COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center
- Greater Baden Medical Services Inc.
- Institute for Public Health Innovation
- Heart to Hand Inc.
- Johns Hopkins University
- Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
- National Institute of Health (NIH)
- Prince George’s County Health Department
- Seat Pleasant Community Campus Partnership for Health, Inc.
- Sexually Transmitted Infection Community Coalition of Metropolitan Washington, DC (STICC)
- Strategic Communications Inc.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The National Community Committee of the CDC Prevention Research Center Programs:

- Community-Based Participatory Research (CBPR) Best Practice Award (April 2011)
- Community Partnership Engagement Award (October 2010)

Local, State and National Media Recognition:

- PGC TV
- Gazette
- The Sentinel
- MWP HA Blog
- The Kojo Nnamdi Show, WAMU
- ASPH Friday Letter
- Journal Articles

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HISTORY
Funded in October of 2009 by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the initial projects of the UMD-PRC focused on health improvement in Prince George's County between the National Capital Beltway, Montgomery County, and Washington, D.C. Relative to the rest of the National Capital Border region of Maryland, this area suffers disproportionately from a number of health problems. UMD-PRC’s funding from the State of Maryland and the CDC are currently being used to focus on HIV risk reduction in this area.

The UMD-PRC is one of 37 developmental and comprehensive prevention research centers funded by the CDC. This interdependent network of community, academic, and public health partners works to conduct prevention research and promote the wide use of practices proven to promote good health.

MISSION
To eliminate 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.

EXAMPLES OF CURRENT RESEARCH
Climbing Up and Reaching Back
CURB seeks to increase representation from minority and underserved communities in the biomedical and behavioral sciences by mentoring high achieving high school students.

Linkage to HIV Medical Care
Linkage to Care seeks to increase HIV testing and HIV Care Utilization with People living with HIV and AIDS.

S.H.I.P.S.
Substance Abuse and HIV Integrated Prevention Services for Women, an intervention program targeted to reduce substance abuse related problems especially HIV transmission, in the county.

State of Maryland’s 2012-14 Comprehensive HIV Prevention Plan
The UMD-PRC was the lead contractor in creating this plan, which included a Statewide Coordinated Statement of Need.

Seat Pleasant Health Summit
The UMD-PRC hosts over 100 multi generational community members from the City of Seat Pleasant for an annual interactive event focused on promoting health and developing strategies to combat chronic diseases.

GOALS
* Make significant strides toward increasing community capacity.
* Advance Community Based Participatory Research.
* Link community needs with appropriate resources.
* Address issues that exacerbate disenfranchisement.