



Announcements

CDC Site Visit to the UCLA/RAND Prevention Research Center

In July 2012, staff members of the CDC PRC Program, including our program officer, will conduct a site visit to our Center to meet with our academic and community partners to learn more about our core research project and other Center projects and activities.

Upcoming CAPP Research Seed Grants

In July 2012, the Community-Academic-Policy-Partnership Project (PI: Paul Chung, MD, MS) will release an RFA to solicit proposals from CAB organizations for the third and final round of CAPP seed research grants. One-year grants in the \$10,000-\$30,000 range will be awarded to 1-3 projects to enhance the research capacity of our community partners. Eligible proposals must fit the overall mission of the Prevention Research Center, and applicants must be non-profit private 501(c)(3) or public community organizations that are either current CAB organizations or sponsored by a current CAB organization.

Evaluation Training Series

Beginning in September, 2012, the Community-Academic-Policy-Partnership Project will offer a free three-part training series focused on program evaluation for CAB members and staff of CAB organizations. The training will be hosted by our partner organization, GAP (Gang Alternatives Program), in Wilmington, CA, and will take place in September, November, and January. Each workshop will focus on a different aspect of program evaluation: outcome measurement, developing an evaluation strategy and plan, and using data to communicate program impact. *For more information, contact Lindsey Thompson at lindseythompson@mednet.ucla.edu.*

Center News



Spotlight: Community Health Innovations in Prevention for Seniors (CHIPS)

Community Health Innovations in Prevention for Seniors (CHIPS) is a recently funded Special Interest Project (SIP).

Dr. Steven Wallace, the Associate Director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research and the Chair of the Department of Community Health Sciences at the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health, is the Principal Investigator of Community Health Innovations in Prevention for Seniors (CHIPS), a Special

Interest Project (SIP) funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Universities with a CDC-funded Prevention Research Center, such as the UCLA/RAND Prevention Research Center, are eligible to compete for SIPS.

Dr. Wallace chose to apply for this SIP because it fit so well with his research interests. He is a sociologist by training and throughout his career has been interested in health disparities and health equity issues, often focusing on racially and ethnically diverse aging populations and access to care. CHIPS builds neatly on Dr. Wallace's interests, looking at ways to increase the uptake of clinical preventive services (CPS) in community settings among aging populations as a form of primary prevention, a way to improve health equity, and move toward Healthy People 2020 goals. Clinical preventive services help prevent disease or detect it early, and include services such as cancer screenings and immunizations.

CHIPS will identify evidence-based programs and promising practices in community settings by conducting a thorough literature review, but also, by employing a website to identify programs that have been implemented, but not published in the academic literature. Communities and organizations that have implemented programs focused on increasing the use of CPS in the community are invited to submit their program at the project's website.

After evidence-based programs and promising practices have been identified, CHIPS will make findings available to organizations likely to implement programs, including aging network services (e.g., senior centers), health departments, community health centers, and other community sites (e.g., YMCA), as well as the academic community.

In the future, Dr. Wallace hopes to create a resource library, including program materials such as manuals, curriculums, and outreach components, so that others can more easily implement well-tested interventions.

For more information or to share a community-based program that increases use of clinical preventive services in seniors, visit <http://www.healthpolicy.ucla.edu/chips>.

Welcome new Community Advisory Board (CAB) member, Jeannette Flores

Jeannette Flores, Local Policy Specialist at the California Center for Public Health Advocacy (CCPHA), joined the CAB in May 2012. CCPHA raises public awareness about critical public health issues and mobilizes communities to promote the establishment of effective state and local health policies. CCPHA is currently engaged in the Healthy Eating Active Living (HEAL) Campaign for California Cities, including the Carson/Wilmington area. *For more details about CCPHA, see <http://www.publichealthadvocacy.org/>.*

The mission of the UCLA/RAND Prevention Research Center is to conduct prevention research that: (1) address the needs of children, adolescents, young adults, and their families; (2) builds empowering relationships with community partners in Los Angeles and beyond; and (3) directly benefits communities and/or transforms local, state, and national policies. For more information about the UCLA/RAND Prevention Research Center, please visit www.ph.ucla.edu/prc.