



MISSION:

Contribute to the elimination of health disparities in cardiovascular disease (CVD) and diabetes among African Americans and Hispanics/Latinos through community engagement, community and systems change, and dissemination of best practices.

VISION:

A network of organizations throughout the Chicago metropolitan area working together and leveraging resources in order to make a forceful impact on diabetes and CVD.

GOAL:

To prevent and reduce the burden of diabetes and CVD among African American and Hispanic/Latino populations in Chicago and the Midwest.

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Addressing a Rising Threat

According to the Centers for Disease Control, in the last 15 years the number of people in the United States with diagnosed diabetes has more than doubled, reaching 17.9 million in 2007. They estimate that another 5.7 million have diabetes without knowing it. African Americans and Hispanics/Latinos are about twice as likely as white adults to have diabetes. The data for cardiovascular (heart) disease (CVD) is similarly alarming as it continues to be the number one cause of death for both African Americans and Hispanics/Latinos. Diabetes itself contributes to the risk of death from CVD. Overweight, obesity, lack of physical activity and smoking are major risk factors for both diabetes and CVD. Living in an environment where people experience discrimination or have limited access to healthy food or to health care compounds the problem. Communities, organizations, and private and public institutions must work together to look for a wide range of solutions to make our communities healthier. To that end, CEED @ Chicago will facilitate the development of a network of coalitions and organizations with a broad spectrum of interests. We will work together to implement projects that will positively impact the social and environmental factors influencing diabetes and heart disease. We are looking for partners to commit to active participation in CEED, thus becoming a member.

Benefits of CEED Membership

- ❖ Members will be able to leverage resources to meet their goals relative to improving the social factors that contribute to the high rates of diabetes and heart disease in African American and Latino communities.
- ❖ Training and technical assistance on best and promising practices to improve the health of communities will be available from UIC, the Chicago Department of Public Health and other CEED members.
- ❖ The development of partnerships among members will be supported.
- ❖ By working together, CEED members will amplify their impact on the health and well-being of Hispanic/Latino and African American communities.

Our Initial Target Communities

South Chicago, East Side, North Lawndale, South Lawndale, and Humboldt Park are our initial target communities. CEED @ Chicago is expanding its coverage to include members throughout the metropolitan area and will gradually include Illinois, the Midwest region, and the nation.

A Bit of History

In 1999, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced the Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health 2010 (REACH 2010) Initiative. The University of Illinois at Chicago, in partnership with a coalition of community-based organizations, received a five-year grant to address diabetes disparities in Southeast Chicago, and also collaborated with the Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) to address CVD disparities in the North and South Lawndale areas. In October 2007, the University and CDPH received a REACH US grant that extends the efforts of REACH 2010, and supports the creation of CEED and the continuation of community initiatives. CEED @ Chicago is one of 18 grantees addressing health disparities nationwide.

CEED Organizers

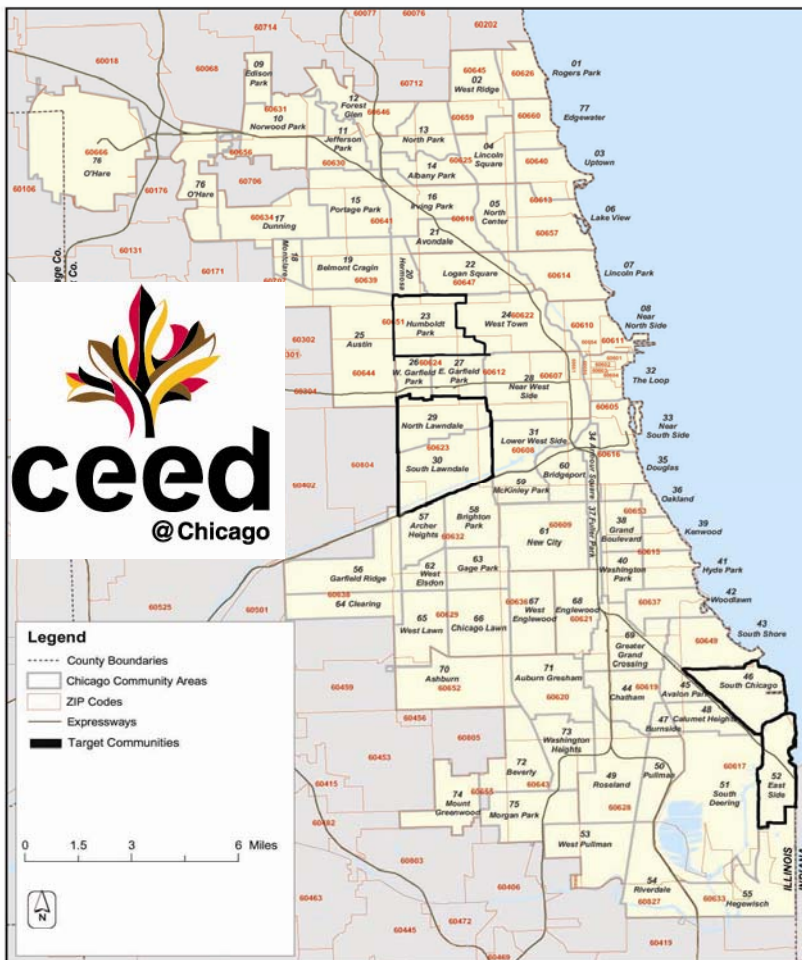
The UIC-Midwest Latino Health, Research, Training, and Policy Center of Jane Addams College of Social Work; the UIC-Neighborhood Initiatives/Great Cities Institute; and the Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) have partnered to bring together and nurture mutually beneficial and multi-disciplinary partnerships in research, education, and service to address the social determinants of health disparities.

CEED Committees

Six committees provide opportunities for partner members to get involved in the planning and overall implementation of programs to advance CEED's goals and objectives:

- ❖ Community Engagement Committee
- ❖ Training/Technical Assistance Committee
- ❖ Public Relations Committee
- ❖ Evaluation Committee
- ❖ Publications Committee
- ❖ Dissemination-Legacy Projects Committee

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