



NYU CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF ASIAN AMERICAN HEALTH

The NYU Center for the Study of Asian American Health (CSAAH) is a National Institutes of Health (NIH) National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD) funded National Research Center of Excellence. It is based in the Section for Health Equity within the Department of Population Health at NYU School of Medicine.

Established in 2003 through an NIH NCMHD Project EXPORT (Excellence in Partnership, Outreach, Research, and Training) Center grant, CSAAH is the only Center of its kind in the country that is solely dedicated to research and evaluation on Asian American health and health disparities. CSAAH is committed to identifying Asian American health priorities and reducing health disparities by integrating and building on the work of researchers and over 55 Asian American community, government, business and academic/medical partners.

MISSION

To identify health priorities and reduce health disparities in the Asian American community through research, training and partnership.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- We believe in systemic change through multi-pronged strategies and working with diverse stakeholders
- We believe in equitable collaboration and partnerships
- We believe in action-oriented research
- We believe in strengthening the research capacity of both community and academic partners to fully engage in the research process
- We believe in multi-cultural evaluation

AIMS

- Build new and strengthen existing private and public partnerships in order to increase outreach, advocacy and research capacity to address Asian American health disparities and social inequalities;
- Develop and conduct research to understand, address and eliminate health disparities in these communities; and
- Train a cadre of health professionals about community-based approaches to addressing health disparities in Asian American communities.

RESEARCH

NYU School of Medicine - City University of New York Prevention Research Center (NYU-CUNY PRC)

NYU-CUNY PRC is an innovative public-private partnership committed to translating and adapting evidence-based interventions into integrated community-clinical approaches to reduce health disparities in NYC.

Project IMPACT (Implementing Million Hearts for Provider and Community Transformation)

The first core research project of the new NYU-CUNY PRC will build upon the Million Hearts Initiative to test the efficacy, adoption, and impact of integrating a state-of-the-art CHW model with physician-level intervention models using EHR-based tools to improve hypertension control among South Asians in NYC.



DREAM Project

DREAM (Diabetes Research, Education, and Action for Minorities) Project

A five-year community-based

participatory research study using a CHW model designed to improve diabetes control and diabetes-related health complications in the Bangladeshi community in NYC.



CHRNA (Community Health Resources and Needs Assessment)

A large-scale health needs assessment in diverse, low-income, Asian American communities in NYC to determine existing health issues and resources, and best approaches to meet community needs.

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MARHABA (Muslim Americans Reaching for Health and Building Alliances) Project

A two-year qualitative study to understand the barriers and facilitators of breast and cervical cancer screening among a diverse group of Muslim women in NYC using a community-engaged approach.



Project RICE (Reaching Immigrants through Community Empowerment)

A five-year community driven initiative designed to improve health and prevent diabetes among Koreans and South Asians in NYC using a CHW model.



Project AsPIRE

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A multi-year community-based participatory research program to develop, test, and evaluate a community health worker model designed to reduce cardiovascular disease and hypertension disparities among Filipino Americans living in the New York/New Jersey metropolitan area.

Project REACH FAR: A program to implement comprehensive, integrated, and sustainable multi-sector, evidence-based policy systems and environmental approaches to addressing hypertension control among Asian American communities in the New York/ New Jersey metropolitan area.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Health Disparities Research Training Program (HDRTP) and Center Student Investigator Program (CSI) provides research and training opportunities for students to gain knowledge and skills to address Asian American health disparities.

Community Health Worker Training provides a core competency-based training to CHWs engaged in community-academic initiatives to enhance their capacity to reduce health disparities in the communities in which they work.

Community Empowered Research Training (CERT) is an academic-community partnership dedicated to strengthening community leadership in research.