Substance Abuse and HIV Integrated Prevention Services for Women (SHIPS)

This intervention program is targeted to reduce substance abuse-related problems, especially HIV transmission, in Prince George's County, Maryland. SHIPS is funded by a 5-year grant through SAMSHA and CSAP Minority AIDS initiative.

Using Social Networks to Prevent the Spread of Sexually Transmitted Diseases and HIV

Researchers are working with the Prince George’s County Health Department to increase the number of STD and HIV prevention programs. This collaboration works to address factors that contribute to STD/HIV infection and offers residents STI/HIV prevention services.

State of Maryland’s 2012-2014 Comprehensive HIV Plan

The UMD-PRC was the lead contractor in creating this plan, which included the Statewide Coordinated Statement of Need and Maryland’s Jurisdictional HIV Prevention Plan. This document was the first integrated plan to address the full continuum of HIV services in the state, from prevention, testing, linkage to care, and treatment of persons living with HIV/AIDS.

Educating Health Providers about Client’s STI/HIV Risks and Needs

The purpose of this study is to gather information about risk for STI/HIV and provider practice regarding those risks. This information will be used to further educate health care providers about the needs of clients to improve services related to STI/HIV.

Special Interest Projects: Funding from CDC Prevention Research Center Program

Dr. Donna Howard, Department of Behavioral and Community Health; Mr. Irwin Royster, Planned Parenthood. “Boys Healthy Dating Relationship Study”

Dr. Joseph Richardson, Department of African-American Studies; Dr. Carnell Cooper, University of Maryland Medical Center and trauma surgeons for Prince George’s County Hospital.

“Exploring Recurrent Violent Trauma, Linkages to Care and HIV Risk Related Behaviors”

Mission Statement

To reduce health disparities in Maryland along the national capital border. This area in Prince George’s County, Maryland between the “National Capital Beltway”, the District of Columbia, and Montgomery County, Maryland is specifically targeted for community health improvement.

UMD-PRC Goals

- Make significant strides toward increasing community capacity.
- Advance Community Based Participatory Research (CBPR).
- Link community needs with appropriate resources.
- Address issues that exacerbate disenfranchisement.

Opportunities for Involvement

- Seat Pleasant Community Campus Partnership for Health, Inc.
- University of Maryland Advisory Committee (UMAC) and Faculty Affiliates Program
- University of Maryland Prevention Center Board (PRCDB)
- Prevention Research Center Board (PRCB)
- Community Advisory Committee (CAC)
- Parent and Community Engagement
- Communication & Dissemination
- Evaluation
- Research Projects
- Special Interest Projects
- Applied Public Health Intervention Research Project
- Community Management Team Coordinators and Staff

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Social Determinants of Health Programs

- “Climbing Up and Reaching Back”: Ladder of Support for Research Careers in Biomedical and Behavioral Science
- Seat Pleasant Community Summit
- Seat Pleasant Community Health Partnership (PTCHP)
- Healthy Start
- Special Interest Projects: Funding from CDC Prevention Research Center Program
- Dr. Brit Saksvig, Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics
- Dr. Denise Lynch, Principal, Bradbury Heights Elementary School
- "Mobilizing Elementary School Parents Networks for Obesity Prevention"
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