

# PREVENTION RESEARCH CENTERS

## Program Expands for 2010–2014



*Researchers will develop strategies to narrow the health disparities gap.*

Through the Prevention Research Centers (PRC) Program, CDC is awarding more than \$25 million to study how people and their communities can avoid or counter the risks for chronic illnesses, such as heart disease, asthma, and diabetes. The funds will support prevention research at 35 academic institutions in 25 states. This set includes 28 previously funded programs and seven newly funded programs. The awards are for the first year of a five-year funding period.

“Prevention Research Centers have reached more than 41 million people in 66 partner communities, some of which are the most underserved in the country,” said Janet Collins, Ph.D., director of CDC’s National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion. “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.”

### **New communities:**

- New York City neighborhoods, where Korean-Americans and South Asian-Americans are at risk for diabetes.
- Cleveland, Ohio, where residents of underserved neighborhoods lack access to affordable and healthy foods.
- Worcester, Massachusetts, where many people in the Latino community have diabetes.
- Columbus, Ohio, where preschoolers are at risk for obesity as they grow up.
- Prince George’s County, Maryland, where rates of sexually transmitted diseases are high among African Americans.
- The Mississippi Delta region of Arkansas, where schoolchildren lack good nutrition and physical activity.
- The Vermont-New Hampshire border, where cardiovascular disease rates are disproportionately high among people with serious mental illness.



The Prevention Research Centers are a network of academic health centers, partner communities, and public health practitioners that conduct community-based participatory research to prevent disease and disability.

The Prevention Research Centers Program is recognized for having advanced the field of participatory research in which researchers work hand in hand with communities at every research step. 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 Wayne Giles, M.D., M.S., director of CDC’s Division of Adult and Community Health. “Our investment in the Prevention Research Centers moves us closer to helping all Americans share the richness of good health.”

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## Locations of Prevention Research Centers, Fiscal Years 2010–2014

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

<b>State</b>	<b>University</b>
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 at Denver
Connecticut	Yale University
Florida	University of South Florida
Georgia	Emory University Morehouse School of Medicine
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 and Science University
South Carolina	University of South Carolina
Texas	Texas A&M University 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)

<b>State</b>	<b>University</b>
Arkansas	University of Arkansas for Medical Services
Maryland	University of Maryland
Massachusetts	University of Massachusetts Medical School
New Hampshire	Dartmouth College
Ohio	Ohio State University

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