to address emerging public health concerns.

CPHP consists of five programs:

~Illinois Institute for Maternal and Child Health Leadership

~Illinois Maternal and Child Health Data Use Academy

~Illinois Public Health Preparedness Center

~Mid America Public Health Training Center

~Mid America Regional Public Health Leadership Institute

~Public Health Practitioner Certification Board, Inc.

Dates active:

Category: Health and wellness

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Partners:

Center for Research on Women and Gender (CRWG)

Description: CRWG is the result of collaborative work among researchers from the Colleges of Nursing, Liberal Arts and Sciences, Medicine, Social Work, and the School of Public Health. The CRWG promotes multidisciplinary research related to women and gender, with an emphasis on work, health and culture. In addition to research conducted within the university community, the Center collaborates with a range of other Chicago organizations to assist them in developing evaluation and research aspects of their programs.

The Center's mission is to produce improved understanding of the lives of women and the role of gender in society. Center staff members view research activities as collaborations in which all partners work towards the same goal.

Dates active: 1991 -- present

Category: Health and wellness
Undergraduate support

UIC Partners: Research, Vice Chancellor for

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Partners: John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation

National Endowment for the Arts

National Institutes of Health

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Center for the Advancement of Distance Education

Description: The Center for the Advancement of Distance Education (CADE) is a self-supporting unit within the School of Public Health at the University of Illinois at Chicago. CADE partners or contracts with university, government and non-profit organizations to provide web-based solutions to meet a variety of educational, training, research and administrative needs within the health sciences. These collaborations include the creation of interactive online training modules, the design and development of web sites, multimedia production and webcasting, course registration and learning management system construction, web-based programming and database connectivity, and online data gathering and analysis.

CADE is actively involved in advancing online opportunities in the areas of public health, medicine, oral health, pharmacy and nursing. The Center's experience ranges from online continuing education and professional training to multimedia webcasting and research data management, analysis and presentation. CADE employs over thirty personnel, operates dozens of its own servers, and has completed hundreds of unique online projects since its formal inception.

Dates active: 1998 -- present

Category: Health and wellness
Industry partnerships

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Association of Schools of Public Health (ASPH)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Chicago Department of Public Health

Gilead Outreach and Referral Center
Health Systems Research, Inc.
Horizon Hospice
Illinois Department of Public Health
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Center for Traditional Medicine

Description: Performs research on activities related to the use of traditional medicine (TRM) and complementary and alternative medicine (CAM) in primary health care in countries around the world. UIC's centre is one of only two collaborating centers for traditional medicine in the USA (along with the National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM), NIH). The UIC Centre serves as the primary technical resource facility for the World Health Organization.

Dates active: 1981 -- present

Category: Health and wellness
Global healthcare
International collaborations

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Partners: Pan American Health Organization (PAHO)

World Health Organization (WHO)

Center on Health Promotion Research for Persons with Disabilities

Description: Examines the effects of exercise and health promotion on persons with stroke, diabetes, arthritis, spinal cord injury, and Down syndrome. The goal of the research is to reduce secondary conditions and improve health among these patients.

(Note: Project ended 2002?)

Dates active: 19?? -- present

Category: Rehabilitation and disability studies
Health and wellness

UIC Partners: Applied Health Sciences

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Partners: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Chicago AIDS Run/Walk

Description: Team of students participates in the Run/Walk. Each participant raises or pays \$20 for an entry fee, then raises pledges.

Dates active:

Category: Health and wellness

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Partners: AIDS Foundation of Chicago

Chicago Biomedical Consortium

Description: The CBC brings together experimentalists, instrumentalists and informaticians to apply new technology and techniques to the study of proteins. CBC's mission is to enable and encourage interdisciplinary research that is beyond the range of a single institution and thereby to promote educational, health and commercial developments that will benefit the Chicago community at large.

Dates active: 2002 -- present

Category: Biotechnology
Health and wellness

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Partners: Chicago Community Trust

Searle Funds

Northwestern University

University of Chicago

Chicago Center for Disability Research

Description: The Chicago Center for Disability Research (CCDR) is a research unit established for the study of social, psychological, and educational issues relevant to the life experience of people with disabilities. CCDR staff is committed to making key information available and useful not only to the academic and professional sector but to all people with disabilities, their supporters, and advocacy groups.

CCDR uses a social model for exploring disability issues--one that views disability as coming from a wide-ranging relationship of individual and environmental influences. Projects are selected in response to needs expressed by people living with disabilities in the community and are supervised by researchers with direct disability experience. This contributes significantly to the creative energy and relevance of CCDR's work. It advances the principle of "self-determination for disabled people" to the world of research, education, and community service.

Dates active:

Category: Health and wellness
Rehabilitation and disability studies

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Partners:

Chicago Distance Classic

Description: Annual half-marathon sponsored by John Bingham Racing. UIC Medical Center provides a booth with free Medical Center information and giveaways. In addition, UIC Med Center provides all medical services in the participants' Medical Tent.

Dates active:

Category: Health and wellness

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Partners: John Bingham Racing

Chicago HIV Prevention and Adolescent Mental Health Project (CHAMP)

Description: This is a series of studies aimed at better understanding of the family and mental health factors that strengthen youth development and promote physical and sexual health during transition to adolescence, as well as at developing appropriate programs to promote health and prevent risk for youth based on developmental findings. Thus far, CHAMP has focused on these issues among urban, African American youth and their families. A basic study of youth was begun in 1993, and has followed youth from the age of approximately 10 to about 17. In addition, a family-based intervention program was begun in 1995 involving children in pre- and early adolescence. Community involvement has been an important part of the program's development and delivery.

Dates active: 1993 --

Category: Health and wellness
Healthcare for at-risk populations

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Office on AIDS
William T. Grant Foundation
Faculty Scholar Program

Chicago Partnership for Health Promotion

Description: CPHP represents a network of partnerships organized to support community based interventions to improve nutrition and reduce disparities in outcomes associated with nutritional diseases including obesity and malnutrition. Guided by the UICNI, the CPHP provides high quality, age, gender and ethnically specific nutrition education in a variety of venues across the city. In addition, the CPHP website gives information on training aspects for community peer education.

Dates active:

Category: Health and wellness

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Medical Center
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Illinois Coalition of School Health Centers
Illinois Department of Human Services
United States Department of Agriculture
Westside Health Authority

Chicago Patient Safety Forum

Description: CPSF is a community-based network whose purpose is to facilitate innovative system approaches to understanding and improving patient safety in the Chicago metropolitan area. Four main goals:

1. To promote a culture of safety in healthcare among all stakeholders in our community.
2. To develop community leaders in patient safety.
3. To catalyze inter-organizational efforts to reduce medical errors.
4. To influence public awareness, attitudes, and behaviors with respect to patient safety.

Dates active: 2004 -- present

Category: Health and wellness

UIC Partners: Pharmacy

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Partners: Institute of Medicine of Chicago

Otho S. A. Sprague Memorial Institute

Chicago Southeast Diabetes Community Action Coalition

Description: The Jane Addams College of Social Work's Midwest Latino Health Research, Training and Policy Center, in collaboration with key community partners, established the Chicago Southside Community Action Coalition in 1999 to mobilize primarily African American and Hispanic communities around diabetes prevention and control. The mission of the CSDCAC is to assure and enhance access to quality health services and quality of life of persons at risk and with diabetes in Chicago Southeast communities through the establishment and institutionalization of a diabetes coalition of community residents, health and human services providers, and persons living with diabetes.

The main goal of the coalition is to reduce diabetes mortality, hospitalizations, complications and diabetes related disabilities among African Americans and Latinos living in Chicago's southeast side communities. The Coalition is funded through the CDC's REACH 2010 program.

Dates active: 1999 -- present (Currently funded through 2007)

Category: Health and wellness
Healthcare for at-risk populations

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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health (REACH) 2010

Centro Comunitario Juan Diego

Chicago Department of Public Health

South Chicago Facility

Chicago Family Health Center

Chicago Park District

South Region

Healthcare Consortium of Illinois

Healthy South Chicago

Hegewisch Community Committee

Illinois African-American Dietetic Association

Illinois Department of Human Services
Diabetes Control Program
Jackson Park Hospital
National Black Nurses Association--Chicago Chapter
Salud Latina / Latino Health
South Shore Community Church
South Shore Hospital
Tellez Medical Center
United States Department of Health and Human Services
Office of Minority Health
Villa Guadalupe Senior Center

Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Empowerment Project

Description: The Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Empowerment Project is a 12-month advocacy and self-help program that will allow people with CFS (PWCs) to learn ways to maximize functioning, decrease symptom severity, increase social support, build occupational and/or economic resources, and receive accurate, updated information about the CFS illness. With staff guidance, each participant will list goals and work toward accomplishing those goals over the entire 12-month period using services and resources offered through the project. Depending upon each individual's needs, examples of goals may include: improving relationships, improving nutrition, improving coping, restructuring one's current economic situation.

Dates active: 2000-2003

Category: Healthcare for at-risk populations
Health and wellness

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Partners: Access Living of Metropolitan Chicago / Centers for Independent Living

Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, Fibromyalgia, & Chemical Sensitivity Coalition of Chicago (CFCCC)

United States Department of Education

National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research

Community Asthma Prevention Program

Description: Helps CPS students affected by asthma learn to manage and understand their illness, trains parents of asthmatic children to work with school staff to decrease exposure to allergens and asthma triggers

Dates active: 1998 -- present

Category: Healthcare for at-risk populations
Health and wellness

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Partners: Access Community Health Network
Chicago Asthma Consortium
Chicago Department of Public Health
Chicago Hispanic Health Coalition
Chicago Housing Authority
Chicago Public Schools
Grand Boulevard Federation
Health Consortium of Illinois
Lawndale Christian Health Center
University of Chicago

Community-Based Boxing Program

Description: Aimed at involving disadvantaged youth in an active sport to channel their energy constructively, as well as to provide role models and opportunities to see the world outside of their local communities.

Dates active:

Category: Health and wellness

UIC Partners: Engineering

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Partners: Breaking Ground, Inc.
Little Village Community Development Corporation
Marcy-Newberry Association
Renzi Construction and Development Inc.

Creating Safe Schools for All: A Training Program on Preventing Anti-Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Harassment in Schools

Description: Provides training and practice, through an annual summer institute, for conducting staff development in school communities on issues facing LGBT students.

Dates active: 2003 -- present

Category: Health and wellness
Education innovation

UIC Partners: Education

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Coalition for Education on Sexual Orientation (CESO)
Elizabeth Morse Charitable Trust
Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network (GLSEN) of Chicago
Kraft Foods Inc.
Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund

DEcIDE Consortium

Description: The US Department of Health and Human Services, through their Agency for Health Research and Quality (AHRQ), established 13 DEcIDE (Developing Evidence to Inform Decisions about Effectiveness) Centers across the US to help determine answers to questions about how effective particular medications or other therapies are for selected health conditions. In addition, individuals at DEcIDE Centers will be involved in answering questions about other health issues such as determining the effectiveness of Medicare Part D. After selecting the DEcIDE Centers, AHRQ has contracted with them for two years, with three one-year extensions likely thereafter.

The DEcIDE Centers will compete amongst each other for AHRQ funding for a maximum of \$1.5 million over the two years of the contract. Thus far the Chicago consortium has successfully competed for two AHRQ projects. One contract is to evaluate models for medication therapy management services and the other is to evaluate outcomes of drug therapy for the treatment of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

Dates active: 2005 -- present

Category: Health and wellness

UIC Partners: Pharmacy

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Partners: United States Department of Health and Human Services

Agency for Health Research and Quality (AHRQ)

Development and Evaluation of a Youth Mentoring Program

Description: The focus of this research is an innovative community-based intervention that combines mentoring with self-esteem enhancement and health education/promotion strategies to prevent mental health problems and health-compromising behaviors among urban, minority young adolescent girls (ages 10-14). The intervention model, developed by Big Brothers/Big Sisters (BB/BS) of Metropolitan Chicago, involves combining traditional one-on-one mentoring with the joint participation of mentors and youth in an extended series of workshops that use experiential learning and skill-building activities to strengthen self-esteem and promote positive health behavior.

Dates active: 03/01/2004 – 02/28/2007

Category: Health and wellness

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Partners: Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Metropolitan Chicago

National Institutes of Health

Doctoral Concentration in Community and Prevention Research

Description: The primary mission of UIC's doctoral concentration in Community and Prevention Research (CPR) is to educate students to conduct innovative research on important social issues in a pluralistic society. Doctoral students are actively involved in research with core and affiliated faculty, typically in urban schools, neighborhoods, and human service settings. Examples of current action research include developing and evaluating interventions with urban children and adolescents to prevent drug use, high risk sexual behavior, delinquency, and dropping out of school; studying ways to build the capacity of grassroots organizations in Latino and African American communities to advocate for disability rights; assessing community responses to violence against women; evaluating the quality of services for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault; promoting the prosocial development of African American youth; preventing HIV transmission among young African American men who have sex with men; creating school-community partnerships to improve the social and emotional

intelligence of children and youth; and assessing efforts at educational reform for immigrant and refugee adolescents.

Dates active:

Category: Health and wellness
Undergraduate support

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Partners: N/A

Duncan YMCA Swimming Program

Description: UIC provides space for the Duncan YMCA's swimming program.

Dates active:

Category: Health and wellness

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Partners: YMCA

Duncan YMCA in Chicago

Evaluation of Physical Activity Programs for Sedentary Mid-Life and Older Adults: Best Principles, Practices and Programs

Description: The overall objectives of this project are to identify existing best practice physical activity programs, assess the keys to their success and measure their impact on older adults; conduct a census of physical activity programs for older adults to determine depth and breadth of current programming; lay the foundation for an intensive dissemination, mobilization and replication strategy to increase participation in physical activity and to strengthen the overall quality of programs.

Dates active: 06/2001/02 -- 08/31/2005

Category: Health and wellness

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Partners: Chicago Department on Aging

Area Senior Centers

National Council on the Aging

National Institute on Aging

Family Support 360 Project

Description: The Institute on Disability and Human Development, in partnership with Community Support Services, will facilitate the development of a family-driven plan for a one-stop family support center in the predominately Hispanic neighborhoods of Berwyn and Cicero. Researchers anticipate that the finalized plan will lead to the implementation of the one-stop family support center.

Dates active:

Category: Rehabilitation and disability studies
Health and wellness

UIC Partners: Applied Health Sciences

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Berwyn Township Mental Health Board
Cicero Township Mental Health Board
Community Support Services, Inc.
Equip for Equality
Family Support Network of Illinois
Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities
Illinois Department of Human Services
Illinois Department on Aging
Latino Family Institute
MacNeal Hospital
Office of State Senator Martin A. Sandoval
South Berwyn School District #100
Suburban Access, Inc.
United States Department of Health and Human Services
Administration on Developmental Disabilities

Global Environmental and Occupational Health E-Library of Training Materials (GeoLibrary)

Description: Geolib.org is an electronic library of occupational and environmental health training materials. This library contains training materials which are in the public domain and which are available to the user free of charge. The training materials contained in this library come from a wide variety of sources, including international organizations, governmental institutes and agencies, academic institutions, corporations, unions, and non-governmental organizations.

The idea for this library sprung from a meeting in Iguassu Falls, Brazil in February 2003 of the World Health Organization Collaborating Centres in Occupational Health. This project was incorporated into the Work Plan of the Collaborating Centres in support of the WHO strategy of "Occupational Health for All."

Dates active: Feb. 2003 -- present

Category: Health and wellness

UIC Partners: Public Health

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Partners: Abbott Fund
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
National Center for Environmental Health
John E. Fogarty International Center
National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)
National Institutes of Health

Great Lakes Centers for Occupational and Environmental Health

Description: The mission of the Great Lakes Centers is to promote a healthy human environment in our workplaces and communities through the academic triad of teaching, research, and service. While the Great Lakes Centers takes a universal approach to improving, promoting, and maintaining the health of workers and communities, we devote special attention to the problems and needs of minority and disadvantaged workers and communities, the specific occupational and environmental safety and health needs of our region, and to the development of innovative and interdisciplinary approaches to addressing these needs.

The Centers include a NIOSH Education and Research Center, an ATSDR/USPA-funded Center for Children's Environmental Health (Region V PEHSU), a NIH Fogarty -funded Center for Global Environmental and Occupational Health, a CDC-funded Center of Excellence in Environmental Health, and the Occupational Health Services Institute.

Dates active: 1977 -- present

Category: Health and wellness
Environmental protection

UIC Partners: Public Health

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Partners: John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital of Cook County
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Health Promotion for Adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities: Train-the-Trainer Project

Description: The Train-the-Trainer Project is a five-year research study focused on establishing best practices for training staff to develop health promotion programs within community-based organizations providing services for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD).

Dates active:

Category: Rehabilitation and disability services
Health and wellness

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Retirement Research Foundation
Special Olympics International
Trinity Services, Inc.

Illinois Hospital Association Medication Reconciliation Collaborative

Description: A 1-year collaborative project to implement admission medication reconciliation in 26 hospitals in Illinois, including several in Chicago (UIC, Rush). Hospitals are working hard to design a systemic process that develops an up-to-date, one-source medication profile for all caregivers to reference upon a patient's admission, transfer and discharge. Through this medication reconciliation process, patients' medications are verified to be appropriate. Any inconsistencies revealed by comparing the real-time profile against physician orders are brought to the attention of the physician and, if warranted, changes are made to the orders. UIC representatives act as planners and project facilitators. Funded by participants, IHA, and the Chicago Patient Safety Forum (www.chicagopatientsafety.org)

Dates active: 2005 -- present

Category: Industry partnerships
Health and wellness

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Anderson Hospital
Blessing Hospital
Carle Foundation Hospital
Central DuPage Hospital
CGH Medical Center
Chicago Patient Safety Forum
Condell Medical Center
Decatur Memorial Hospital
Edward Hospital & Health Services
Illinois Hospital Association
Kishwaukee Community Hospital
Mason District Hospital
McDonough District Hospital
Memorial Hospital
Methodist Medical Center of Illinois
Rush University Medical Center
Rush-Copley Medical Center
Saint Anthony's Health Center
Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center
St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital
St. Elizabeth's Hospital

Illinois Institute for Maternal and Child Health Leadership

Description: IMCHL is an academic-based year-long leadership development experience for maternal and child health practitioners and community partners/ Their learning is facilitated by a cadre of Faculty and Mentors. Together they examine the characteristics, skills, attributes and best practices of effective public health leadership.

The goal of the Institute is to train public health practitioners working in Maternal and Child Health to develop personal, team, agency, community and professional leadership skills in order to improve the infrastructure of public health through the application of the core functions and essential services of public health.

Dates active:

Category: Health and wellness

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Partners: Illinois Department of Human Services

N/A

Illinois Maternal and Child Health Data Use Academy

Description: The Illinois Maternal and Child Health Data Use Academy (DUA) certificate program focuses on how to use data effectively in maternal and child health. It addresses MCH epidemiology as applied to both program and policy development, and provides skills-building for the translation of data into action in communities. The Academy is based on the curriculum developed by CityMatCH at the University of Nebraska. Academy members are teams representing communities, and they come to the academy with a project intended to advance maternal and child health in their region.

Dates active:

Category: Health and wellness

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Partners: Illinois Department of Human Services

Office of Family Health

Illinois Public Health Preparedness Center (IPHPC)

Description: The Illinois Public Health Preparedness Center (IPHPC) works to enhance the readiness of the public health workforce in responding to routine and urgent public health threats, including bioterrorism events. IPHPC provides for public workforce development through a battery of more than 60 competency-based, completely online courses that are continuously available and offered in a unique self-directed, instructor-led format. The center collaborates with the health departments in the States of Illinois and Indiana and the City of Chicago to develop a comprehensive learning management system for public health workers, and using this expertise to assist health departments and preparedness centers in other states to do the same.

Dates active:

Category: Improving infrastructures

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Partners: Association of Schools of Public Health (ASPH)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Information for the Cure 2004 and 2005

Description: The primary goals of this program are to provide access to breast health information resources and library services to Peoria-area and state-wide health professionals and consumers; and to instruct users on access to the Komen collection and National Library of Medicine databases.

Dates active:

Category: Health and wellness

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Partners: Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation

Institute for Health Research and Policy

Description: The Institute's research addresses key health issues across the lifespan and focuses on health behavior, such as tobacco use, insufficient exercise, poor diet, and alcohol abuse, which are among the top 10 causes of morbidity and premature death in the United States. The Institute's work spans social and behavioral health research, from basic science (including methods and theory development) and intervention development, to clinical and efficacy trials, research-to-practice and practice-to-policy translation, and dissemination.

The Institute brings together faculty from more than 25 UIC departments, schools, and colleges to produce one of the largest research portfolios on the campus. In this unique and rich research environment, investigators form intellectual partnerships across disciplines and bring different perspectives to bear on any particular line of inquiry. Opportunities for achieving synergies across lines of research are maximized as, for example, knowledge developed in etiological research can be used in designing interventions, and intervention study results can be used to inform effectiveness research and later dissemination and policy studies.

The Institute values community engagement highly, especially through project-specific partnerships. More than 80 community-based organizations and public health agencies have participated in the Institute's research and education activities during the past five years, including churches, schools, workplaces, and health care facilities.

Dates active: 1997--present

Category: Health and wellness

UIC Partners: Public Health

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Partners:

Lawndale Health Promotion Project (LHPP)

Description: Sponsored by the Chicago Department of Public Health and funded through the CDC's REACH 2010 program, Lawndale Health Promotion Project (LHPP) is a coalition of North and South Lawndale organizations, businesses, health service providers and residents that work together to promote healthy lifestyles in their communities. LHPP's mission is to eliminate health disparities by reducing and preventing illnesses linked to type 2 diabetes and cardiovascular related diseases among African American and Hispanics. The Division of Community Health partners with the Chicago Department of Public Health, University of Chicago and Loyola University to oversee evaluation activities for the REACH 2010 project. Activities include: Community Peer Educator Training, Health Care Provider Education, Community Coalition Development and Assessment, Community assessment, Community resident risk and knowledge assessment, University/Community Evaluation Committee.

Dates active: 2003 -- ?

Category: Health and wellness

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Partners: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health (REACH) 2010
Chicago Department of Public Health
Loyola University of Chicago
University of Chicago

March of Dimes WalkAmerica

Description: As the March of Dimes biggest fund-raiser, WalkAmerica supports research and programs that help fight threats to the health of the 470,000 babies in the U.S. who are born too soon every year. UIC Medical Center sponsors local WalkAmerica events by providing a booth with free Medical Center information and giveaway. Money raised by UIC Medical Center returns to UIC in the form of money for research on prematurity.

Dates active:

Category: Health and wellness

UIC Partners: Medical Center

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Partners: March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation

Maternal and Child Health Program

Description: Through collaborative research activities, field-based learning in courses and field practica, MCHP faculty and students work closely with state and local health agencies, welfare and education agencies, not-for-profit advocacy organizations, and community based health and social service organizations in order to improve the health and well-being of women, children, and families, particularly in Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) Regions V and VII.

The MCHP provides leadership education at the master's and doctoral level for individuals pursuing careers in maternal and child health. The diverse MCHP faculty and staff are also actively engaged in conducting research and providing continuing education and technical assistance to the MCH workforce with a focus on improving the health of women, children, and families.

Dates active: 07/01/1983 -- 05/31/2005

Category: Health and wellness
Healthcare for at-risk populations

UIC Partners: Applied Health Sciences
Great Cities Institute
Liberal Arts and Sciences
Medicine
Nursing
Public Health

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Maternal and Child Health Unit

Mental Health of Children of Incarcerated Parents -- the FAMILY STORIES program

Description: African American children lag behind white children on health and social indicators; at the same time, huge disproportions exist between black and white adults in the criminal justice system. The impact of disproportionate incarceration on African American children of the prisoners has not yet been explored. Children with incarcerated parents manifest a variety of behavioral and psychiatric disorders; they are far more likely to experience emotional and behavioral disturbance, negative self-image, withdrawal from family and friends, eating and sleeping disorders, anxiety and hyperarousal, developmental regression, and antisocial behavior. One study estimates that 30-50% of boys who are children of incarcerated parents will end up incarcerated themselves. The FAMILY STORIES program sends age-appropriate storybooks, in the name of the parent, to these children on a monthly basis. FAMILY STORIES has been developed over several months in collaboration with churches, community agencies, organizations of former prisoners, and prison administration. It is specifically designed to reach as many children as possible at the lowest cost. It will be evaluated by UIC.

Dates active:

Category: Services for the disadvantaged
Health and wellness

UIC Partners: Urban Planning and Public Affairs

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Chicago Legal Aid for Incarcerated Mothers (CLAIM)
Companions Journeying Together, Inc.
El Valor
Illinois Department of Children and Family Services

Metro Achievement Center Summer Program

Description: UIC provides space for Metro Achievement's six week summer recreational program for girls.

Dates active:

Category: Health and wellness

UIC Partners: Student Affairs, Vice Chancellor for

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Partners: Metro Achievement Center

Mid-America Public Health Training Center

Description: The Mid America Public Health Training Center (MAPHTC) uses a collaborative, comprehensive, integrated approach to training the public health workforce through competency-based, coordinated public health training programs. MAPHTC was established by a HRSA grant to the University of Illinois at Chicago School of Public Health and Indiana University Department of Public Health.

Dates active:

Category: Health and wellness

UIC Partners: Public Health

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Partners:

Mid-America Regional Public Health Leadership Institute

Description: The Mid-America Regional Public Health Leadership (MARPHLI) Institute is an academic-based year-long leadership development experience for public health practitioners and community partners. The Institute has been developed to assist practitioners holding leadership positions at all levels of the public health system to develop greater effectiveness in helping their agencies carry out the core functions of assessment, policy development and assurance.

Dates active: 1991 -- present

Category: Health and wellness

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Partners: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Illinois Department of Public Health

Midwest Latino Health Research, Training, and Policy Center

Description: The Center seeks to improve the health status and quality of health care to Hispanics/Latinos living in Chicago and throughout the Midwest. The Center develops and conducts health and human services research on issues affecting Latino communities. It facilitates mechanisms for communication, networking, and health information dissemination among service providers and community-based organizations. Through internships and fellowships, the Center works to increase the number of methodologically- and culturally-competent Latino and non-Latino faculty, students, and community practitioners in health services research. The Center is also active on the policy front, conducting policy analyses, providing testimony based upon research and engaging in information dissemination activities. Over the past ten years, the Center has developed the infrastructure to conduct research on health disparities and outcomes on chronic illnesses (diabetes, asthma, hypertension), cancer, injury prevention, and maternal and child health. Research has been conducted in rural and urban areas and has included many Latino groups, including recent immigrants, Puerto Ricans, Mexicans, and Central Americans.

Dates active: 1993 -- present

Category: Health and wellness
Healthcare for at-risk populations

UIC Partners: Medicine
Social Work

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Chicago Chapter

American Heart Association

Chicago

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Chicago Department of Public Health

West Town Neighborhood Health Center

Chicago Family Health Center

Chicago Park District

South Region

Chicago Southeast Diabetes Community Action Coalition

El Valor

Greater Twin Cities United Way

Healthcare Consortium of Illinois

Healthy South Chicago

Hegewisch Community Committee

Illinois African-American Dietetic Association

Illinois Department of Human Services

Illinois Diabetes Control Program

Illinois Department of Public Health

Illinois Foundation for Quality Health Care (IFQHC)

Indiana Latino Institute

Jackson Park Hospital

Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services

Office of Minority Health

National Association of Hispanic Nurses

National Black Nurses Association--Chicago Chapter

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)

National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)

National Latino Council on Alcohol and Tobacco Prevention (LCAT)

Salud Latina / Latino Health

South Shore Hospital

Tellez Medical Center

United States Department of Health and Human Services

Office of Minority Health

Villa Guadalupe Senior Center

Description: Mile Square Health Center is a Federally Qualified Health Center affiliated with the University of Illinois at Chicago Medical Center. It is managed and staffed by health professionals from the University of Illinois, and has a Board of Directors, 51% of whom are residents of the Near West Side of Chicago. Mile Square offers a comprehensive array of Medical Care and Social Services which includes Geriatrics, Family Practice, Obstetrics and Gynecology Care, Family Planning, Pediatric Dental and Mental Health, Podiatry, and Nutritional Services and a Specialty Clinic dedicated to sexually transmitted diseases. Medical services are provided on a sliding fee scale for patients who possess limited or no medical insurance. Patients are seen regardless to their ability to pay.

Dates active:

Category: Services for the disadvantaged
Health and wellness

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National Center of Excellence in Women's Health

Description: UIC was designated a National Center of Excellence by the U.S. Public Health Services Office on Women's Health, Department of Health and Human Services in the fall of 1998. Our program is designed to integrate biomedical expertise with the grass roots women's health vision, and emphasizes partnership: across disciplines and professions, academic with community, and health care provider with patient. UIC's National Center of Excellence in Women's Health (CoE) has a primary commitment to provide comprehensive research-based care to women in a woman sensitive clinical environment.

UIC's CoE focuses on four core areas:

Clinical (comprehensive health services); Community (awareness, involvement, education); Research (advancing knowledge across the life span); Professional Development (curriculum development and leadership for women)

Dates active: 1998 -- present

Category: Health and wellness

UIC Partners: Applied Health Sciences

Dentistry

Medicine

Nursing

Pharmacy

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Cancer Information Service

National Institutes of Health

Clinical Trials

United States Department of Health and Human Services

Office of Women's Health

Office of Minority Health

National Center on Physical Activity and Disability

Description: The mission of the National Center on Physical Activity and Disability (NCPAD) is to promote the substantial health benefits that can be gained from participating in regular physical activity. The slogan of NCPAD is Exercise is for EVERY body, and every person can gain some health benefit from being more physically active.

Dates active:

Category: Rehabilitation and disability studies
Health and wellness

UIC Partners: Applied Health Sciences

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Partners: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

National Center on Accessibility

Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago

National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NN/LM) Greater Midwest Region

Description: The Library of the Health Sciences serves as the Regional Medical Library for the Greater Midwest Region of the NN/LM under contract with the National Library of Medicine. The GMR coordinates and supports outreach efforts in the ten-state region to ensure that all health professionals have equal access to biomedical information; and to improve public access to health information so that citizens can make informed decisions about their health. Among the program's target populations are inner city communities and the health professionals who serve them.

Dates active:

Category: Health and wellness

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Partners: American Dental Association

Department of Library Services

Case Western Reserve University

Cleveland Health Sciences Library

Des Moines University

Osteopathic Medical Center Library

Indiana University School of Medicine

Ruth Lilly Medical Library

Loyola University Medical Center

Health Sciences Library

Mayo Clinic College of Medicine

Mayo Clinic Libraries

Medical College of Ohio at Toledo

Raymond H. Mulford Library

Medical College of Wisconsin

Todd Wehr Library

Michigan State University

Midwestern University

Midwestern University Library

National Library of Medicine
Northwestern University
Galter Health Sciences Library
Ocasek Regional Medical Information Center
Ohio State University
John A. Prior Health Sciences Library
Ohio University
Alden Health Sciences Library
Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science
Boxer Library
Rush University Medical Center
Library
State Library of Ohio
University of Chicago
John Crerar Library
University of Cincinnati
Medical Center Libraries
University of Iowa
Hardin Library for the Health Sciences
University of Kentucky
Chandler Medical Center Library
University of Louisville
Kornhauser Health Sciences Library
University of Michigan
Alfred Taubman Medical Library
University of Minnesota
Bio-Medical Library
University of North Dakota
Library of the Health Sciences
University of South Dakota School of Medicine
Lommen Health Sciences Library
Wayne State University
Vera P. Shiffman Medical Library
Wegner Health Science Information Center
Wright State University
Fordham Health Sciences Library

NBC 5 Health & Fitness Expo

Description: Annual health and fitness expo held at Navy Pier. UIC Medical Center sponsors a booth at the Expo with free medical services information and screenings for the Chicagoland community.

Dates active:

Category: Health and wellness

UIC Partners: Medical Center

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Partners: Chicagoland Cancer Information Coalition (CCIC)
Silver Lining Foundation, A
WMAQ TV

Northeast Illinois Community Food Security Assessment

Description: This proposal describes a large-scale comprehensive and collaborative study of community food security (CFS) in the six-county Chicago area. It arises out of a need expressed at the November 2001 Illinois Food Security Summit for an extensive base-line study of community food security in the Chicago region. The U.S. Conference of Mayors' 2001 Hunger and Homelessness Survey indicates that in the 27 cities studied requests for emergency food assistance rose an average of 23 percent in 2001 (U.S. Conference of Mayors, 2001). Specifics for Chicago, however, are difficult to find, and neither the scope nor the nature of these changes are well documented. The proposed community food security assessment will seek to answer: 1) Who and where are people without adequate and acceptable food? 2) What are the barriers to adequate and acceptable food? and 3) What are the current components and distribution patterns of the existing food system?

Dates active: 07/01/2003 -- 06/30/2006

Category: Services for the disadvantaged
Health and wellness

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Partners: Chicago Area Food Policy Council
Chicago State University

NTA (National Teachers Academy-Professional Development School) – Better Health Care for Youth

Description: Provides an array of health care services to children and families at a school-based clinic, including well child care, vision screening, immunizations, diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic conditions, laboratory testing, crisis intervention and violence prevention, and health education.

Dates active: 2004 -- present

Category: Health and wellness

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Chicago Partnership for Health Promotion (CPHP)
Chicago Public Schools
Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)
Bureau of Primary Health Care
Healthy Start
Illinois Department of Human Services

Oral Health Policy Shaping

Description: Partnership with Chicago Department of Public Health and School of Public Health to influence, shape oral health policy in the City of Chicago

Dates active:

Category: Urban infrastructure improvement
Health and wellness

UIC Partners: Dentistry

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Partners: Chicago Department of Public Health

Pediatric Dentistry Curriculum Development

Description: COD involved in training family practice physicians and development of a pediatric dentistry curriculum with a focus on early childhood diseases

Dates active:

Category: Health and wellness

UIC Partners: Dentistry

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Partners: N/A

Positive Action for Social and Character Development

Description: Significant numbers of students, particularly those living in under-resourced large urban areas, arrive in school lacking the necessary social skills and character needed to succeed academically and to avoid involvement in anti-social behavior. The proposed project will evaluate a comprehensive and standardized program, Positive Action (PA), which includes grade-specific curricula together with school-wide climate change and parent/family components. PA responds to an urgent national need that schools address a range of student outcomes, including social skills and character development, reduced anti-social behavior, and improved achievement.

Dates active: 09/01/2003 -- 08/31/2007

Category: Health and wellness

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Partners: Chicago Public Schools
United States Department of Education

Rapid Anthropological Assessment Procedures for Preventing Childhood Obesity

Description: To modify the RAP manual (Scrimshaw S., Hurtado E. 1987. Rapid Assessment Procedures for Nutrition and Primary Health (RAP) United Nations University/UNICEF/UCLA) for use in addressing childhood obesity in the U.S. In particular, develop a RAP to assess individual and community perceptions of obesity and prevention strategies, to assess "provider" (teachers, health professionals, etc.) attitudes and abilities to work with children and families, and to work with community members and providers to develop and assess intervention strategies. A training component will also be included and tested.

Dates active: 05/01/2004 -- 04/30/2005

Category: Health and wellness

UIC Partners: Public Health

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El Valor

Illinois Department of Human Services

Illinois Healthy Schools Campaign

Otho S. A. Sprague Memorial Institute

Rainbow/PUSH Coalition

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Salud Latina / Latino Health

WIC Program

Regional Medication Safety Initiative

Description: The purpose of the Initiative is to reduce medication related safety issues in the Chicago area. The Initiative determined that a far reaching method of accomplishing this goal was to target community pharmacy, a prevalent area of safety problems, by bringing together key organizations and players to address patient safety issues in community pharmacy. Given the scope and reach of chain pharmacies in the Chicago metropolitan area, and given the frequency and severity of medication-related threats to patient safety, this initiative has the potential to make a significant impact. However, getting several highly competitive chain pharmacies to cooperate will take patience and flexibility in negotiation.

Dates active:

Category: Health and wellness

UIC Partners: Pharmacy

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Partners: Chicago Patient Safety Forum

Michael Reese Health Trust

Risks and Needs of Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Youth in Chicago Public Schools

Description: Uses the 2003 Chicago Youth Risk Behavior Survey to investigate the school experiences and differential risk factors for students who identify as lesbian, gay, or bisexual or who have had same-sex sexual contact.

Dates active: 2005 -- present

Category: Health and wellness
Education innovation

UIC Partners: Education

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Partners: Chicago Public Schools
Department of Specialized Services
Coalition for Education on Sexual Orientation (CESO)

SALUD Public Health Information Pilot Project: Spanish Access to Literature / Uso Directo

Description: The SALUD Public Health Information Pilot Project: Spanish Access to Literature/Us o Directo will train staff at two Chicago Department of Public Health clinics, the Lower West Side Neighborhood Health Center and the South Lawndale Maternal and Child Health Center, to find and use online health care information. It is a collaborative effort by librarians from the Library of the Health Sciences (LHS), nurse educators and student nurses from the College of Nursing. The project team will install computers and printers in the clinics, teach staff to search online databases and other electronic resources, and create a Web site (<http://www.uic.edu/depts/lib/projects/salud/>) with patient education materials in Spanish.

The project will be a model that demonstrates how to develop a cadre of community health nursing students well educated in accessing and evaluating health education materials; to improve patient health education with language-appropriate materials; and to improve access to health information by health care practitioners in the clinics.

Dates active:

Category: Health and wellness

UIC Partners: Nursing
University Library

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Partners: Chicago Department of Public Health

School-Based Health Centers

Description: School Health Centers provide primary healthcare, acute and chronic illness management, nutritional, and health education services to students and families of community schools. Although separately managed, federally funded Health Centers are organized as satellites of Mile Square Health Center. Medical services offered at these centers includes: referral for emergency treatment; routine school and sports physicals; immunizations; medically prescribed lab tests; examination, diagnosis, and treatment of complaints of student-identified pain or illness; ongoing care of existing medical conditions; diagnosis and treatment of STDs; pregnancy testing, prenatal and postpartum examinations; anticipatory guidance for students and primary caretakers; health education and promotion; and nutritional counseling and weight reduction programs.

The Center sites are: National Teacher's Academy (55 W. Cermak Rd. Chicago, Illinois 60616); Smyth Joyner Elementary School (1059 W. 13th St. Chicago, Illinois 60608); and the Young Women's Leadership Charter School/John B. Drake School (2641 S. Calumet Ave. Chicago, Illinois 60616 / 2722 S. King Dr. Chicago, Illinois 60616).

Dates active:

Category: Health and wellness

UIC Partners: Liberal Arts and Sciences
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 Grant Healthcare Foundation
 Illinois Department of Human Services
 March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation
 McKesson Foundation
 Michael Reese Health Trust
 Polk Bros Foundation
 United States Department of Health and Human Services
Bureau of Primary Health Care Foundations
 Visiting Nurse Associations of America

Statewide Community Safety & Reentry Program Working Group

Description: The primary responsibility of the Working Group is to serve as a forum to track the various efforts in Illinois concerning statewide safety and re-entry issues: to share information and to coordinate efforts; create, coordinate and advocate for statewide policy and structural changes to enhance community safety and reduce recidivism. The Working Group will develop a plan to guide statewide policy and program development. The Work Group is further divided up into five subcommittees: 1) Public Safety; 2) Housing; 3) Health and Behavioral Health; 4) Employability, Education and Training; 5) Faith, Family and Community

Dates active: Dec. 2004 -- present

Category: Services for the disadvantaged
 Health and wellness

UIC Partners: Urban Planning and Public Affairs

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Partners: Haymarket Center

Illinois Department of Corrections

Office of the Governor (Illinois)

Pilsen-Little Village Community Mental Health Center, Inc.

Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities (TASC)

Stay-in-Bounds Program

Description: UIC Athletics has adopted Smyth School as our partnership school. Activities are coordinated by the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) and have included donations of candy, money and school supplies at Halloween; arranging for groups of children to attend UIC Athletics home events; and meeting with kids to talk about the importance of education.

Dates active:

Category: Education innovation
 Health and wellness

UIC Partners: Student Affairs, Vice Chancellor for

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Partners: Chicago Public Schools
NCAA CHAMPS/Life Skills Program

Summer Youth Tennis Camp

Description: Sponsored by the Fourth Church Deacons, the tennis camp serves between 30 and 45 children (ages 8 to 16 years) from Cabrini Green daily, who have fun and get good exercise while receiving guidance in playing tennis. UIC provides the use of its tennis courts for this program.

Dates active:

Category: Promotion health and wellness

UIC Partners: Student Affairs, Vice Chancellor for

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Partners: Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago

The University of Illinois at Chicago Series on Issues in Children's and Families' Lives

Description: Book series addressing personal, social, and environmental factors that contribute to problem behaviors as well as to positive, pro-social outcomes for children. Books in the series describe research-based, interdisciplinary approaches to prevention and the promotion of children's well-being.

Dates active: 1997 -- present

Category: Health and wellness

UIC Partners: Liberal Arts and Sciences

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Partners:

UIC Children's Center

Description: The Children's Center provides community outreach through off campus childcare referrals, professional development workshops for other universities and childcare programs, student teacher supervision for other universities, and providing observation/practicum experiences for students.

Dates active: 1972 -- present

Category: Health and wellness
Undergraduate support

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Partners: Columbia College Chicago

Midwestern University

Roosevelt University

UIC Flames Summer Camps

Description: Summer camps provide an opportunity for sport skill instruction, learning strategic aspects of the sport, and practice working as effective team members.

Dates active:

Category: Health and wellness

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Partners: adidas-Salomon AG

UICNI Community Mental Health Program--Student Therapeutic and Resource Services (STARS) Program

Description: The UICNI Community Mental Health Program is a school based intervention serving Chicago Public School students. The Student Therapeutic and Resource Services Program or STARS provides age appropriate, culturally and contextually relevant services to children and families. The program is designed such that children are engaged in a supportive relationship that enables them to talk about fears, worries, anxieties and other manifestations of behavioral and mental health problems that might otherwise be misinterpreted or go unnoticed.

Dates active:

Category: Health and wellness

UIC Partners: Medical Center

Medicine

Urban Planning and Public Affairs

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Partners: Illinois Department of Human Services

United States Department of Health and Human Services

Bureau of Primary Health Care

University of Illinois at Chicago Cancer Center

Description: The University of Illinois Cancer Center brings together researchers, physicians and scientists from various disciplines and throughout its campuses to study and improve the care, prevention and treatment of cancer. This is achieved by promoting collaborative research activities including basic, clinical, prevention and control studies, providing education and training for healthcare professionals, as well as outreach activities with the University of Illinois community and region. Center members include faculty from the colleges of Dentistry, Applied Health Sciences, Liberal Arts and Sciences, Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy and the School of Public Health.

Dates active:

Category: Health and wellness

UIC Partners: Medicine

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Partners:

Violence Prevention for Vulnerable Youth

Description: Works with school districts in Illinois to reduce lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender violence and victimization through comprehensive staff development, networking with community organizations, and advocacy; evaluates both the process and outcomes of the work.

Dates active: 2003 -- 2005

Category: Health and wellness
Education innovation

UIC Partners: Education

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Partners: Coalition for Education on Sexual Orientation (CESO)

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Virtual Reality in Medicine Laboratory (VRMedLab)

Description: "Working with UIC's Electronic Visualization Lab (EVL), developers of the CAVE, ImmersaDesk and PARIS technology, we focus on collaborative biomedical virtual reality applications. Our international high-performance networking connectivity, combined with one of the largest academic health sciences centers in the world and our computer visualization experts enables the VRMedLab to advance biomedical research, education and communication."

Dates active: 1997 -- present

Category: Biotechnology
Health and wellness

UIC Partners: Applied Health Sciences

Engineering

Medical Center

Medicine

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Partners: Advanced Visualization Lab (AVL)

Argonne National Laboratory

Edward Hines Veterans Administration Hospital

John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital of Cook County

Laser Modeling, Inc.

Loyola University Medical Center

National Institutes of Health

National Library of Medicine