P20 Center of Excellence in Minority Health (COE) Program Directory

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Public Health Relevance Statement: African Americans suffer from a multitude of health disparities, and these disparities result in higher rates of death and disability. These health disparities occur because of genetic, biologic, socio-cultural, and financial issues. Therefore, a broad based approach based on a true collaboration with the targeted community is essential.

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Public Health Relevance Statement: Minority health disparities result in significant excess death and disability for minority health disparities populations but also a major cost burden for all citizens. Health indicators are among the poorest in the country, and health disparities in Arkansas are among the worst in the country. Thus, finding approaches to eliminate minority health disparities is extremely important in reducing human and financial costs.

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**Public Health Relevance Statement:** Because of our expertise on the cultural processes associated with health outcomes, the development and adaptation of culturally grounded prevention interventions, and the multilevel focus of integrating the family into adolescent prevention interventions, SIRC is uniquely qualified to examine relationships between sociocultural processes and health disparities within racial/ethnic minority populations of the Southwest and to provide community-based solutions for preventing, reducing and eliminating health disparities.

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**Public Health Relevance Statement:** American Indians suffer disproportionately from diabetes, substance abuse, unintentional injury/motor vehicle accidents and suicide. Applying a deficient approach to health challenges discourages AI students and communities and leaves AI populations conflicted about health research. CAIR's engagement of sustained partnerships, skills in CBPR and assets based strategy offers an innovative approach to health disparities research.

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**Charles R. Drew University of Medicine & Science**
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**Public Health Relevance Statement:** The Specific Aims of the CDU/UCLA Disparities Center are to: 1) To facilitate the integration and centralization of minority health and health disparities research and training across CDU and UCLA (Administrative Core); 2) To promote
methodologically rigorous research aimed at: a) promoting quality care, and effective health advocacy and health policy, and b) improving health outcomes and reducing health disparities for Los Angeles County African Americans and Latinos (Research Core and Research Subprojects); 3) To build research capacity at CDU, and strengthen existing research training for CDU and UCLA students, residents, fellows and junior faculty committed to minority health and health disparities research (Education and Research Training Core); and 4) To build novel partnerships with underserved predominantly Latino and African American Los Angeles communities and strengthen community capacity to partner in innovative research aimed at improving minority health and reducing health disparities (Community Outreach and Engagement Core).

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Public Health Relevance Statement: This project has much public health relevance in that it will utilize multi-transdisciplinary research approaches and strategies to implement multi-level individual, population-based, and policy interventions to address health disparities, especially, as related to obesity, becoming a model in understanding and improving the health of minorities and underserved populations in Mississippi.

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Public Health Relevance Statement: The San Diego Latino Research Center of Excellence is a tri-lateral collaboration that seeks to promote and expedite research that improves cardiovascular disease outcomes in low-income Latinos living in the border region of San Diego.
The San Diego Latino Research Center of Excellence proposes to focus on the disparities in cardiovascular disease (CVD) and its associated risk factors experienced by low-income Latinos living in the San Diego border region. The center will conduct rigorous community-based research that will primarily lead to reduction in disparities for disadvantaged populations, and at the same time provide improved service to the community, answer important biomedical questions, build research capacity in the community, and stimulate and train investigators in CVD disparities.

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**Public Health Relevance Statement:** Adverse social and environmental determinants of health, commonly referred to as health disparities, affect individuals and populations across the lifespan. An unacceptable burden of poor health often takes root in childhood. The research activities of the Healthy Children for a Healthy Future (HC4HF) will address multiple child health disparities in its research studies, its research training and education and its community outreach in the public health effort to reduce and ultimately eliminate racial/ethnic disparities.

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Public Health Relevance Statement: The proposed Center is highly relevant because of its demographic focus, its foundation is in an existing university-community partnership, and there is a clear need to develop collaborative intervention and research approaches to address health disparities in this significant population group.

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Tallahassee, Florida
Grant No: P20MD006738
URL: http://www.pharmacy.famu.edu/bluepill.php?sect=incluudes/research/p20

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Public Health Relevance Statement: To conduct breast and lung cancer research to address health disparities affecting minority and disadvantaged populations.

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Public Health Relevance Statement: The Center is expected to enhance our understanding of the role that social and cultural determinants of health have on the substance abuse and HIV risk behaviors of Latinos, particular Latinas. This knowledge is expected to lead to the development and refinement of culturally relevant and evidence-based HIV prevention strategies available to HIV-uninfected/infected individuals and users of substances among Latinos who are disproportionately affected by the HIV/AIDS and substance abuse epidemics in the U.S.
University of South Florida/Moffitt
Tampa, Florida
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Public Health Relevance Statement: This proposed Center will facilitate a long term research establishment on minority health/health disparities and increase the capabilities of the University of Florida and the Moffitt Cancer Center researchers to address disparities through research, education, training, and community engagement.

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Public Health Relevance Statement: Prostate cancer affects the African-American community disproportionately. There is an increased incidence/mortality rate for African-American men; however the reason for this is unknown. The Center for Cancer Research and Therapeutic Development is committed to focus on the impact of this health disparity within the African-American community.

Georgia Health Science University
Augusta, Georgia
Grant No: P20MD003383
URL: http://www.georgiahealth.edu/centers/sicklecell/about.html

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Public Health Relevance Statement: Sickle cell disease in the United States primarily affects African-Americans and is considered an orphan disease. Because of the lack of knowledge of health care providers in the management and treatment of painful episodes and other complications of this disease, patients are most often undertreated or not treated at all, which has created an enormous health disparity for these patients.

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Public Health Relevance Statement: The potential impact of this project includes a reduction in Child Maltreatment perpetration and improved relationships among families for a large population, which will ultimately result in reduced heath disparities among children and adults in the United States.

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Public Health Relevance Statement: The proposed project would establish a Center of Excellence for the Elimination of Rural Health Disparities within a rural community in Southeast Georgia. This would afford rural health researchers a unique opportunity to advance health disparities elimination research within their own communities, greatly advancing a field that focuses on improving the health of 20% of all US residents.
Morehouse School of Medicine
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Grant No: P20MD006881
URL: http://www.msm.edu/research/research_centersandinstitutes/center-of-excellence-on-health-disparities.aspx

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Public Health Relevance Statement: The lack of community and consumer involvement in health programs has a negative impact on citizen adoption of public health best practices. Hence, there is mounting and emerging evidence to demonstrate that community engagement leads to citizen ownership and positive cultural shifts for living more healthy lifestyles.

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Public Health Relevance Statement: Heart disease, obesity, and diabetes effect Native Hawaiians, Alaska Native, Pacific Peoples (Pacific Islanders, Micronesian and Filipinos), and New Zealand (NZ) Maoris more than other populations. This proposal will provide resources for research studies, training and educating scientists and community partners, and will work on reducing these diseases.
Rush University Medical Center
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Public Health Relevance Statement: The rich resources generated by the Rush Center of Excellence on Disparities in HIV and Aging will provide the research community with unparalleled opportunities to conduct studies that are essential to combat the pervasive health disparities between older African Americans and whites infected with HIV, a large and growing public health challenge.

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Public Health Relevance Statement: The Central Plains Center for American Indian Health addresses health disparities among American Indians, who face some of the greatest health disparities of any racial/ethnic group in the US and who have not historically been well represented in medical research or education in the health professions. The center builds on our successful CBPR addressing a variety of health issues and focuses on two major health issues among AI, smoking and mammography. American Indians have the highest rates of smoking and rising incidence and disproportionate mortality for breast cancer.

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**Public Health Relevance Statement:** The lack of well-trained biomedical investigators and research nurses decreases minority participation in clinical and basic research, denying them access to advanced healthcare and perpetuating health disparities. The proposed Center will promote the participation of minority investigators, nurses, undergraduate students, and communities in health-related research that affects their community.

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**Public Health Relevance Statement:** University of Massachusetts Boston (UMass Boston) and Harvard University School of Public Health (HSPH) have partnered with the Cherishing Our Hearts and Souls Coalition (COHS) of Roxbury (a Boston neighborhood comprised of 51% African Americans and 23% Hispanics) to establish an exploratory Center (P20) for Health and Health Care Disparities that is dedicated to Community Based Participatory Research (CBPR). The HORIZON Center has 4 cores, 3 research projects and 6 pilot projects; all designed to strengthen the evidence-based practices and strategies for understanding and training practitioners in health disparities reduction.

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Public Health Relevance Statement: The Center of Excellence on Race, Ethnicity and Health Disparities Research at the University of Maryland College Park (UMCP) is designed to be a vibrant contributor to the University of Maryland's re-invigorated land grant mission, which includes a commitment to eliminate racial and ethnic disparities and achieve health equity.

Henry Jackson Foundation for the Advancement of Military Medicine, Inc.
Bethesda, MD
Grant No: P20MD000505
URL: http://www.usu-chd.org/chd/Home

Public Health Relevance Statement: USU Center for Health Disparities Research (USUCHD) builds upon and extends the infrastructure and achievements of the USUCHD to promote healthy weight in order to eliminate health disparities and build partnerships for better health among African Americans adults and their families and African American and Latino adolescents.

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Public Health Relevance Statement: Obesity, hypertension, and diabetes disproportionately affect African Americans. Sustainable changes in diet and behavior can help to reduce these diseases. This project aims to find ways to promote long-term diet quality and glucose control.

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Public Health Relevance Statement: This continuing center will conduct family based, community engaged health research, training, health literacy and science education activities focused on reducing health disparities, with emphasis on prevention, of HIV, diabetes complications and related risks.
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Grant No: P20MD004811
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Public Health Relevance Statement: Addresses themes that are essential for translating research into primary care practice, and by targeting an important area of health disparities. This research is particularly important in New Mexico, where ethnic and socioeconomic disparities in alcohol and opioid care are acute and resources lacking.

SUNY Downstate Medical Center
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Public Health Relevance Statement: The Brooklyn Health Disparities Center proposes to extend a unique partnership between a community based organization, a medical center, and a government agency to address health disparities in Brooklyn by: training community members to participate in research and policy-making; developing community-engaged projects; and increasing the presence of underrepresented minorities entering the health field.

University at Albany, State University of New York
Albany, NY
Grant No: P20MD003373
URL: http://www.albany.edu/cemhd/index.php

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Public Health Relevance Statement: Minority health disparities are a major impediment to achieving the Healthy 2010 goals. This Center will focus on health disparities in smaller cities and towns, an understudied component of the problem. It will conduct research, and train students and researchers in minority health disparities, thereby enhancing our capacity to implement solutions that will improve minority health and eliminate disparity.

University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center
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Public Health Relevance Statement: This project will improve the public's health by reducing the unacceptably huge diabetes health disparity crisis among AI people through finding better means to: provide clinical care in its treatment, prevent onset, reduce familial distress in chronic disease coping, develop better healthy decision-making among youth, and develop better means to communicate healthy lifestyle choices. The project also creates a collaboration with rural, small food outlets as "Good Food Neighbors" to promote selling healthier foods and introduces "digital storytelling" appropriate to Indian Country by the production of a series of real stories of success in diabetes coping and prevention.

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Public Health Relevance Statement: South Dakota's substantial geographic size, limited financial resources and small population demand that systems work collaboratively to address needs in the state. The participating institutions have recognized strength in collaboration and combining resources. This unique combination of partners is able to bring expertise in educational opportunities, research expertise, community-based organizations and Tribal leadership with the combined goal of reducing and eliminating health disparities in Aberdeen Area Tribes.

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Public Health Relevance Statement: The Hispanic Health Disparities Research Center will be guided by a conceptual framework that makes explicit the variables that influence Hispanic health disparities in our Border communities.

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Public Health Relevance Statement: The existence of health disparities in different racial, ethnic and socioeconomic groups in the United States is a significant public health concern. Through combined efforts of education, state of the art research and outreach to communities, the Texas Center for Health Disparities will help in combating this problem.
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