

Great Cities Commitment Programs at UIC

Healthcare for At-Risk Populations

Adverse Pregnancy Outcomes Reporting System (APORS) Case Management Services

Description: This program provides supportive home care services to families of infants at risk of an adverse outcome due to perinatal problems, including:

- birth weight of less than 1500 grams
- positive urine toxicology/drug withdrawal in newborn
- birth defects
- serious congenital infections
- endocrine, metabolic or immune disorder
- blood disorder

Families receive home visits by a nurse and community worker team for up to 2 years through the APORS program. In addition to medical services, advocacy, assistance in gaining access to health care resources and health education, families receive assistance in designing an individual plan to enhance the development of children at risk of developmental delay. Program staff work with university, city, and community agencies to insure that families have access to resources designed specifically for infants with special needs.

Dates active: 2002 -- ?

Category: Healthcare for at-risk populations

UIC Partners: Medical Center
Urban Planning and Public Affairs

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Partners: Chicago Department of Public Health
Illinois Department of Human Services

AFC Needle Exchange Program (HIV Prevention)

Description: The Community Outreach Intervention Projects (COIP) of the School of Public Health, University of Illinois at Chicago requests funding to provide syringe exchange. Specifically, the funds will be used to ensure syringe exchange is offered on the West Side five days per week, 6.5 - 7 hours per day. This program will be accompanied by other HIV prevention and treatment services. We provide street outreach; risk reduction and drug abuse counseling; syringe exchange; counseling and testing for HIV, hepatitis, and syphilis; vaccination for hepatitis B; case management; free onsite medical care for persons living with HIV; housing assistance; support groups; and referral to off-site services such as drug treatment. We provide the only NEP in Austin and the Lower West Side. In the North Lawndale community area where our motor home provides needle exchange at two sites, CRA operates an NEP at Kolmar just north of 16th (near Cicero) 1 day per week, two hours per day. CRA also operates an NEP in West Garfield 1 day per week, two hours per day. Genesis House conducts outreach to sex workers in most of these areas.

Dates active: 03/01/1999 -- 06/30/2006

Category: Healthcare for at-risk populations

UIC Partners: Public Health

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Partners: AIDS Foundation of Chicago
Chicago Department of Public Health

AIDS Book Review Journal

Description: An electronic journal reviewing books, videos, journal titles, and other materials covering AIDS, safer sex, and sexually transmitted diseases, published irregularly by the University of Illinois at Chicago Library. Available online and by email subscription.

Dates active: 1993 -- present

Category: Healthcare for at-risk populations
Undergraduate support

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Partners: N/A

Asthma and Demolition in Chicago Public Housing

Description: Inner city residents living in public housing are at increased risk for asthma morbidity and mortality. Cities in the US are demolishing public housing developments. This may increase local concentrations of airborne particulate matter. The impact of this on asthma severity has not been studied. The proposed project is a panel study that will evaluate the impact of housing demolition on asthma severity of nearby public housing residents. The exposure will be characterized by environmental sampling. Health effects studied will be asthma symptoms, peak expiratory flow rate, and exhaled nitric oxide, an indicator of pulmonary inflammation. In order to determine the health effects of the particulate matter exposure, potential confounders and effect modifiers such as ambient air pollutants, pollen counts, and meteorological factors will be considered in a time-series analysis.

Dates active: 05/02/2002 -- 03/31/2007

Category: Healthcare for at-risk populations

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Partners: ABLA Homes Local Advisory Council

Grand Boulevard Federation

National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS)

West Side Future YMCA

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

UIC Partners: Medicine

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Partners:

Center for Integrated Health Care (IHC)

Description: IHC is a community-based academic nursing center where advanced practice nursing faculty provide primary and mental health care services to people with chronic mental illness, teach nursing students and have opportunities for research.

Dates active:

Category: Healthcare for at-risk populations

UIC Partners: Medicine

Nursing

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Partners: Chicago Partnership for Health Promotion (CPHP)

Thresholds Psychiatric Rehabilitation Center

William H. Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine

Center for Reducing Risks in Vulnerable Populations (CRRVP) Multiethnic Emphasis Core

Description: Through this Core, we will develop the infrastructure to facilitate research with ethnic minorities by nurturing community partnerships and preparing culturally competent nurse researchers. The specific aims are as follows:

- 1) Expand the capacity to conduct community collaborative, multiethnic research addressing issues related to health disparities among vulnerable groups, usually attributable to age, gender, ethnicity, and socioeconomic status;
- 2) Optimize recruitment and retention of multiethnic research participants, particularly Black and Hispanic Americans who are most at risk for health disparities;
- 3) Foster the development of culturally sensitive, tailored, individual group or system interventions;
- 4) Build collaborative community relationships by maintaining and expanding the multiethnic community-based advisory board of experts.

Dates active:

Category: Healthcare for at-risk populations

UIC Partners: Nursing

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Partners: Austin Health Center (Cook County)

Circle Family Care

Evanston Health and Human Resources Department

Healthcare Consortium of Illinois

National Institute of Nursing Research

National Institutes of Health

Centers for Population Health and Health Disparities

Description: This Center has four aims:

- 1) to use the elements of the Berkman and Glass model to address the disparity that we have defined as the center's theme, "The Apparent Disconnect between Rates of Screening and the Stage of Diagnosis of Breast Cancer by Race and Ethnicity." The "disconnect" arises because African American women and Hispanic women increasingly report receiving mammography at rates equivalent to those reported by Caucasian women. Yet, African American and Hispanic women continue to experience higher breast cancer mortality rates compared to Caucasian women;
- 2) to develop this model and the variables to the point where it can be tested with breast cancer and then eventually, be extended to other cancers where similar disparities exist;
- 3) to develop the capacity to conduct multidisciplinary research that addresses the biological, behavioral, social and environmental factors that affect prognosis and outcome of cancer;
- 4) to demonstrate through a sustainable partnership with one or more community-based organizations the use of theory-driven interventions which, if shown to be successful, can be integrated into the way in which cancer is detected and managed in the community.

Dates active: 09/30/2003 -- 08/31/2008

Category: Healthcare for at-risk populations

UIC Partners: Public Health
Urban Planning and Public Affairs

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Partners: Access Community Health Network
American Cancer Society, Inc.
Centro Comunitario Juan Diego
Chicago Department of Public Health
Greater Roseland Health District
Healthcare Consortium of Illinois
John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital of Cook County
John Hopkins University School of Public Health
Mount Sinai Hospital
National Cancer Institute
Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences
Rush University
Section on Community Health and Social Medicine
Rush University Medical Center
University of Texas School of Public Health
Division of Health Promotion; Behavioral Science Center for Health Promotion and Prevention Research

Chicago Health Corps

Description: Each year the CHC recruits and trains Corps Members who are placed in selected community sites that offer Primary Health Care (PHC) services to Chicago's underserved families and communities. Corps Members provide a combination of outreach, health education, home visitations and case management services to address unmet health needs identified by the community, including enhancing access of uninsured individuals to appropriate healthcare. The program strengthens Members' commitment to an ethic of service by providing hands-on, front line experiences.

Dates active: 1994 -- present

Category: Healthcare for at-risk populations
Services for the disadvantaged

UIC Partners: Nursing

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Partners: AmeriCorps

Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

Illinois Health Education Consortium

Lloyd A. Fry Foundation

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

UIC Partners: Medicine

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Partners: National Institute of Mental Health

Office on AIDS

William T. Grant Foundation

Faculty Scholar Program

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

UIC Partners: Social Work

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Partners:

Advocate Trinity Hospital

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

Child and Family Development Center (CFDC)

Description: CFDC provides citywide developmental and therapeutic intervention services to infants/toddlers with identified disabilities in their homes, at the Center, and in the community. CFDC uses family-centered practices with culturally responsive materials and strategies. CFDC also prepares professionals to support young children with special needs and their families, and conducts research on issues that affect the children and families served by the center.

Dates active: 1970 -- present

Category: Rehabilitation and disability studies
Healthcare for at-risk populations

UIC Partners: Education

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Partners: Illinois Department of Human Services

Childhood Asthma Initiative

Description: The School of Public Health will train parents of children with asthma to serve as peer educators and community health workers for other families of children with the disease. The School will use its established asthma peer health educator training program for this purpose. (FY 05)

Dates active: 07/01/2004 -- 06/30/2005

Category: Healthcare for at-risk populations

UIC Partners: Public Health

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Partners: Illinois Department of Human Services

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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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 Intervention Trial for Youth (CITY)

Description: To stop the alarming increase of HIV-infection rates among gay and bisexual African American men, UIC's Community Intervention trial for Youth (CITY) is collaborating with several community-based agencies to launch marketing campaign aimed at encouraging safe sex.

Dates active:

Category: Healthcare for at-risk populations

UIC Partners: Liberal Arts and Sciences

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Partners: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Chicago Department of Public Health
Office of Lesbian and Gay Health
Howard Brown Health Center

Community Outreach and Intervention Projects (COIP)

Description: Community Outreach Intervention Projects (COIP) currently serve neighborhoods across Chicago and its suburbs with an array of public health interventions and research studies. The staff of over seventy members includes researchers, service providers, administrators, student assistants, and volunteers. Five storefront field stations, a motor home, and a mobile van unit form the base for COIP's operations. COIP's interventions are known for their use of the Indigenous Leader Outreach Model, which employs members of targeted populations to deliver community-based services. Among the services offered at COIP's sites are: street outreach; prevention education, counseling and testing addressing HIV, hepatitis, syphilis and other infectious diseases common among impoverished and substance-abusing populations; case management; syringe exchange; drug abuse counseling; and free medical care for persons living with HIV.

Dates active: 1986 -- present

Category: Healthcare for at-risk populations

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Partners: N/A

Community-Based Dental Education Program

Description: One of the goals of the College of Dentistry (COD) is to prepare an oral health care workforce that is competent and committed to addressing the oral health needs of vulnerable and underserved populations and to play its part in eliminating health disparities. The COD engages all fourth year dental students in service-learning experiences in community-based clinics in Chicago and other areas of Illinois including Aurora, Rockford and Lake County. These experiences are integral to a requisite and for-credit course, DADM 325. through which students provide care to the underserved urban, rural, and special needs populations including children, developmentally disabled, HIV positive and geriatrics patients.. As a product of the College's curriculum restructuring each fourth year dental student will be engaged in community-based education and service-learning experiences for at least 60 days, commencing in 2006.

Dates active:

Category: Healthcare for at-risk populations
Undergraduate support

UIC Partners: Dentistry

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Boys and Girls Clubs of Chicago

Robert R. McCormick Club and Child Care

Community Health Partnership (Aurora)

Crusader Clinic

Infant Welfare Society of Chicago

Lake County (IL) Department of Health

Dept. Clinic

Lawndale Christian Health Center

Milestone Dental Clinic

Northwest Community Healthcare

Oak Park/River Forest Infant Welfare Society

Spang Center for Oral Health

United Food and Commercial Workers Union (UFCW)

UFCW Union Medical Center Dental Clinic

DASA 2005 Counseling and Testing

Description: The purpose of the program are to provide appropriate test decision (pre-test) counseling for HIV and AIDS; provide testing for HIV and AIDS, including tests to confirm the presence of the disease, to diagnose the extent of the deficiency in the immune system and to provide information on appropriate therapeutic measures for preventing and treating conditions related to the disease; provide appropriate follow-up and post-test counseling delivered at the site where the individuals are receiving substance abuse treatment; provide counselor training for HIV Counseling and Testing; identify people who are substance abusers, to convey information concerning HIV transmission, assist clients in personalizing risk assessment and provide continuing reinforcement to sustain behavioral change and encourage the adoption of increasingly effective risk reduction measures over time.

Dates active: 07/01/2004 -- 06/30/2005

Category: Healthcare for at-risk populations

UIC Partners: Public Health

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Partners: Illinois Department of Human Services

Division of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse

Evaluation: Healthy Start/Southeast Chicago

Description: The Healthy Start Southeast Chicago program is designed to eliminate perinatal disparities by improving the health of high risk women and their infants and to avoid future adverse pregnancy outcomes.

Dates active: 09/01/1998 -- 01/30/2006

Category: Healthcare for at-risk populations

UIC Partners: Public Health

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Partners: Chicago Family Health Center

Healthcare Consortium of Illinois

TCA Health, Inc.

Evelyn Goldberg Respite Center

Description: The Center, housed at UIC Medical Center, serves as a haven and informational resource hub for individuals battling cancer. The Center's goal is to empower individuals to actively participate in their health care decision making by improving understanding of treatment options, encouraging dialogue between patient and provider, and providing assistance in navigating the healthcare system.

Dates active: Oct. 2004 -- present

Category: Healthcare for at-risk populations

UIC Partners: Medical Center

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Partners: Chicagoland Cancer Information Coalition (CCIC)

Silver Lining Foundation, A

First Episode Psychosis Clinic Program

Description: The First Episode Psychosis Clinic provides comprehensive assessment and treatment to individuals who are for the first time experiencing psychotic symptoms such as hearing voices, feeling unreasonably suspicious, or having unusual beliefs. Eligibility for this clinical program is restricted to those who have not experienced such problems before their current episode of illness.

Dates active:

Category: Healthcare for at-risk populations

UIC Partners: Medical Center

Medicine

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Partners: Columbia College Chicago
Roosevelt University

Fogarty UIC AIDS International Training & Research Program (UIC-AITRP)

Description: UIC's AITRP is designed to build long-term scientific capacities that help to address the AIDS epidemic in Chile, China, Indonesia, and Malawi. It involves collaboration between the UIC School of Public Health, the UIC College of Nursing, and key institutional partners in the targeted countries.

Dates active: 9/29/00 – 9/28/05

Category: Global healthcare
Healthcare for at-risk populations
International collaborations

UIC Partners: Nursing
Public Health

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China AIDS Foundation in Beijing
Great Lakes Center for AIDS Research
John E. Fogarty International Center
National Institute of Nursing Research
National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)
Program for Appropriate Technology in Health (PATH)
Shanghai University
University of Indonesia
Center for Health Research

Great Lakes Addiction Technology Transfer Center (GLATTC)

Description: GLATTC is a collaborative multi-state center that promotes: 1) state-of-the-art addiction science and the infusion of that science into professional practice, using on-going needs-assessment processes to remain responsive to the fields; and 2) effective partnership between addiction treatment and criminal justice professionals, healthcare, academia, and state and local governments.

GLATTC's mission is to make effective, culturally competent research-based treatment services available to people with substance abuse disorders, through research to practice activities for the professionals, trainers, and educators who serve them. GLATTC is based in the Jane Addams College of Social Work.

Dates active: 1998 -- present

Category: Healthcare for at-risk populations
Urban infrastructure improvement

UIC Partners: Social Work

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Administrative Office of Illinois Courts
City of Detroit, MI
Compass House
Cuyahoga County (OH) Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Agency
Genesee County (Michigan) Behavioral Health Network
Healthcare Alternative Services
Human Resources Development Institute, Inc. (HRDI)
Illinois Department of Corrections
Illinois Department of Human Services
Division of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse
Indiana Family and Social Services Administration
Department of Mental Health and Addictions
Maryhaven, Inc.
Michigan Department of Community Health
Office of Drug Control Policy
Nietzsche Center
Northern Illinois Chemical Dependency Services
Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services
Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction
Pilsen-Little Village Community Mental Health Center, Inc.
Specialized Assistance Services NFP
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities (TASC)
Wisconsin Bureau of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services
Wisconsin Department of Corrections

Health Care Needs of Addicted Criminal Offenders

Description: A 5-year research project designed to illuminate health care needs, consequences and utilization among a sample of currently or formerly incarcerated persons.

Dates active: 1998 -- 2003

Category: Healthcare for at-risk populations
Services for the disadvantaged

UIC Partners: Urban Planning and Public Affairs

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Partners: Cermak Health Services of Cook County
Cook County Department of Corrections
Illinois Department of Corrections
National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)
Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities (TASC)

HIV and the Sexual Networks of IDU's and Drug-Using MSM

Description: The proposed five-year study focuses on injection drug users (IDUs) and drug-using men who have sex with men (MSM) to examine the sexual diffusion of HIV within and across drug-using population subgroups and to non-drug using and non-MSM populations. Our approach combines behavioral epidemiology, two-types of social network analyses with strong geographic mapping components [including the ability to link geographic location with local socio-economic and health data], mathematical modeling, and biologic testing for HIV, hepatitis B (HBV) and C (HCV), syphilis, chlamydia and gonorrhea.

Dates active: 09/30/2003 -- 09/29/2008

Category: Healthcare for at-risk populations

UIC Partners: Public Health

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Partners: National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)

HIV Prevention 2005

Description: Young injection drug users are at high risk for HIV infection and transmission. This project provides an HIV prevention intervention for adult IDUs 24 years old and younger in Chicago. Services include street outreach, needle exchange and an individual-level behavioral intervention. The intervention is provided on the North Side, South Side and West Side of Chicago.

Dates active: 01/01/2005 -- 12/31/2006

Category: Healthcare for at-risk populations

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Partners: Campaign for a Drug Free Westside
Chicago Department of Public Health
Chicago Health Outreach
Hektoen Institute for Medical Research

Illinois Public Health and Corrections Task Force

Description: Brings together practitioners, researchers, and community activists to address issues relating to the health of incarcerated and those re-entering society.

Dates active:

Category: Healthcare for at-risk populations
Services for the disadvantaged

UIC Partners: Urban Planning and Public Affairs

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Cermak Health Services of Cook County
Chicago Department of Public Health
Cook County Department of Corrections
CORE Center

Illinois Department of Corrections
Illinois Department of Public Health
National Commission on Correctional Health Care

ImpacTeen

Description: ImpacTeen is an interdisciplinary partnership of nationally recognized substance abuse experts with specialties in such areas as economics, etiology, epidemiology, law, political science, public policy, psychology, and sociology. Project teams evaluate the effectiveness of prevention programs and policies in reducing youth substance use and abuse

Dates active: 1999 (?) -- present

Category: Healthcare for at-risk populations

UIC Partners: Public Health

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Partners: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Improving Health Experiences and Access to Health Services for Women with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

Description: Collaborative Chicago-area research and training project addressing health disparities and perceived health issues of women with developmental disabilities. Helps women with disabilities to understand and articulate their own health concerns, and trains local agency staff and health professionals to work with women with developmental disabilities in developing increased access to appropriate health services.

Dates active:

Category: Rehabilitation and disability studies
Healthcare for at-risk populations

UIC Partners: Applied Health Sciences

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Partners: Chicago Arc

El Valor

Northwestern University

Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago

United States Department of Education

National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research

Institute for Juvenile Research

Description: IJR, established in 1909 and transferred to UIC in 1990, was the first child guidance clinic and the second organized psychology training program in the nation. It was also one of the first sites for training child psychiatrists.

Today, IJR remains a vital part of the Chicago community and a major research and training center for children's mental health. The Institute comprises more than 35 faculty and 65 professional staff engaged in a broad spectrum of research, demonstration and training. Programs address pressing issues such as HIV risk, access to effective school services, epidemiology of drug abuse, services for families in the child welfare system, and training of child mental health providers. The Institute also

offers child psychiatry clinical services and training programs in child psychiatry, psychology and social work.

Dates active: 1990 -- present

Category: Healthcare for at-risk populations

UIC Partners: Medicine

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Partners:

Institute for Tuberculosis Research

Description: Specializes in advanced research and new drug discovery and delivery in the combat against TB

Dates active: 1980s -- present

Category: Biotechnology
Healthcare for at-risk populations

UIC Partners: Pharmacy

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Partners: Various

Integrated Health Care at Thresholds

Description: This project is a collaborative partnership between the UIC College of Nursing and Thresholds, a Psychiatric Rehabilitation Center. The purpose of the project is to deliver primary health care services to a population of chronically mentally ill adults that attend Thresholds programs. Studies have shown that persons with chronic mental illness have higher rates of physical health problems than the general population and have difficulty accessing health care services. This project proposes to address this problem by developing a model of care that brings health care services to the community setting where persons with chronic mental illness are comfortable in and have access to. Two nurse managed centers are located within the context of Thresholds buildings. A team of Family Nurse Practitioners and Psychiatric Clinical Nurse Specialists, who are on faculty at the College of Nursing, provide comprehensive primary health care services that are tailored to the specific needs of this vulnerable population. The centers also serve as excellent clinical experiences for both the undergraduate and graduate nursing students. The project began in March 1998 and the advanced practice nurses have seen over 900 adults and children for a total of over 10,000 visits in the first 4 years.

Dates active: 1998 -- present

Category: Healthcare for at-risk populations

UIC Partners: Medicine

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Partners: Chicago Community Trust

Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

Division of Nursing

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Thresholds Psychiatric Rehabilitation Center

Jane Addams Substance Abuse Research Collaboration (JASARC)

Description: JASARC provides a structure and support for the substance abuse research program at the Jane Addams College of Social Work, upholding the College's mission to promote social, racial and economic justice. This multi-disciplinary collaboration conducts research on drugs, women and the criminal justice system with particular attention to the impact of drugs and the societal response to drugs on women and their children and families.

Dates active: 04/01/2003 -- 03/31/2008

Category: Healthcare for at-risk populations
Services for the disadvantaged

UIC Partners: Social Work

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Cook County Adult Probation Department

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Healthcare Alternative Services

Heartland Alliance

Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority

Lake County (IL) Department of Health

Mental Health Services

National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)

National Institutes of Health

North Lawndale Employment Network

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Reclaiming Futures Initiative

Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities (TASC)

Women's Treatment Center (TWTC)

Youth Outreach Services, Inc.

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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Partners: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)
Maternal and Child Health Unit

Medicare Part D Activities

Description: JoAnn Stubbings, RPh, MCHA, and pharmacy students including Scott Siegert have helped University of Illinois medical Center at Chicago patients who are senior citizens to enroll for Medicare prescription drug discount cards and now are working with these and other patients to determine what plan to select as their provider for Medicare Part D drug benefits. Professor Stubbings is working on a program to educate Medical Center health professionals about Medicare Part D. She has been working closely with Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services personnel (e.g., Gregory Dill, PharmD) on these projects.

Dates active: 2004 -- present

Category: Healthcare for at-risk populations
Geriatric empowerment

UIC Partners: Pharmacy

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Partners: United States Department of Health and Human Services
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Management

Medication Monitoring and Safety in Older Adults

Description: Community-based education program. Professors and students visit residents of senior citizen communities to record as well as discuss and advise individuals about the fears and misconceptions many older adults have regarding immunizations.

College of Pharmacy faculty and students work with elderly patients from 10 different ethnic groups who have English as their second language or do not speak English. Work with patients to understand how to take their medications appropriately, monitor for drug interactions and adverse effects, and how to interact with their physicians to ask questions.

Dates active: 2000 -- present

Category: Geriatric empowerment
Healthcare for at-risk populations

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Partners: Suburban Area Agency on Aging

Medication Therapy Management Program

Description: Program provided by the UIC College of Pharmacy/University of Illinois Medical Center at Chicago Ambulatory Care Pharmacy to better care for Medicaid patients and others who need extra care in how to use their medications appropriately. These individuals in many cases are elderly or have medical conditions that interfere with their ability to understand and use their medications appropriately. Most patients are on 10 or more medications.

Dates active:

Category: Healthcare for at-risk populations
Geriatric empowerment

UIC Partners: Medical Center
Pharmacy

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Partners: N/A

Midwest AIDS Training and Education Center (MATEC)

Description: MATEC's mission is to increase the number of health care providers who are effectively educated and motivated to prevent, diagnose, treat and manage HIV infection. MATEC is based at the University of Illinois at Chicago in the Jane Addams College of Social Work. MATEC provides training and information services through seven local sites in seven states including Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, and Wisconsin. Each is charged with developing training and information services to meet the needs of their area.

Dates active:

Category: Healthcare for at-risk populations

UIC Partners: Social Work

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American Indian Health and Family Services (MI)
Association of Nurses in AIDS Care
Chicago Chapter
Center for Conflict Resolution
Chicago Department of Public Health
Christian Community Health Center
Clarian Health Partners (IN)
Cook County Physicians Association
CORE Center
Health Care Education and Training, Inc.
Health Research and Education Trust
Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)
Heartland Health Alliance
Hektoen Institute for Medical Research
Howard Brown Health Center
Illinois Department of Public Health

Indianapolis Urban League
La Clinica (MN)
Luck Care Center
Michael Reese Hospital and Medical Center
HIV Clinic
Milwaukee Health Services, Inc.
National Association of AIDS Education and Training Centers
National Association on HIV Over Fifty
Northwestern University
Feinberg School of Medicine
Proteus, Inc.
Southside Health Association
Spang Center for Oral Health
Test Positive Aware Network (TPAN)
Training Resources Network, Inc.
University of Iowa
College of Public Health
University of Minnesota
School of Public Health
University of Missouri--Kansas City
School of Nursing
University of Wisconsin
Medical School
Wayne State University
School of Medicine

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 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

Positive Attitudes for Learning in Schools (PALS)

Description: PALS is a collaborative school-based program that uses an ecological model to identify ways to increase children's learning in the classroom and to improve the involvement of children's parents. The ecological perspective emphasizes the need for least-restrictive, group administered services, that are flexible and individualized across the multiple contexts for children's behavior, and that integrate into ongoing school routines and resources. The PALS team consists of the classroom teacher, a parent hired by the project, and a mental health provider who work collaboratively guided by a manualized treatment that proceeds in four phases: engagement of key constituents in urban schools, development of collaborative partnerships among PALS team members, systematic assessment of ecological classroom contexts, and delivery of empirically-based services. Participants are children in kindergarten through fifth grades from 3 Near West Side Chicago public schools selected for participation if identified by their teacher and parent as exhibiting disruptive behavior at school and home, and their parent or guardian provides permission to participate in the project. Classrooms are randomly assigned to receive PALS or clinic-based mental health services at the Institute for Juvenile Research.

Dates active:

Category: Education innovation
Healthcare for at-risk populations

UIC Partners: Medicine

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Partners: Chicago Public Schools

Community Mental Health Council, Inc.

National Institute of Mental Health

Prenatal Diagnosis Study

Description: UIC researchers are developing a powerful new prenatal diagnostic technique for detecting genetic abnormalities in the DNA of fetal blood cells found in the mother's bloodstream. As part of this study, researchers will also investigate a technique for identifying defects in individual genes within the chromosomes.

Dates active:

Category: Healthcare for at-risk populations

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Partners: National Institutes of Health

Preventing Breast and Cervical Cancer: Awareness and Education for Latinas

Description: Latinos are the largest ethnic minority in the US and the fastest growing nationally and in Illinois. For many health conditions Latinos suffer from disparities, with poorer access to services and worse outcomes than whites. Breast and cervical cancer are two life-threatening diseases for which there are significant disparities in health outcomes for Latinas. Higher mortality rates in Latinas are related to poorer screening behaviors and later detection, indicating that scientifically sound approaches to improved screening may improve health outcomes.

This project addresses the high priority research hypothesis: Can culturally and linguistically appropriate health education curricula increase levels of breast and cervical cancer knowledge and self-management behavior among Latinas in Illinois? Curricula will be tested in both urban (Year 1) and rural (Year 2) settings. In Year 3, two dissemination strategies will be tested to determine relative effectiveness.

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

Category: Healthcare for at-risk populations

UIC Partners: Public Health

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Illinois Public Health Association

Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation

Schools And Families Educating Children (SAFE Children)

Description: The primary aim of this study is to test a family-based comprehensive preventive intervention with children living in inner-city Chicago and entering first grade for effects on key risk markers for later drug and other substance use.

Dates active:

Category: Healthcare for at-risk populations

UIC Partners: Medicine

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Partners: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

United States Department of Health and Human Services

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Tailored Intervention to Increase MI Symptom Recognition

Description: Patient delay prior to seeking treatment for acute myocardial infarction (AMI) symptoms is the major factor limiting the ability to use reperfusion treatments to limit morbidity and mortality. African Americans are at particular risk for longer delays. Lack of knowledge is not the reason why patients delay, rather patients seem to have an image of AMI symptoms that is not consistent with their experience. The purpose of this pilot investigation is two-fold: The first purpose is to develop a computerized tailored educational program for African American men about the risk factors for cardiovascular disease (CVD), the symptoms associated with AMI, and the actions to take when experiencing the symptoms of AMI. The second purpose of this investigation is to examine the effectiveness of this computerized tailored educational program in improving African American men's knowledge and identification of AMI symptoms, risk factors and actions to take if symptoms are experienced compared to a usual care group.

Dates active:

Category: Healthcare for at-risk populations

UIC Partners: Nursing

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Partners: National Institute of Nursing Research

TCE/HIV Outreach Prevention for Southeast Chicago

Description: The proposal uses street outreach, case management, and rapid HIV testing to reduce HIV transmission and the number of persons infected with HIV who are unaware of their serostatus and not receiving appropriate care.
The project will be guided and evaluated according to the following goals and objectives:
* Goal 1: Reduce HIV high-risk practices in targeted populations.
* Goal 2: Increase the number of high-risk persons who are counseled and tested for HIV, the proportion of HIV-positive persons who learn their test results, and - of those who are HIV-positive - who obtain appropriate medical care and supportive services.
* Goal 3: Facilitate access to drug treatment, mental health, and other psycho-social and medical services that support healthier lifestyles.

Dates active: 09/30/2003 -- 09/29/2008

Category: Healthcare for at-risk populations

UIC Partners: Public Health

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Partners: Alliance for Community Empowerment

Chicago Department of Public Health

Hektoen Institute for Medical Research

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Twelve Step Recovery and HIV Risk

Description: The use of methamphetamine by men who have sex with men, from being a West Coast phenomenon, is becoming a serious problem in urban areas across the country and is highly correlated with HIV transmission. This study explores the effect of involvement in community-based Crystal Meth Anonymous (CMA) on reducing risky sexual behavior. These programs are more like social movements than formal treatment programs, and the current study is being conducted in collaboration with these programs. Through semistructured interviews and ethnographic observation, the study explores mechanisms behind the association between program involvement and reduction in high HIV risk sexual behavior. Eighty program participants are being interviewed during the first three months of their attendance in CMA, and reinterviewed six months later. We focus on CMA due to the lack of studies of this program despite a pressing need for specialized treatment for methamphetamine users. Where drug/alcohol use is associated with HIV risk behavior, the study will document that 12 step groups are an important referral resource for clinicians dealing with HIV.

Dates active:

Category: Healthcare for at-risk populations

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National Institutes of Health

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