The Cancer Prevention and Control Research Network: Accelerating the Adoption of Evidence-Based Cancer Prevention and Control in Communities

A national network of academic, public health, and community partners working together to reduce the burden of cancer, especially among those disproportionately affected.

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CPCRN Vision

Reduce the burden of cancer in U.S. populations and eliminate cancer disparities
CPCRN Mission

Accelerate the adoption and implementation of evidence-based cancer prevention and control strategies in communities, enhance large-scale efforts to reach underserved populations and reduce their burden of cancer, deepen our understanding of the predictable processes that achieve those goals, and develop the dissemination and implementation workforce in cancer prevention and control.
The CPCRN Organization

- Largest of seven Thematic Research Networks in the Prevention Research Centers (PRCs) Program
  - Only Thematic Network focused on dissemination and implementation of cancer interventions
- Eight Network Centers at research institutions
- Collaboration with two Federal Agencies
  - CDC – Division of Cancer Prevention and Control
  - NCI – Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences
CPCRN Strengths

- Advancing science for dissemination and implementation research
- Strong community partnerships
- Focus on underserved populations
- Broad geographic outreach
- Research focus that complements NCI & CDC priorities
- Infrastructure funding provides impetus to focus beyond discovery and be opportunistic
CPCRN Cross-Center Workgroups (and their Chairs)

2014-2019

• Cancer Screening Navigation
• Modeling EBI Impact
• Organizational Theory Framework for Implementation
• Rural Cancer
• Tobacco and Lung Cancer Screening

2020+

• Cancer survivorship
• Young adult cancer / pol-substance abuse
• CPCRN Scholars /career development

• Technical assistance in cancer prevention and control
Sample projects: Catalyzing Action and Effecting Change

- UW developed a tool used by Washington CRCCP FQHCs to track, monitor, and summarize CRC screening FIT kit distribution efforts.

- UPenn worked with stakeholders and FQHC partners to identify barriers, challenges, and needs regarding CRC screening, and used process mapping to inform development of a project to address critical gaps in the uptake of evidence-based strategies to increase screening.

- UK established a partnership with Juniper Health to learn more about their Proactive Office Encounter (POE) implementation process. UK was also sought out by Appalachian Regional Healthcare for Technical assistance in implementing POE at their clinics.

- Case Western led an effort with local FQHCs to create a registry for abnormal Pap smears and colposcopies so that the FQHC team can better follow-up with patients in a timely manner.
Discussion

- Can the CPCRN model for operations, or aspects thereof, be applied to Four Corners cancer prevention programming?

- Can projects within the two entities be leveraged together for greater impact?