

PREVENTION RESEARCH CENTERS

Program Expands for 2010-2014

Through the Prevention Research Centers (PRC) Program, CDC is awarding more than \$27.5 million to study how people and their communities can avoid or counter risks for chronic illnesses, such as heart disease, asthma, and diabetes. The funds will support prevention research at 37 academic institutions in 27 states. This set includes 30 previously funded programs and seven newly funded programs that will work with communities to address public health issues. The awards are for the first year of a five-year funding period.

The PRC Program is recognized for having advanced the field of participatory research, in which researchers work hand-in-hand with communities at every research step. By involving communities in designing and conducting research, the centers ensure that health strategies found to be effective can be readily applied where they are most needed.

Five of the new centers are considered developmental and will be funded to develop community partnerships and a pilot study for future research. Two new comprehensive centers already have research plans in place with community partners.

“Preventing chronic disease is critical to improving our nation’s well-being and avoiding excessive health care costs,” said Eduardo J. Simoes, MD, MSc, MPH, director of the PRC Program. “Adding PRCs to the network means that more researchers and communities will work with CDC to develop the strategies that help people avoid heart disease, asthma, diabetes, and other serious illnesses.”



New community-academic partnerships:

University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences

The Mississippi Delta region of Arkansas, where schoolchildren lack good nutrition and physical activity.

Case Western Reserve University

Cleveland, Ohio, where residents of underserved neighborhoods lack access to affordable and healthy foods.

Dartmouth College

The Vermont-New Hampshire border, where cardiovascular disease rates are disproportionately high among people with serious mental illness.

University of Maryland

Prince George’s County, Maryland, where rates of sexually transmitted diseases are high among African Americans.

University of Massachusetts Medical School

Worcester, Massachusetts, where many people in the Latino community have diabetes.

New York University School of Medicine

New York City neighborhoods, where Korean-Americans and South Asian-Americans are at increased risk for diabetes.

Ohio State University

Columbus, Ohio, where preschoolers are at risk for obesity as they grow up.

Locations of Prevention Research Centers, Fiscal Years 2010–2014

Category 1 centers (have a comprehensive organizational infrastructure, strong community relationships, and plans in place with community partners for a core research project)

State	University
Alabama	University of Alabama at Birmingham
Arizona	University of Arizona
California	San Diego State University (with University of California at San Diego) University of California at Berkeley University of California at Los Angeles (with RAND Health)
Colorado	University of Colorado Denver
Connecticut	Yale University
Florida	University of South Florida
Georgia	Emory University Morehouse School of Medicine
Iowa	University of Iowa
Kentucky	University of Kentucky
Louisiana	Tulane University
Maryland	Johns Hopkins University
Massachusetts	Boston University Harvard University
Michigan	University of Michigan
Minnesota	University of Minnesota
Missouri	Saint Louis University (with Washington University)
New Mexico	University of New Mexico
New York	Columbia University New York University School of Medicine* University of Rochester
North Carolina	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Ohio	Case Western Reserve University*
Oregon	Oregon Health & Science University
Pennsylvania	University of Pittsburgh
South Carolina	University of South Carolina
Texas	Texas A&M Health Science Center University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston
Washington	University of Washington
West Virginia	West Virginia University

Category 2 centers (will develop infrastructure and community relationships for a pilot study)

State	University
Arkansas	University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences*
Maryland	University of Maryland*
Massachusetts	University of Massachusetts Medical School*
New Hampshire	Dartmouth College*
Ohio	Ohio State University*

* New center



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