



HEALTH AND WELLNESS

25th Ward Youth Soccer Program

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.

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1995—present

Adherence to Walking: Strategies for Midlife Minority Women

The purpose of this study is to test a 48-week home-based walking intervention for low-income midlife (45-65 years) African American (AA) women. To increase their walking activity, women are taught behavior strategies tailored to their community and personal characteristics.

The women are recruited from Westside Chicago low-income communities surrounding two health centers where heart disease is among the highest in the city. Women are assigned to one of the two health centers to receive either the test or comparison intervention. Subjects include 240 sedentary women who have no major signs or symptoms of heart or blood vessel disease; no history of heart attack, stroke, or diabetes; and are not on certain heart or blood pressure medications. Women (both treatments) are oriented to the walking prescription, which is moderate intensity over a minimum of three 30-minute sessions per week. For the 24-week active phase, women in the test group attend workshops at the health centers to learn community-focused strategies as delivered by community workers and via follow-up telephone calls. For a 24-week maintenance phase, women receive phone calls monthly or bimonthly. Both treatment groups self-monitor their performance by wearing heart rate monitors, writing in exercise-logs and reporting via a telephone voice response system.

The aims of the project are (1) to describe how the intervention changes adherence-enhancing factors (social influence, interpersonal characteristics-cognition, attitude and motivation) and health-status outcomes (cardiovascular [CV] health and symptoms); (2) to compare women receiving this intervention to women receiving a more standardized intervention; and (3) to identify the relationships among adherence-enhancing factors, exercise adherence indicators, and health-status outcomes

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National Institute of Nursing Research

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(see also *Healthcare for At-Risk Populations*)

Ambulatory Pharmacy Services

Pharmaceutical care and services are provided to patients, faculty, students and staff by UIC College of Pharmacy faculty in the UIMCC.

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American Diabetes Association Walk

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

Partners:

UIC Pharmacy
American Diabetes Association
Illinois Council of Health-System Pharmacists
Illinois Pharmacists Association
Walgreen Company

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American Heart Association Heart Walk

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.

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American Lung Association Influenza Immunization Efforts

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 on Aging Regional Centers during fall months.

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American Lung Association
Illinois Council of Health-System Pharmacists

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2003—present

Blood Exposure and Primary Prevention in the Home Care Workplace

The proposed research is designed to further understand the risk of blood exposure among workers employed in home care/home health care, and to develop, implement and evaluate the effectiveness of intervention strategies designed for the primary prevention of blood exposure. The project will include surveys of Registered Nurses (RNs) Certified Nurse Assistants (CNAs) and Home Care Workers (HCWs) working in the home environment; as well as a phone survey of directors of home care agencies in the states of Maryland and Illinois. The intervention will be developed and implemented in partnership with union members, their local union representatives, educational experts at the Academy for Educational Development and researchers at the University of Illinois, Chicago School of Public Health and the University of Maryland School of Nursing.

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(see also *Industry Partnerships*)

Brain Body Center

The Brain-Body Center's mission is to translate neurobiological principles into the treatment of individuals with social communication and social relationship problems. The Center draws together neuroscientists, endocrinologists, neuroanatomists, neurobiologists, psychiatrists, and psychologists who are interested in the neurobiological mechanisms of social behavior, behavioral pathology, developmental disorders, and emotional regulation.

Team members conduct research aimed at understanding the interdependence between the nervous system and social behavior. In addition to the dissemination of research findings through traditional professional vehicles, such as peer-reviewed articles, conferences, and workshops, the Center is working to develop teaching and training modules for clinicians and scientists that will describe new paradigms relating neural processes to social behavior.

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(see also *Biotechnology*)

CAN-DO (Chicago AIDS Network Dental Outreach)

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 sixty days.

Partners:

UIC Dentistry	Lawndale Christian Health Center
Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center	Milestone Dental Clinic
Boys and Girls Clubs of Chicago	Northwest Community Healthcare
Cermak Health Services of Cook County	Oak Park/River Forest Infant Welfare Society
Community Health Partnership of Illinois	Robert R. McCormick Club and Child Care
Crusader Clinic	Salud y Paz
Edward Hines Veterans Administration Hospital	Spang Center for Oral Health
Erie Family Health Center	United Food and Commercial Workers Union (UFCW)
Infant Welfare Society of Chicago	UFCW Union Medical Center Dental Clinic
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Dates Active:

2006—present
(see also *Healthcare for At-Risk Populations*)

Center for Botanical Dietary Supplement Research in Women's Health

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.

Partners:

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

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Dates Active:

1999—present

Center for Clinical Translational Science

The Center for Clinical Translational Services (CCTS) will facilitate cutting edge interdisciplinary clinical translational research. The CCTS will develop the requisite organizational and structural base that will facilitate the advancement of complex clinical and translational research required to find rapid solutions to various human health problems.

Partners:

All UIC health science colleges
National Institutes of Health

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2006—present

Center for Cognitive Medicine

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.

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Center for Drug Information

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.

Partners:

UIC Pharmacy
Astellas Pharma US, Inc.
Baxter International, Inc.
Cardinal Health
State of Illinois
Tom's of Maine
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Center for Health Behavior Research

This center, part of the university-wide Institute for Health Research and Policy, addresses the many complex and interacting factors determine health behavior by: studying causes and origins of health-promoting and health-compromising behaviors, such as exercise, diet, and smoking; understanding the progression of health-related behaviors with the hope of identifying key leverage points for intervention; developing and testing multifaceted interventions to reduce risk or to promote health, thus building a base of evidence for successful intervention approaches; examining and developing effective methods to put evidence-based interventions into practice and to disseminate these “best practices.” The center’s research portfolio addresses behavior and intervention at multiple levels, ranging from the individual to families, groups, organizations, the community, and society at large.

Partners:

UIC Liberal Arts and Sciences	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
UIC Medicine	Illinois Department of Public Health
UIC Nursing	National Institutes of Health
UIC Public Health	Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
UIC Urban Planning and Public Affairs	

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Dates Active:

1997–present

Center for Health Services Research

This center, part of the university-wide Institute for Health Research and Policy, studies the system and providers of health care, from prevention and early detection of disease to the treatment and management of disease and its consequences. The center focuses on the interface between delivery of health care services and relevant outcomes in a variety of contexts. In the long term, the center aims to develop a strong clinical focus in collaboration with clinician-scientists with interest in clinical health services research; develop a network of research sites where health services research can be conducted, including alliances with managed care and public health care delivery systems, agencies concerned with health manpower and medical education, the University of Illinois Medical Center, state and local health care providers, and community centers that provide health care services; develop expertise and capacity to utilize the major public access health care data systems; and strengthen and expand the Midwest Center for Health Workforce Studies.

Partners:

UIC Applied Health Sciences	UIC Public Health
UIC Business Administration	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
UIC Dentistry	Illinois Department of Public Health
UIC Liberal Arts and Sciences	National Institutes of Health
UIC Medicine	Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
UIC Nursing	University of Chicago
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Center for Health Statistics

The Center for Health Statistics was established in 2001 to provide a statistical research environment that would lead to advances in the design and analysis of investigations in a wide variety of areas in the health sciences. Under the direction of Dr. Robert D. Gibbons, the Center has quickly grown to include a faculty of thirteen members both from the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) and in collaboration with other Universities.

Within the first two years, the Center has obtained three Federal grants for statistical research from the NIH amounting to several million dollars. The overall goal of the Center is to provide foundational statistical research that will further scientific applications in areas of Health Services Research, Mental Health, Neuroimaging, Genomics, and Environmental sciences.

Key statistical themes in our work include (a) mixed-effects regression models for the analysis of clustered and longitudinal data, (b) analysis of observational data, (c) problems in the analysis of high-dimensional datasets that are encountered in fMRI and microarray studies, (d) application of item response theory and computerized adaptive testing to problems in mental health measurement, (e) analysis of multivariate binary data, (f) interlaboratory calibration, and (g) interval estimation including prediction, tolerance, and confidence intervals for environmental monitoring problems.

The Center benefits greatly from rich collaborations with faculty at UIC, NIH, and research scientists across the country. We have a particularly close association with the Department of Psychiatry at UIC and several other leading departments of Psychiatry across the country. Some of the products of our work are distributed freely over the Internet as a series of computer programs developed under the direction of Don Hedeker in collaboration with Dave Patterson and his colleagues at Discerning Systems in Vancouver. The site is widely utilized by applied researchers and statisticians around the world, with close to one hundred unique visits per day.

Overall, we are committed to working on statistical features of any interesting scientific problem, and our excellent faculty provide the depth of resources to accomplish this goal.

Partners:

UIC Business Administration

UIC Medicine

UIC Engineering

UIC Public Health

UIC Liberal Arts & Sciences

National Institutes of Health

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2001–present

Center for Magnetic Resonance Research

The Center for MR Research at UIC was initiated as an institution-wide program to focus research efforts towards a center of excellence in imaging with a ten year horizon. Magnetic resonance research is rapidly expanding, especially in the area of ultra-high field. With State of Illinois support, the Center has built a 9.4 Tesla human scanner, and a new building to house it in close proximity to the current 1.5 and 3.0 Tesla scanners. In addition to the 9.4 Tesla scanner, equipment room, control room and preparation/recovery area, the new building houses faculty offices, electronics laboratory, physiology laboratory, computing facilities, and a conference room. The goals for the program include fostering involvement of all departments in using these state-of-the-art imaging facilities for research generated in each of these disciplines. A core faculty of MR scientists has been recruited to develop the new technology. Recruitments in other departments are oriented to add additional expertise in areas of applications in neuroradiology, psychiatry, neurology, neurosurgery and cardiology. Outside the College of Medicine, other departments in engineering and basic sciences are already participating. A support staff of research MR technologists, and a research manager facilitate research by all investigators, across campuses.

Partners:

UIC Medicine
UIC Engineering
National Institutes of Health

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2000—present

Center for Pharmacoeconomic Research

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.

Partners:

UIC Pharmacy	Takeda Pharmaceutical Company Ltd.
Abbott Laboratories	United States Department of Health and Human Services,
National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)	Bureau of Primary Health Care
Sanofi-Aventis	Walgreen Company

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2001—present
(see also Business and Entrepreneurial Development)

Center for Public Health Practice

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 six programs: the Illinois Institute for Maternal and Child Health Leadership, the Illinois Maternal and Child Health Data Use Academy, the Illinois Public Health Preparedness Center, the Mid America Public Health Training Center, the America Regional Public Health Leadership Institute, and the Public Health Practitioner Certification Board, Inc.

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Center for Research on Health and Aging

Part of the university-wide Institute on Health Research and Policy, this center conducts rigorous applied research on health issues for older persons, including prevention, health maintenance, and the cost, quality, and effectiveness of health care delivery systems for this population, such as long-term care and managed care. Among the center's service activities is the annual SHAPE walk, held in Chicago's Soldier Field every May in partnership with many local agencies and organizations.

Partners:

UIC Applied Health Sciences	Chicago Department on Aging
UIC Liberal Arts and Sciences	Mather LifeWays
UIC Medicine	Merck & Co., Inc.
UIC Public Health	National Council on Aging (NCOA)
American Association of Retired Persons	National Institute on Aging
AARP Illinois	Pfizer, Inc.
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois	Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago
Service in the Neighborhood for Seniors Program	Retirement Research Foundation
Brookdale Senior Living, Inc	Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	Rush University Medical Center RUSH Generations Program

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Center for Research on Women and Gender (CRWG)

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.

Partners:

UIC Gender and Women's Studies Program	UIC Women in Science and Engineering Program
UIC Liberal Arts and Sciences	John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation
UIC National Center of Excellence in Women's Health	National Endowment for the Arts
UIC Office of Faculty Affairs	National Institutes of Health
UIC Provost's Office	Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
UIC Vice Chancellor for Research	

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Dates Active:

1991–present
(see also *Undergraduate Support*)

Center for the Advancement of Distance Education

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.

Partners:

UIC Public Health	Chicago Department of Public Health
Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs (AMCHP)	Gilead Outreach and Referral Center
Association of Schools of Public Health (ASPH)	Health Systems Research, Inc.
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	Horizon Hospice, Inc.
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Dates Active:

1998—present

(see also *Industry partnerships*)

Center for Traditional Medicine

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.

Partners:

UIC Pharmacy
Pan American Health Organization (PAHO)
World Health Organization (WHO)

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1981—present

(see also *Global Healthcare*)

Center on Health Promotion Research for Persons with Disabilities

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.

CHP operates through the Department of Disability and Human Development in the College of Applied Health Sciences.

Partners:

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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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Dates Active:

1997—present

(see also *Rehabilitation and Disability Studies*)

Center on Mental Health Services Research and Policy

The Center on Mental Health Services Research and Policy (MHSRP) engages in research, training, and technical assistance resulting in enhanced service delivery and increased knowledge about psychiatric disorders and mental health services. The MHSRP fully involves people with psychiatric disabilities, their families and friends, advocates, service providers, and other stakeholders in its research program, whereby they help to design, implement, and evaluate projects, as well as disseminate findings. These individuals also serve as designers and educators in the MHSRP's training program. The Center on Mental Health Services Research and Policy promotes concepts of recovery, self-determination, and full community participation for individuals with psychiatric disabilities.

The MHSRP's projects addressing psychiatric disabilities and rehabilitation focus on such areas as vocational, residential, and educational rehabilitation services; crisis management and prevention of hospitalization; the needs of women and people from diverse cultural backgrounds; and systems integration. The MHSRP also emphasizes the needs and experiences of individuals living with HIV/AIDS, including those who also have a mental illness. In addition, individual projects address treatment for homeless individuals with psychiatric disabilities, as well as the experiences of family members and friends of people living with these disabilities.

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Chicago AIDS Run/Walk

A team of students participates in the Run/Walk every September. Each participant raises or pays \$20 for an entry fee, then raises pledges.

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Dates Active:

2005—present

Chicago Biomedical Consortium

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.

Partners:

UIC Medicine
Chicago Community Trust
Northwestern University
Searle Funds
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2002—present
(see also Biotechnology)

Chicago Center for Disability Research

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.

Partners:

UIC Applied Health Sciences

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(see also *Rehabilitation and Disability Studies*)

Chicago Department on Aging Annual Mayor's Senior Fest

The Chicago Department of Public Health Oral Health Division has been conducting oral cancer screenings at the Annual Chicago Department on Aging, Mayor's Senior Fest. For the past three years, UIC has participated with the Chicago Department of Public Health Oral Health Division to provide oral cancer screenings at no-cost to the Senior Fest participants. Dentists and physicians from UIC augment the City of Chicago dentists and hygienists to provide screening and referral information.

Partners:

UIC Dentistry

UIC Medicine

Chicago Department on Aging

Chicago Department of Public Health

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Dates Active:

2004—present

Chicago Department on Aging Regional Wellness Program

The Wellness Program provides information on health promotion and disease prevention through a collaboration of nurses, dieticians and pharmacists from UIC, Rush University and White Crane Wellness Center. The nurse is at each of seven centers on a weekly basis, the dietician and pharmacist on a monthly basis.

Partners:

Chicago Department on Aging

White Crane Wellness Center

Rush University Medical Center

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2003—present

Chicago HIV Prevention and Adolescent Mental Health Project (CHAMP)

This is a series of studies aimed at better understanding the family and mental health factors that strengthen youth development and promote physical and sexual health during transition to adolescence, and is also intended to develop 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.

Partners:

UIC Medicine	Office on AIDS
National Institute of Mental Health	William T. Grant Foundation, Faculty Scholar Program

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1993—present
*(see also Healthcare for
At-Risk Populations)*

Chicago Partnership for Health Promotion and Nutrition Education (CPHP)

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 UIC Neighborhoods Initiative, 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.

Partners:

UIC Applied Health Sciences	FeatherFist
UIC Nursing	Greater Chicago Food Depository
UIC Public Health	Illinois Coalition of School Health Centers
UIC University of Illinois Medical Center	Illinois Department of Human Services
UIC Urban Planning and Public Affairs	Instituto del Progreso Latino
Chicago Department on Aging	United States Department of Agriculture
Chicago Department of Public Health	Westside Health Authority
Chicago Park District, Sheridan Park	

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May 2002—present

Chicago Patient Safety Forum

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.

Partners:

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Institute of Medicine of Chicago
Otho S. A. Sprague Memorial Institute

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Dates Active:

2004—present

The Chicago Project

The Chicago Project is an international group of highly qualified research scientists and physicians working to achieve a functional, cell-based, treatment for diabetes.

The project's two goals are to devise a way to produce an unlimited supply of islet cells from donor pancreases and encapsulate them to prevent rejection by the body's immune system.

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Dates Active:

2004—present

(see also *Biotechnology*)

Chicago Southeast Diabetes Community Action Coalition

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.

Partners:

UIC Social Work

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
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Dates Active:

1999—present

(see also *Healthcare for
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Clinical Performance Center

The Clinical Performance Center at UIC helps educators in the health professions improve clinical performance by using simulated clinical encounters for training, assessment, quality improvement, and research.

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Community Asthma Prevention Program

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.

Partners:

UIC Public Health

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

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Dates Active:

1998—present

(see also *Healthcare for At-Risk Populations*)

Community-Based Boxing Program

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

Partners:

UIC Engineering

Breaking Ground, Inc.

Little Village Community Development Corporation

Marcy-Newberry Association

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Community-Based Promotion of Oral Cancer Early Detection in Black Men

Emerging technologies offer the promise of early detection of oral and pharyngeal cancers (oral cancers), which can lead to improved survival and reduced morbidity. Surveillance shows that the highest incidence and mortality rates in the U.S. are in African American (AA) men. This population is also most likely to have late-stage diagnosis of their disease. There is very little literature on recruitment of AA men into cancer control or prevention research. Proven outreach strategies to educate and recruit AA men for available early detection opportunities are urgently needed.

Community-based strategies for outreach and health education can be shown to be effective in recruitment of AA men into clinic-based programs where early detection services are available. Specific aims of this project are: (1) To assess the effectiveness of capacity building in one neighborhood medical clinic to provide early detection of oral cancer for men. (2) To assess the effectiveness of using community outreach to provide health education to AA men. (3) To assess the effectiveness of an outreach strategy to recruit AA men into the clinic for oral examinations. (4) To assess participants' response to referrals to available diagnostic services when suspicious lesions are detected. (5) To identify successful strategies and program elements, disseminate them widely, and encourage their adoption in other neighborhoods.

Study Design: We will use a community-based approach to outreach planning and implementation. Community partners will be recruited to help develop and implement strategies for outreach, health education, and recruitment. We will use qualitative methods to evaluate the processes of community capacity building, strategy development, and implementation. Outcomes will be assessed quantitatively by comparing preintervention and post-intervention measures of men's awareness and knowledge of oral cancer and their early detection practices in the intervention community and a control community.

Cancer Relevance: African American men are six times more likely than white men to develop oral cancer, and are much more likely to have their cancers diagnosed in late stages of disease. The men most at risk do not routinely use Preventive services. To address these disparities new approaches to deliver services to these hard-to-reach men are required. By working with a clinic which currently provides services to men in a predominantly (96%) African American community, we can make opportunities for early detection and risk counseling as accessible as possible to the at-risk population. Furthermore, by working with community organizations, we can develop strategies culturally tailored to AA men and we can conduct outreach, health education, and recruitment through known and trusted community members, which has been demonstrated to be effective in working with a variety of hard-to-reach populations, including AA men. Because no previous work demonstrates that community-based strategies can effectively educate and recruit AA men into oral cancer screening programs, pilot research is needed to learn how to do so effectively.

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American Cancer Society, Inc.
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Dates Active:

September 2006–August 2009

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Creating Career Trajectories with a Population Focus

Illinois is experiencing a nurse shortage that is compounded by a shortage of nurse faculty, few minority workers entering nursing, and few paths to increase the educational level of current and future minority nurses. In this project, the national view that the health status of Americans can be improved most by focusing on the health of populations is meshed with programmatic approaches to planning services by our providing a curricular emphasis on population-focused health care. Purposes of this program are to: (a) increase the number of new registered nurses available in the Midwest nursing workforce, and (b) increase the size and capacity of the region's senior public health nurse and population/systems focused faculty and practice workforce.

Activities will advance career trajectories of three groups: (1) individuals with health-related work experience, such as certified nurse assistants and community health outreach workers, to become registered nurses (RNs), (2) those with baccalaureate degrees in other fields to become RNs with master's degrees, and (3) RNs with baccalaureate and master's degrees to obtain population-focused nursing practice doctoral education.

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Health Resources and Services Administration
(HRSA)
Illinois Department of Human Services

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Dates Active:

September 2003–June 2007
(see also Undergraduate Support)

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

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

Partners:

UIC Education
About Face Youth Theater
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

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2003–present
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DEcIDE Consortium

The US Department of Health and Human Services, through their Agency for Health Research and Quality (AHRQ), established thirteen 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.

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United States Department of Health
and Human Services, Agency for Health
Research and Quality (AHRQ)

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Dates Active:

2005–present

Dental Careers Exploration Program (DCEP)

During the summer, the College implements its DCEP, which focuses solely on increasing the participants' awareness of career opportunities in dentistry. During the program, groups of approximately 10-20 high school students spend time at the College of Dentistry. These groups hear presentations by College faculty and students on the different specialties and careers within the dental profession. They are also provided hands-on activities and are counseled on how to prepare for professional school. The DCEP is implemented in collaboration with numerous campus and community partners.

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Chicago Public Schools
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

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Dates active:

2004–present

(see also Education Innovation)

Development and Evaluation of a Youth Mentoring Program

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.

Partners:

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Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Metropolitan
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Dates Active:

March 2004–February 2007

Development of a Tailored Cancer Screening Intervention for Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Populations

This study tests the feasibility and acceptability of a theory-based, culturally relevant and tailored intervention designed to increase cancer-screening behavior in an Lesbian Gay and Bisexual (LGB) population. The Tailored Intervention Messaging System (TIMS) is an existing computer-based intervention with demonstrated effectiveness for increasing stage of readiness and uptake of screening behavior in Caucasians and African Americans. The TIMS intervention, delivered via an interactive computerized format (a touch screen tablet PC), is highly flexible and can be adapted to the culture, content and language needs of diverse population groups. Study objectives are to tailor the TIMS intervention for LGB, and conduct a pilot test of the TIMS procedures and tailored screening messages for breast, cervical and colon cancer. The study also allows for exploration of beliefs (perceived risk, benefits, barriers, self-efficacy) and knowledge associated with early detection and screening behavior. Study findings have implications for cancer prevention and control and the reduction of cancer disparities in LGB individuals, a highly underserved subgroup of women and men.

Partners:

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Dates Active:

July 2006–July 2008

Diet, Weight and USDA School Meal Participation

The objective of this cooperative research project is to examine 1) neighborhood, school, household, and individual factors associated with participation in USDA School Meal Programs (the School Breakfast Program [SBP] and the National School Lunch Program [NSLP] at the free or reduced-price levels), and 2) the association of school meal participation with weight status and dietary behaviors.

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UIC Public Health
United States Department of Agriculture,
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June 2006–August 2007

Division of Specialized Service for Children (DSCC)

Established in 1937 and administered by the University of Illinois at Chicago, the Division of Specialized Services for Children (DSCC) is the Illinois Title V agency that provides care coordination for families and children with specialized healthcare needs. DSCC helps children with disabilities, and those who have conditions that may lead to disabilities, grow and develop to the full extent of their abilities. Over 20,000 families in all 102 counties in Illinois annually receive services from DSCC.

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Doctoral Concentration in Community and Prevention Research

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.

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Drug Information Services

The UIC College of Pharmacy Drug Information Center handles the drug information needs of approximately 350 hospitals in the US and Canada. The UIC Drug Information Service is open from 7 AM–10 PM daily to handle these drug information needs.

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Drug Information Support for Clinical Trials

Provide drug information support and information to patients who suffer from brain tumors enrolled in clinical trials with drugs from Neopharm Pharmaceutical Company.

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Economic, Lifestyle and Social Influences on Obesity

This integrated project aims to study the influence of economic, lifestyle and social factors on obesity and provide an outreach program that will use the findings to inform policy makers and households of which policies and practices combat obesity.

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UIC Public Health
Johns Hopkins University
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Dates Active:

January 2005—January 2009

Enhancing Patient Care Delivery Systems

The overall objective is to test a hospital-based career-building, professional development program within a strengthened nursing governance infrastructure model. It is designed to create a “magnet-type” environment for retaining and recruiting a diverse, clinically and culturally competent nursing workforce as an underpinning for superb nursing care. This is done through a unique partnership between a leading health system, Advocate HealthCare (AHC), a faith-based integrated health system of ten hospitals, multiple ambulatory clinics, home and hospice care, and the lead nursing school in the state of Illinois, the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Nursing. The components include 1) enacting a professional development and career building plan; 2) creating an enhanced organizational nursing governance dynamic; and 3) providing innovative opportunities for managerial and executive leadership development. The foundation for the career-building plan is the Success through Excellence in Practice (STEPS) career-ladder program enriched by learning of activity-based management and balanced scorecard principles. The foundation for the managerial and administrative leadership component is two-signature managerial leadership programs and a certificate program linked to earning a master’s degree in administrative nursing leadership. Evaluation includes core measures of nurse retention and patient care quality.

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Health Resources and Services
Administration (HRSA)

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Dates Active:

September 2003—June 2006

Environmental Correlates and Adherence of Home-based Walking in African American Women

Factors such as the built and social environments have been ignored as possible determinants of physical activity patterns. Despite the disproportional higher risk for cardiovascular disease (CVD) and higher CVD morbidity and mortality among African American (AA) women, most interventional research has failed to substantially alter physical activity behavior, perhaps by being focused too narrowly on personal correlates of physical activity adherence. Environmental correlates may be particularly salient for AA women because of race-based residential segregation, making them more likely to live in neighborhoods that do not support physical activity. Guided by a model adapted from social cognitive theory, we link objective environmental measures using geographic information system (GIS) technology to interventional personal data from AA women in an ongoing NIH-funded walking program.

The specific aims are to: determine the extent to which community neighborhood dimensions of the built (walkability, aesthetics and access to walking facilities) and social (safety, socioeconomic position, residential stability and sense of community) environments influence a) physical activity behaviors; b) intrapersonal changes (self-efficacy related to walking); and c) adherence to a home-based moderate-intensity walking program.

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Dates Active:

April 2005–June 2006
(see also *Healthcare for At-Risk Populations*)

Evaluation of Maternal Child Health Epidemiology in State Health Agencies YR 3

The goal of this project is to improve the ability of state public health agencies to carry out effective maternal and child health (MCH) epidemiology. This project will: 1) summarize current patterns of MCH epidemiologic capacity and functioning within state health agencies; 2) assess the relative ability of various constellations of structure and process factors to promote effective MCH epidemiology practice; and 3) delineate models of effective MCH epidemiology.

Partners:

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Association of Schools of Public Health (ASPH)
Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists
Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)
Maternal and Child Health Bureau

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Dates Active:

October 2006–September 2007
(see also *Healthcare for At-Risk Populations*)

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

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.

Partners:

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Dates Active:

June 2002–October 2006

Evidence Based Public Health Nursing

The goal of this project is to improve Illinois public health nurses' access to the evidence base for public health nursing and increase their knowledge and skills to evaluation of the evidence. This project will build upon the successful outreach approaches and expertise in evidence based practice education of the partner organizations and the work of the "Advancing Public Health Nursing Education in Illinois" project. The project has three anticipated outcomes: 1) increased knowledge about research that forms the evidence base in public health; 2) improved skills in finding evidence based studies to support public health nursing practices; and 3) increased access to recognized healthcare databases, especially those of the National Library of Medicine and the new public health nursing evidence database created through the project. To accomplish these outcomes, project staff will develop a Web site with links to instructional and evidence based resource materials, will offer a series of instructional modules to enhance skills in finding and evaluating literature, and will develop a database to disseminate integrative literature reviews conducted by public health nursing graduate students.

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UIC Libraries
Illinois Department of Public Health
National Library of Medicine
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(see also *Education Innovation*)

Family Support 360 Project

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.

Partners:

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

The University of Illinois Medical Center at Chicago provides a number of financial assistance programs to assist patients:

Medicaid Presumptive Eligibility (MPE) offers immediate, temporary coverage for outpatient healthcare for pregnant women who meet income requirements.

ALL KIDS covers healthcare for women while they are pregnant and for sixty days after the baby is born. It also pays for services for babies for the first year of the baby's life if the mother is covered by ALL KIDS when the baby is born.

Outpatient Medicaid and SSI/SSDI enrollment assistance. UIMCC Health Social Work staff assesses established patients who may qualify for public aid, cash assistance, food stamps and supplemental security income/social security disability insurance.

Community Services Discount is offered to self-pay patients who are receiving medically necessary services from the hospital and do not qualify for any other coverage program.

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)-1011 Non-Citizen Emergency Treatment Program: CMS approves payment to currently approved Medicare providers that are rendered in relation to emergency treatment will be paid under the program. Non-citizen patients who are admitted through the Emergency Department (ED) will have their inpatient services covered. If the patient requires outpatient follow up to the ED visit these services will also be covered.

Crime Victims Compensation (CVC) offers residents of Illinois, and their families, financial assistance to compensate them for certain types of losses caused by crime. An important service provided by the Crime Victims Project (CVP) is short term counseling or referral to a professionally trained counselor.

Inpatient Medicaid enrollment assistance: the UIMCC Health Social Work staff screen all inpatient self pay patients for potential application to Public Aid for assistance. Patients are assessed and qualified applicants are assisted in completing the application and/or other documentation requirements.

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Give Kids a Smile

Promotes general awareness of public health outreach by fostering interactive teaching and hands-on learning between dental students and community children. Students learn about tooth brushing techniques and general oral health care. Students also receive dental screening and fluoride treatment. In 2007, twenty-five first-, third-, and fourth-graders from St. Malichi Elementary school and twenty-five pre-school aged children from El Valor will join us.

Partners:

UIC Dentistry
Chicago Dental Society
El Valor Preschool

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Dates Active:

2004—present

GO EARLY: Promoting Mammography Use among Korean American Women

This is a pre- and post-test experimental, two-group design study to evaluate the effectiveness of a culturally competent stage-based, targeted breast cancer screening intervention GO EARLY, specifically designed to increase mammography use among Korean American (KA) immigrant women 40 years or older. The GO EARLY intervention is a forty-five minute, semi-structured, interactive session on breast cancer screening knowledge and beliefs for KA women grouped according to stages of mammography use (i.e. pre-contemplators, contemplators and pre-contemplation or contemplation relapse) delivered in through KA churches. A total 214 KA women from 2 KA churches in suburban Chicago (one church as intervention and the other church as control group) are being recruited.

Partners:

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Dates Active:

September 2006—July 2008

Great Lakes Centers for Occupational and Environmental Health

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.

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Dates active:

1977—present

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Happy Healthy Kids

This study evaluates the effectiveness of a classroom curriculum that aims to prevent obesity in preschoolers through physical activity and healthy eating.

Partners:

UIC Medicine
UIC Public Health
Chicago Public Schools
National Heart, Lung, and Blood
Institute (NHLBI)

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Dates Active:

2004—present

Health Policy Center

The center, affiliated with the university-wide Institute for Health Research and Policy, conducts research on a range of health policy issues with a focus on policies affecting health behavior, including drinking, smoking, illicit drug use, physical activity, diet, and related outcomes. The center puts special emphasis on communicating findings from this research to local, state, and federal policymakers and to advocacy organizations concerned about these issues.

Partners:

UIC Applied Health Sciences	National Bureau of Economic Research
UIC Business Administration	National Cancer Institute
UIC Nursing	Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
UIC Public Health	Rockefeller Foundation Roswell Park Cancer Institute
American Cancer Society, Inc.	RTI International
Andrews University	United States Department of Agriculture
Cancer Council of Victoria	United States Department of Justice
Johns Hopkins University	University of Michigan
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Health Promotion for Adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities: Train-the-Trainer Project

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).

Partners:

UIC Applied Health Sciences	Retirement Research Foundation
Anixter Center	Special Olympics International
Avenues to Independence	Trinity Services, Inc.
Chicago Arc	United States Department of Education,
Easter Seals Metropolitan Chicago	National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research
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Disability Services)*

Healthy Babies, Healthy Births for Healthy Communities Project

This program aims to identify any women who arrive at the Obstetrics (OB) Triage unit and are not enrolled in prenatal care. The OB Triage staff will obtain the mother's permission to refer her to a community agency that will provide case management. This agency ensures that the mother becomes enrolled in prenatal care, attends her scheduled appointments and has access to services such as the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program.

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UIC Medical Center

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Healthy Eating by Design

This project is to address childhood obesity by promoting healthy eating, improving access to healthy foods for residents of Logan Square neighborhood and promoting policy changes that facilitate healthy eating.

Partners:

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Dates Active:

June 2005–December 2007

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Helping Young Smokers Quit

While a growing number of smoking cessation programs are available for teens, little is known about: how many programs exist, where they are located, what services they offer, what populations they serve, or how they provide treatment. Moreover, only a handful of such programs have been evaluated. The HYSQ initiative aims to identify and describe tobacco treatment programs available to youth across the United States and to evaluate smoking cessation programs that are tailored for youth to help understand what works.

Partners:

UIC Liberal Arts and Sciences

UIC Public Health

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

National Cancer Institute

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

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2000–present

Hispanic Center of Excellence

The Hispanic Center of Excellence (HCOE) was formed in 1991 to increase the number of Latino physicians graduating from the College of Medicine, and expand the number Latino faculty in academic medicine. The HCOE has had fifteen years of continuous federal funding, and has developed programs for high school, college, medical school, residents and faculty fellows. These programs include external partnerships within the city and state, such as Chicago Public Schools; Benito Juarez Community Academy; Aspira, Inc of Illinois; Richard J. Daley College; and the Latin American Recruitment and Educational Services (LARES) Program at UIC.

Partners:

UIC Medicine	Benito Juarez Community Academy
Aspira, Inc. of Illinois	Richard J. Daley College
Chicago Public Schools	

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1991–present
(see also Education Innovation)

Hispanic Diagnostic and Family Support Program

This program provides specialized diagnostic and family support services to Hispanic families living in Chicago in the area of learning and developmental disabilities. The emphasis of the program is working with parents to prepare them to interact more effectively with their child who may have a disability.

One technique used by this program is the Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS), which is a unique augmentative/ alternative training package that allows children and adults with autism and other communication deficits to initiate communication. According to the creators of the technique, “PECS does not require complex or expensive materials. It was created with educators, resident care providers and families in mind, and so it is readily used in a variety of settings.”

Program bilingual staff have been trained in this technique. In turn, approximately forty Hispanic family members and/or community workers will be trained in the use of PECS. The Illinois Autism/PDD Training and Technical Assistance Project and The Autism Project are funding this project. The entire two-day workshop will be conducted in Spanish.

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Illinois Autism Training and Technical Assistance Project (IATTAP)	

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Honors College String Ensemble

Initially formed as a group that would perform and study music’s therapeutic effects on clinically ill patients in treatment at the UIC medical center, the Honors College String Ensemble provides an opportunity for students to play orchestral music for personal and public enjoyment, including but not limited to the UIC community, Chicago, and non-profit organizations.

Partners:

UIC Honors College
Benefit Organization

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2005–present
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Horsemen's Health Fair

The Horsemen's Health Fair was a two day event associated with Phase I of a pilot research project entitled Determining Health Status and Health Disparities for an Embedded Rural Workforce. [Funded through Project EXPORT, NIH-NCMH, Grant Number 5 P20 MD000524-04]. A large proportion of the workforce in the racing industry, by virtue of low socioeconomic status, limited education, immigration status, race and ethnicity, and limited access to social resources, mirror those documented in the literature as being vulnerable to disparities in health and health care. While the scientific literature discretely addresses issues associated with agricultural workers and safety, unique needs of migrant and seasonal workers, and perils of horse related activity, there is little available that addresses the combined impact of these to inform the industry about the unique health needs of its workforce. Backstretch workers generally work 6-7 days week, and they typically do not access or utilize services in outlying communities for a variety of reasons. Illinois is the only racing venue in the U.S. that allows children to reside on the racetrack with their parents, a situation that generates additional health challenges. Most health related services available to the population have been initiated and supported through philanthropy, but these vary widely from racetrack to racetrack.

Phase I of the research entailed a health fair strategy. The event was held at Arlington Park on June 5th-6th, 2006. All licensed horsemen and their dependents were eligible to participate, and migrant and seasonal workers living on the racetrack were specifically targeted. Fifteen different agencies and approximately seventy-five volunteers collaborated to screen, provide health related information, and direct participants to resources to meet any identified needs. Health parameters addressed were: height, weight and body mass index; heart rate, blood pressure, and respiratory rate; non-fasting glucose and total cholesterol; peak flow measures; TB exposure; oral/dental health; breast cancer screening (for women over 40 at risk); and for children only, gross motor coordination. The Horsemen's Health Fair occurred on the track on June 5 & 6, 2006. Over 400 men, women, and children completed the screenings, 91% of whom identified themselves as Hispanic of whom 69.2% were born in Mexico. Results of the screening were compared to national databases, and a number of health concerns and probable disparities were identified including increased risk for diabetes, higher than expected respiratory problems, a significant proportion of overweight and obese children, and a high rate of untreated dental caries among both children and adults. Additionally nineteen people were identified as having latent TB infections and are enrolled in treatment. These findings have implications for the development of additional health related services. Phase II of the research is underway and will entail interviews and surveys that will inform programs and providers about the specific needs of the workforce, the majority of whom were considered backstretch workers and Latino/a. (Spanish speaking health professionals and educators participated for both days of the fair.)

Partners:

UIC EXPORT Center for Excellence in Rural Health	Illinois Health Education Consortium— Spanish Immersion Program
UIC Dentistry	Mental Health Association in Illinois
UIC Nursing	Northwest Community Hospital Mobile Dental Unit
Agricultural Safety and Health Association Network	Racing Industry Charitable Foundation, Inc.
ALERTA	Robert Woods Johnson Foundation
Arlington Park International Race Course	Sunrise Rotary Club of Arlington Heights
Chicago Party Rental	Suburban TB
Cook County Mammography Coach	Village of Arlington Heights Department of Health
I.C. Hope Program	

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Dates Active:

September 2005—August 2007

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Illinois Hospital Association Medication Reconciliation Collaborative

A one year collaborative project to implement admission medication reconciliation in twenty-six 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 (<http://www.chicagopatientsafety.org>)

Partners:

UIC Medical Center	Kishwaukee Community Hospital
Adventist Hinsdale Hospital	Mason District Hospital
Advocate Health Care, Alton Memorial Hospital	McDonough District Hospital
Anderson Hospital	Memorial Hospital
Blessing Hospital	Methodist Medical Center of Illinois
Carle Foundation Hospital	Rush University Medical Center
Central DuPage Hospital	RushCopley Medical Center
CGH Medical Center	Saint Anthony's Health Center
Chicago Patient Safety Forum	Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center
Condell Medical Center	St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital
Decatur Memorial Hospital	St. Elizabeth's Hospital
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Illinois Hospital Association	St. Mary's Good Samaritan Regional Health Center

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2005—present

Illinois Institute for Maternal and Child Health Leadership

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.

Partners:

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Illinois Department of Human Services

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Illinois Maternal and Child Health Data Use Academy

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.

Partners:

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Illinois Department of Human Services,
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July 2005–June 2006

Illinois Prevention Research Center

The center conducts research, translates research into practice, and measures the real-world effectiveness and dissemination of health promotion and disease prevention interventions. The IPRC's research focus is on community-based approaches to engage ethnic minority populations in the adoption of health behaviors for the prevention of chronic disease.

Among its activities, the center holds a community wellness fair on the first Friday of each November with its community partners and is conducting a survey of the availability of healthy food choices in stores in Southwest Chicago. All types of grocery stores, convenience stores, specialty stores, and liquor stores are being surveyed in West Lawn, Chicago Lawn, West Englewood, Englewood, and Ashburn. The center also conducts statewide surveys regarding prevention and control programs in heart disease and stroke, oral cancer, and arthritis.

Since 2004, the center's core research project has been the Making the Connection Healthy Living Program, a community-based research program focused on promoting healthy lifestyles in the Greater Lawn community of Southwest Chicago

Partners:

UIC Liberal Arts and Sciences	Holy Cross Hospital
UIC Public Health	Illinois Department of Public Health
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois	Kraft Foods Inc.
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	Latino Organization of the Southwest
Chicago Park District	Nabisco, Inc.

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1989–present

Illinois Public Health and Corrections Task Force

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

Partners:

UIC Urban Planning and Public Affairs	CORE Center
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	Illinois Department of Corrections
Cermak Health Services of Cook County	Illinois Department of Public Health
Chicago Department of Public Health	National Commission on Correctional Health Care
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Illinois Public Health Preparedness Center (IPHPC)

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 sixty 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.

Partners:

UIC Public Health
Association of Schools of Public Health (ASPH)
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September 2005–August 2009
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Improving Diabetes Self-Management in Minorities

Diabetes has been identified as an epidemic in the U. S. and is continuing to grow in prevalence, especially type 2 diabetes. In addition, the burden of diabetes, including prevalence and risk of complications, is greater for low-income individuals and minority groups, especially Latinos and African Americans. This study aims to develop, implement, and evaluate the impact of an innovative intervention that combines diabetes self-management education, training, and support with aspects of case management delivered by Medical Assistant Coaches (MACs), to support optimal diabetes self-management in low-income minority populations with type 2 diabetes.

Partners:

UIC Medicine
UIC Nursing
UIC Public Health
Access Community Health Network
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September 2006–July 2011

Information for the Cure

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.

Partners:

UIC University Library

Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer
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2004—present

Institute for Health Research and Policy

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 ten 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 twenty-five 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 eighty 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.

Partners:

UIC Applied Health Sciences

UIC Nursing

UIC Business Administration

UIC Pharmacy

UIC Dentistry

UIC Public Health

UIC Education

UIC Social Work

UIC Liberal Arts and Sciences

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1997—present

Laboratory Outreach Program

The Laboratory Outreach Program services the entire state of Illinois. This includes patients and physicians from other healthcare facilities, such as hospitals, physician's offices and clinics. Government agencies such as the Illinois Department of Human Services Mental Health facilities, the Illinois Department of Corrections, the Illinois Department of Public Health and the Chicago Department of Public Health utilize the programs services, as do low income counties in Illinois.

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Lowering Cholesterol in a Low Socioeconomic Status Community

Focus groups will be conducted in Humboldt Park (half in Spanish for the Latino population, half in English for the African-American population) to probe the following issues:

1. What do they know about the dangers associated with elevated cholesterol?
2. What do they know about possible methods of lowering elevated cholesterol?
3. What media/organizations provide them with (health) information and how credible is each?

The Spanish language sessions will be translated and a content analysis will be conducted from the transcripts generated. A communication strategy will be developed to communicate the dangers of elevated cholesterol, that these risks are avoidable and of the importance of getting testing.

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UIC Public Health

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August 2006–October 2008

(see also *Healthcare for At-Risk Populations*)

Making the Connection Healthy Living Program

Since 2004, Making the Connection has been the core research project of the Illinois Prevention Research Center (IRPC). Making the Connection is a community-based research program focused on promoting healthy lifestyles in the Greater Lawn community of Southwest Chicago (which includes the Chicago neighborhoods of West Lawn, Chicago Lawn, and Gage Park). The research project is using the successful lifestyle approach of the Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP), which helped people across the United States reduce their risk of diabetes.

The researchers and community members pilot-tested the adapted community-based program in Greater Lawn over 2005-2006. The full-scale study occurs 2007-2008. Community residents hired and trained as Healthy Life Coaches work with researchers to deliver this group-oriented program in the community to discover how it works and what needs to be done to improve it further.

Partners:

UIC Liberal Arts and Sciences

UIC Public Health

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,
Chicago Park District

Holy Cross Hospital

Illinois Department of Public Health

Kraft Foods Inc.

Latino Organization of the Southwest
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Dates Active:

2004–present

Mammography Promotion Intervention for Korean American Immigrant Women

This study is to develop and test a culturally relevant intervention designed specifically for low income KA immigrant women to promote mammography use. A sample of 300 KA women, aged 40 or older attend stage-based educational sessions at the Korean American Senior Center, a community-based organization (CBO). The study is conducted in Korean language. Outcomes include development of a culturally relevant breast health education program for KA women and gaining new information on predictors of mammography use among KA women. Participants gain knowledge and information about breast health and strategies to overcome possible barriers of mammography use.

Partners:

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Korean American Senior Center
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Dates Active:

May 2006–April 2008

March of Dimes

The University of Illinois Medical Center has been very active in the March of Dimes Campaigns to reduce preterm birth. Faculty and staff have participated in both providing lectures and raising money for the March of Dimes.

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March of Dimes WalkAmerica

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.

Partners:

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March of Dimes Birth Defects
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Maternal and Child Health Program

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.

Partners:

UIC Applied Health Sciences

UIC Great Cities Institute

UIC Liberal Arts and Sciences

UIC Medicine

UIC Nursing

UIC Public Health

Health Resources and Services

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September 1983–May 2005

(see also *Healthcare for At-Risk Populations*)

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

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.

Partners:

UIC Urban Planning and Public Affairs

CAUSES for Children

Chicago Legal Aid for Incarcerated Mothers (CLAIM)

Companions Journeying Together, Inc.

El Valor

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(see also *Services for the Disadvantaged*)

Metro Achievement Center Summer Program

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

Partners:

UIC Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs
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Dates Active:

1995—present

Mid-America Public Health Training Center

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.

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September 2001—August 2011
(see also Education Innovation)

Mid-America Regional Public Health Leadership Institute

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.

Partners:

UIC Public Health
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Illinois Department of Public Health

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Dates Active:

1991—present

Midwest Latino Health Research, Training and Policy Center

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.

Partners:

UIC Medicine	Illinois Foundation for Quality Health Care (IFQHC)
UIC Social Work	Indiana Latino Institute
American Diabetes Association	Jackson Park Hospital
Chicago Chapter	Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services
American Heart Association	Office of Minority Health
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	National Association of Hispanic Nurses
Chicago Department of Public Health	National Black Nurses Association—Chicago Chapter
City of Chicago, West Town Neighborhood Health Center	National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)
Chicago Family Health Center	National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)
Chicago Park District, South Region	National Latino Council on Alcohol and Tobacco Prevention (LCAT)
Chicago Southeast Diabetes Community Action Coalition	Salud Latina / Latino Health
El Valor	South Shore Hospital
Greater Twin Cities United Way	Tellez Medical Center
Healthcare Consortium of Illinois	United States Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Minority Health
Healthy South Chicago	Villa Guadalupe Senior Center
Hegewisch Community Committee	
Illinois African-American Dietetic Association	
Illinois Department of Human Services	
Illinois Diabetes Control Program	
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1993—present

(see also *Healthcare for At-Risk Populations*)

Mile Square Health Center (MSHC)

The University of Illinois Mile Square Health Center (MSHC) is a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) with over thirty years of rich history of providing primary healthcare and social services to high risk, vulnerable populations throughout greater Chicago. MSHC offers a comprehensive array of medical care and social services, including Family Practice Medicine, Family Planning, Obstetrics and Gynecology Services, Podiatry, Pediatrics, Optometry, Pediatric and Adult Psychiatry, Nutritional Counseling, Breastfeeding Support, WIC Program and an extensive Community Outreach Program and several school-based Health Clinics. MSHC is managed and staffed by health professionals from the University of Illinois.

Partners:

UIC Medical Center
Boys and Girls Clubs of Chicago
Catholic Charities
Chicago Department of Public Health
Cook County Bureau of Health Services
United States Department of Health
and Human Services, Health Resources
Administration
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(see also Healthcare for At-Risk Populations, Services to the Disadvantaged)

Mother/Daughter HIV Risk Reduction Intervention

Though HIV risk reduction interventions delivered by health experts have generally proven successful, their success has not significantly reduced the impact of the HIV/AIDS epidemic among African American adolescent girls, especially low-income girls, who are at high risk for contracting HIV. While several researchers have advocated that active parental involvement may have a more profound effect on HIV risk reduction, they also note that parents have inadequate skills to assist their adolescents. Few programs have tested the effectiveness of preparing mothers with the knowledge and skills needed to assist their daughters develop HIV risk reduction behavior. The specific aim of this study is to examine systematically over a two-year period the effectiveness of the Mother/Daughter HIV Risk Reduction Intervention in increasing daughter's HIV risk reduction behavior: delay of sexual activity until after age 13 and if sexually active, either refrain from sex or consistently use condoms and have fewer sex partners. Mother/daughter pairs and daughters are assessed at pretest, immediate posttest and quarterly for twenty-four months.

Partners:

UIC Nursing
National Institutes of Health
National Institute of Mental Health

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Dates Active:

February 2002—January 2008

(see also Healthcare for At-Risk Populations)

National Center of Excellence in Women's Health

UIC was designated a National Center of Excellence by the Office on Women's Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in the fall of 1998. Our program is designed to integrate biomedical expertise with a 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.

Partners:

UIC Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research	Chinese American Service League
UIC CRWG	Ethiopian Community Association of Chicago
UIC Applied Health Sciences	Guys & Dolls Hair Salon
UIC Dentistry	Heartland Health Outreach and Heartland Human Care Services
UIC Medicine	Illinois Department of Public Health, Office of Women's Health
UIC Nursing	Interfaith Refugee and Immigrant Ministries
UIC Pharmacy	Pan African Association
UIC Public Health	United States Department of Health and Human Services, Office on Women's Health
UIC Medical Center	United States Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Minority Health
UIC Urban Planning and Public Affairs	World Relief
UIC UICNI Division of Community Health	
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1998—present

National Center on Physical Activity and Disability

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.

NCPAD operates out of the Department of Disability and Human Development in the College of Applied Health Sciences.

Partners:

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National Center on Accessibility
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Dates Active:

1999—present

*(see also Rehabilitation and
Disability Studies)*

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

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.

Partners:

UIC University Library

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

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University of Cincinnati, Medical Center Libraries

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University of South Dakota School of Medicine, Lommen Health Sciences Library

Wayne State University, Vera P. Shiffman Medical Library

Wegner Health Science Information Center

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Obesity Reduction Black Intervention Trial (ORBIT)

Women who gain weight throughout adulthood are at higher risk for developing breast cancer after menopause, and women who lose weight may decrease their risk. Fifty percent of the Black women are obese and overall breast cancer mortality is higher for Black women compared to White women. ORBIT builds on a study that showed significant weight loss, reduced dietary fat, and increased physical activity in the intervention compared to the control group. This project assesses the efficacy of an adequately powered, theoretically driven, weight loss and maintenance intervention. Two hundred obese Black women (30–65 years old) will be randomized to a twenty-four week treatment intervention or a twenty-four week control intervention. Participants in the treatment intervention will then participate in a one-year maintenance intervention and the control participants will participate in a one-year control intervention.

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UIC Medicine

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July 2004–June 2009

(see also *Healthcare for At-Risk Populations*)

Oral Health Policy Shaping

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

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Patient Navigation and Screening Intervention for Sexual Minority Women

This study is to determine whether targeted education programs enhanced with patient navigation can improve screening rates in sexual minority women (lesbian and bisexual women) over what can be achieved with targeted education programs alone. The application of a patient navigation model to cancer education and screening for sexual minority women has not been tested previously. As such, careful development and piloting is necessary in preparation for a full trial of this innovative intervention. Pilot work consists of: 1) developing a targeted and culturally appropriate cancer education curriculum for sexual minority women; 2) recruiting and training culturally competent lay patient navigators for sexual minority women; 3) testing the feasibility and acceptability of pairing sexual minority women with patient navigators to reduce barriers to cancer screening; and 4) evaluating the effectiveness of a combined education and patient navigation intervention for increasing screening against an education only comparison group. Our primary hypothesis is that screening behavior will be higher in those women randomized to receive targeted education plus patient navigation compared to those who receive targeted cancer education alone.

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Pediatric Dentistry Curriculum Development

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

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Positive Action for Social and Character Development

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.

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Pregnancy Intention in African American and Latina Women

The aims of this project are (1) to develop and test measures to capture the complex motivations, desires, and attitudes that underlie the construct of “pregnancy intention” for young African American and Latina women, and (2) to assess the ability of the resulting instruments to predict fertility-related behaviors and intentions, such as sexual decision making, intentions to use contraceptives, actual use of contraceptives, and pregnancy.

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October 2004–September 2007

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Psychiatric Disorders/HIV Risks in Young Injection Drug Users

This project seeks to better understand the relationships between injection drug use, psychiatric problems, service utilization, and HIV risk behavior among young people. We will recruit 800 injection drug users 18-25 years old from metropolitan Chicago, assess their HIV risk practices, mental health status, service needs, and examine factors that increase or protect against HIV risk. The study intends to form recommendations for targeted outreach and HIV-prevention programs that can effectively serve young adult injection drug users.

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National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)

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September 2006–July 2010

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Psychiatric Institute

The work of the Psychiatric Institute is research and education in service to the public. Our goal is the relief of suffering that so often afflicts those with serious mental illness- and the relief of suffering families and communities. Basic research develops that knowledge which offers the promise of cure. Clinical and mental health service research lead to improvement in care today in order to relieve suffering and enhance function. In our educational activities, we endeavor to prepare professionals to provide tomorrow's care. We train those scientists whose background in the basic and clinical neurosciences and in services research will lead to discoveries that will enhance care; and we support the educational needs of those currently in practice to keep them abreast of advances in clinical care today.

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REACH 2010/Lawndale Health Promotion Project

Sponsored by the Chicago Department of Public Health and funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the REACH 2010/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 Americans 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.

Partners:

UIC Department of Sociology	Chicago Department of Public Health
UIC Department of Anthropology	University of Chicago
UIC College of Nursing	Loyola University
Lawndale Health Promotion Community Council	

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2003—present

*(see also Healthcare for At-Risk
Populations, Neighborhood
Revitalization)*

READII Process Assessment and Evaluation

Racial and ethnic disparities in immunization rates are a widely recognized and documented problem in the United States. African Americans and Hispanics have significantly lower influenza and pneumococcal immunization rates compared to the rest of the population. Influenza vaccination coverage among adults 65 years of age and older is 68 percent for whites, 48 percent for African Americans, and 54 percent for Hispanics. The gap for pneumococcal vaccination coverage among ethnic groups is even wider, with 60 percent for whites, 38 percent for African Americans, and 36 percent for Hispanics.

Eliminating health disparities remains a national goal, and the READII is an effort to reduce and eliminate racial and ethnic differences in adult immunization rates. Specifically, The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has made the elimination of racial and ethnic disparities in influenza and pneumococcal vaccination coverage for people 65 years of age and older a priority. To address these disparities and to assist in reaching the 2010 national health goal of 90% influenza and pneumococcal vaccination rates among persons 65 and over, HHS, in collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and other federal partners, launched the Racial and Ethnic Adult Disparities Immunization Initiative (READII) in July 2002.

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UIC Institute for Health Policy
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Regional Medication Safety Initiative

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.

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

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.

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

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Dates active:

2005–present
(see also *Education Innovation*)

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

The SALUD Public Health Information Pilot Project: Spanish Access to Literature/Usa 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 practitioner in the clinics.

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Dates Active:

2005–present

School-Based Health Centers

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).

Partners:

UIC Liberal Arts and Sciences	March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation
UIC Urban Planning and Public Affairs	McKesson Foundation
Chicago Partnership for Health Promotion (CPHP)	Michael Reese Health Trust
Chicago Public Schools, National Teacher's Academy, Smyth, Young Women's Leadership Charter	Polk Bros. Foundation
Drake Grant Healthcare Foundation	United States Department of Health and Human Services, Bureau of Primary Health Care Foundations
Illinois Department of Human Services	Visiting Nurse Associations of America

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School-Based Health Centers— Oral Health Education in Schools

This project is addressed to the oral health needs of school age children who attend the National Teacher's Academy (NTA) School in Chicago. NTA serves the public housing communities of the Harold Ickes and Hilliard Homes. UIC's Neighborhood Initiatives (UICNI) manages a school-based health center at NTA. The clinic provides primary health care, but oral health care is limited to routine screening. Nevertheless, students present to the clinic with tooth pain, abscesses and other problems. The Chicago Public school system and Chicago department of Public Health provide a dental sealant program but only for two grades. Children who present with dental disease receive referrals for dental care, but most often the referral appointments are not kept. This program provides oral health screening, education and prophylactic care through the UICNI School Health Center. The program also extends to toddlers enrolled in the onsite Infant Toddler program.

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Dates Active:

2004—present

Section of Health Promotion Research

Affiliated as a research program with the Institute for Health Research and Policy, the Section of Health Promotion Research in the Department of Medicine focuses on interventions to reduce risk of cancer and cardiovascular disease through primary treatment and prevention studies of obesity. The section conducts randomized trials to understand the mechanisms that promote health lifestyles, focusing primarily on African-American and Latino populations, who are disproportionately affected by these chronic diseases. The program aims to develop culturally appropriate interventions for both children and adults in these populations.

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UIC Public Health
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
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Sickle Cell Center

The goal of the Sickle Cell Center is to improve and expand services to children and adults with sickle cell disease. The Center provides support through counseling and education to patients, families and the community, and conducts research that will improve care for patients with sickle cell disease. The Center also reach out to the local medical community through continuing education, development of treatment guidelines and consultations to physicians.

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Social Emotional Contexts of Adolescent Smoking Patterns

Despite almost three decades of attention to the problem of adolescent smoking, relatively little attention has been paid to addressing the question of how adolescents progress from experimentation to subsequent stages of use, and what predicts transitions up or down at each level. The overall goal of this program project is to increase our understanding of the patterns of adolescent smoking and the social-emotional contexts that influence patterns. This program focuses on the social contexts of families and peers, and the emotional contexts with an emphasis on depression, stress/anxiety, conduct problems, and positive affective domains. As a program project, we will examine the intersections of these social and emotional domains.

The cornerstone of this program project is the establishment and maintenance of a high-quality cohort of adolescents. Within the program are three individual research projects: 1) Proximal Contexts of Adolescent Smoking Patterns; 2) Developmental Influences on Adolescent Smoking Patterns; and 3) Nicotine's Effect on Emotion in Adolescent Smokers. All three projects utilize a common core cohort to test broad-based hypotheses, and in addition, each project utilizes a state-of-the-art, in-depth measurement modality to examine intensively key constructs on a sub-sample of the cohort. State-of-the-art analytic techniques will explore the intersections of variables, including observation of parent-adolescent discussions/interactions, and psycho-physiological reactions of adolescents to smoking in controlled laboratory settings.

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Statewide Community Safety and Reentry Program Working Group

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; and 5) Faith, Family and Community.

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Illinois Department of Corrections
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December 2004–present

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Stay-in-Bounds Program

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.

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Dates active:

2003—present
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Summer Youth Tennis Camp

Sponsored by the Fourth Church Deacons, the tennis camp serves between thirty and forty-five 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.

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Dates Active:

1996—present

Technical Assistance and Direction for Partners with Tobacco Use Research Centers

The overall goals of the Partners with Tobacco Use Research Centers National Program Office (Partners) are to: 1) facilitate the development of translational and policy-related research programs at the seven originally NIH-funded Transdisciplinary Tobacco Use Research Centers (TTURCs); 2) enhance communications activities of the researchers to reach out to various stakeholders; and 3) facilitate cross-center collaborations and dissemination.

The program has been invaluable in facilitating connections among the TTURCs, thus providing the stimulus and forum for researchers across centers to develop collaborations; in providing technical assistance to the TTURCs on establishing communications infrastructures and developing products for various audiences; and in providing scientific guidance to the TTURCs on policy-related research. We have helped each center promote and communicate the results of their research (e.g., through news releases, policy briefs, and research reports).

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Dates Active:

December 2006—December 2007

Testing the Impact of Health Literacy

This project is a randomized, controlled study to test the relative superiority of different approaches on adult literacy, funded by the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD). There is a well-documented correlation between low literacy and poor health in adults -in fact, 45% of adults cannot understand printed health information. The health literacy curriculum developed as part of this project will be used as literacy curriculum by both native English speakers (ABE/ASE classes) and English Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL classes). The ultimate goal of the project is that the curriculum will develop general adult health literacy skills as well as improve health related knowledge, self-efficacy, and, potentially, health promoting behaviors.

Partners:

UIC Public Health

UIC Institute for Health Research
and Policy

Even Start Family Literacy Program

Illinois Community College Board

Illinois State Board of Education

National Institute of Child Health and
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National Institute for Literacy

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September 2004–August 2005

Toolkit for Nursing Excellence at the End-of-Life Transition

There has been an explosion in all types of information available to health professionals, including for end of life care. Access to information is becoming especially easy via the World Wide Web. Unfortunately searching for Internet-based information takes time and the information identified may not be accurate or evidence-based. Expertise is needed in order to determine if available information is valid or not. Most faculty and practicing nurses have limited time to do the searching and very few have the expertise required to assess validity of end of life information. A solution to this problem is to use end of life experts to create tools that can be delivered widely via the Web or other computer technologies for use by faculty and practicing nurses. We are developing the TNEEL (Tool-Kit for Nursing Excellence at End of Life Transitions) as an easy-to-access, teacher/learner-friendly package of tools for palliative care education, available via computer technologies. TNEEL is Windows 95/98 or NT-compatible and delivered on CD ROM and via the Internet in two similar versions: 1) TNEEL-NE for nurse educators in academic and clinical settings to have ready access to teaching/learning resources; and 2) TNEEL-SS for self-study by practicing nurses.

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Dates Active:

August 2006–July 2007

UIC Children’s Center—Practicum Experience

The Children’s Center provides opportunities for student teaching, internship, observation and practicum experiences, which includes outreach to other colleges and universities in the city.

Partners:

UIC Applied Health Sciences
UIC Education
UIC Honors College
UIC Medicine
UIC Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs
UIC University of Illinois Medical Center
Columbia College Chicago
Erikson Institute
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Dates Active:

1972—present
(see also Undergraduate Support)

UIC Flames Summer Camps

Summer camps provide an opportunity for sport skill and learning instruction. This program serves inner-city youth, who live in the surrounding neighborhoods of the university.

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Dates Active:

1987—present

UIC HIV/AIDS Project (UICHP)

UIC has been providing services to HIV-infected individuals for more than seventeen years. The UICHP was founded by Dr. Richard Novak in 1992. With the philosophy to bring nonjudgmental HIV services into the communities where our clients reside, and to provide quality primary care for all clients. To that end, the UICHP staff strives to increase our cultural competence and has developed a strong knowledge base and a good community reputation in providing effective primary care to all targeted communities. Our nonjudgmental, complete care model, originally developed for IDUs, has been expanded to take on new target populations as the epidemic has changed, including Spanish-speaking individuals, sex workers, transgendered persons, MSMs of color, persons leaving the correctional system, and women with HIV. A critical part of our care model is determining how to ensure that clients retain access and remain in primary care by working with each client individually, taking into account their life situation in developing the primary care treatment strategy that has the best likelihood of success.

The UICHP provides primary care to HIV-infected clients through a multicenter network of primary care services, focusing on underserved communities. The UICHP uses a multidisciplinary approach to HIV disease management and a graded system of client management. Asymptomatic or mildly symptomatic clients can receive services at any UICHP site, including the UICHP community-based sites. As their health status requires, clients can be referred to a physician-directed clinic for medical management, subspecialty referrals and, when necessary, hospitalization at UICMC. Clients keep the same provider team as they move through different levels of care. In response to the changing nature of the epidemic, the UICHP has placed an increased emphasis on making new therapies available to as many clients as possible. The UICHP also provides enhanced pharmaceutical education, nutritional and gynecological services to its clients. We provide linkages to substance abuse treatment, case management, and other service providers. (As part of our multidisciplinary care model, we have ongoing funding for mental health and dental care as well as treatment adherence.) We also ensure that our clients, who often live in areas of the city that are underserved by public transportation, can get to their appointments by providing transportation for primary and subspecialty care appointments. Our care providers work together in a multidisciplinary team to ensure client adherence to treatment regimens. Infectious disease-trained physicians and nurse clinicians provide medical management, with the help of nurses, licensed clinical social workers, clinical pharmacists, mental health providers, dentists, nutritionists, Patient Care Advocates/patient transporters, and support staff. Our project successfully integrates mental health services (available concurrently with primary care appointments) and substance abuse treatment (all clients are encouraged to seek treatment if appropriate, and we have linkages with treatment providers to ensure that clients seeking treatment can “strike while the iron is hot.”) Our EMA-wide network of linkages to other service providers enables us to provide a continuum of care to our clients, including access to home health/hospice, food, etc. We currently have a staff of about fifty. The UICHP supports numerous collaborative clinical and translational research programs. These include: the Women and Infant’s Transmission Study (WITS), the Women’s Interagency HIV Study (WIHS). It also houses a pediatric ACTU. Adult Clinical Trials: CPCRA site, numerous HIV and Herpevac HSV2 vaccine trials; HIV Outpatient Study (HOPS, CDC); WHIN project: program project focusing on HIV pathogenesis.

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Dates Active:

1992–present

(see also *Healthcare for At-Risk Populations*)

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

The Student Therapeutic Activities and Resources Services (STARS) program makes services available to over 2000 youth who attend one of four schools. The HEART Clinic of the Young Women's Leadership Charter School provides primary care and limited mental health services to 325 7-12th grade girls. The HEART Clinic introduces the STARS program to the adjacent partner school, Drake Elementary School (enrollment 546). Mental health services are introduced to the National Teachers Academy School Based Clinic (enrollment 750). The program currently serves Smyth School (enrollment 475).

The goals of the STAR program are to provide comprehensive preventative, early intervention and treatment services during all school hours; deploy a dedicated team to provide onsite mental health screening and interventions; and introduce a culturally relevant, responsive plan to enhance self esteem and teach life skills.

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UIC Urban Planning and Public Affairs
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United States Department of Health
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University of Illinois at Chicago Cancer Center

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.

Partners:

UIC Applied Health Sciences
UIC Dentistry
UIC Liberal Arts and Sciences
UIC Medicine
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The University of Illinois at Chicago Series on Issues in Children's and Families' Lives

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.

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Using Evidence for Prenatal Case Management Structure

Prenatal case management (PCM) is a community-based, health service provided to medically or socially high risk pregnant women. Twenty years of data from three longitudinal clinical trials show that PCM provided by registered nurses (RNs) has better outcomes for pregnant and parenting women than programs using lay or para-professionals. Yet, the evidence-based (EB) professional model is not universally implemented and program structure varies. The purpose of this research is to understand barriers to the use of the EB professional model so that more effective adoption of interventions can be developed.

The aims of this study are to: (1) Characterize the types of existing PCM PROGRAM MODELS based on staff' mix and extent to which it is an EB professional nursing PCM PROGRAM MODEL; (2) Identify the relationship of ORGANIZATIONAL and PROGRAMINTERNAL ENVIRONMENT to use of the EB professional nursing PCM MODEL; (3) Identify the relationship of COMMUNITY, ORGANIZATIONAL, PROGRAM INTERNAL ENVIRONMENT, and PROGRAM MODEL to CM PRACTICE PATTERNS; and (4) Identify the relationship of PCM PROGRAM MODEL and PRACTICE PATTERNS to PROGRAM OUTCOMES, given COMMUNITY, ORGANIZATIONAL, and PROGRAM INTERNAL ENVIRONMENT. These aims are derived from four preliminary studies and a multi-level conceptual model. Study Aim 2 encompasses specific hypotheses predicting use of the EB program model.

A survey methodology is used with a multi-stage sample design with probabilities proportionate to number of PCM programs per state, yielding ten states from which a random sample of thirty programs are selected per state. Survey data are collected from 250 PCM program directors and 1250 personnel involved in directly providing PCM to clients. Instruments include scales with demonstrated reliability with PCM personnel. Intervention data are also collected from case managers. Data are aggregated to the program level for analyses, and linked with community data from the Area Resource File and state vital statistics. Descriptive statistics are used to derive types of PCM program models and address hypotheses regarding contextual influences on the program model. Multiple regression, MANCOVA, and hierarchical linear modeling analyses are planned for Study Aims 3 and 4.

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Violence Prevention for Vulnerable Youth

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.

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Virtual Reality in Medicine Laboratory (VRMedLab)

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.

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Volunteer Services

Volunteer Services at the University of Illinois Medical Center at Chicago are very important to individual patients and contribute to their wellness. A number of volunteer programs are available at the medical center:

Volunteer Greeters welcome patients, their families and guests to the medical center and assist them in reaching their location.

Pediatric Volunteers help children facing medical challenges get through their daily routine by being with them for tests and providing friendly games and activities.

Baby Cuddlers are trained to handle, hold, rock and cuddle stable infants as they convalesce from premature birth or other illnesses. Research has shown that infants who are held demonstrate greater growth, physiologic stability and have shorter hospital stays.

Reach Out and Read volunteers read to children in the Pediatric Clinic waiting room while they are waiting to see their healthcare providers. Volunteers provide positive, nurturing experiences with books at a time when children may need comfort. They also provide new ideas, amusement and a window into a wider world through books at a time when children might otherwise find themselves with few distractions from the anxieties of waiting for their clinic visit.

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Women's Health at Pilsen

Grand Opening to provide free walk in pregnancy tests to the community, as well as comprehensive women care via midwives.

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Young Women's Leadership Charter School-Based Clinic

This program provides holistic care for students and families of the Young Women's Leadership Charter School (YW LCS). Through this project, we support staff; develop the marketing materials and activities necessary to conduct a comprehensive needs assessment; and launch an information and registration campaigns. The partners also have developed a business plan to support the ongoing operations of the clinic. The ultimate goal is to attain a self-sustaining, comprehensive program that provides primary and episodic care, behavioral health services and an integrated health education program.

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