

History of the Detroit URC: A Pioneering Community-Based Participatory Research (CBPR) Partnership

Since its founding in 1995, the Detroit URC has established more than 10 affiliated partnerships and 30 CBPR projects, which have in turn carried out successful research, interventions, and policy change efforts aimed at promoting health equity in Detroit and beyond. This timeline celebrates some of the Detroit URC's most significant milestones as we commemorate more than 20 years of accomplishments.



2000 - Present
Understanding & promoting heart health in Detroit neighborhoods by examining social and physical environmental determinants of health & promoting physical activity through walking.

Promoting Healthy Eating in Detroit • 1999-2002
Conducted intervention research to reduce excessive weight gain during pregnancy & postpartum weight retention among women in Detroit.

Neighborhoods Working in Partnership • 2007-2013 (& Ongoing by Detroit URC)
Building capacity of Detroit community residents to effectively change policies through advocacy training & support.

Neighborhoods Taking Action • 2011-2014
Enhanced policy advocacy capacity of youth & adults to impact systems change in schools to improve high school graduation rates.

Detroit URC Expands Capacity Building Initiatives to Foster CBPR Partnerships • 2012-Present

- Community-Academic Research Network
- Small Planning Grant Program
- Community-Based Organization Capacity Training

CBPR Partnership Academy • 2014 - Present
Increasing the CBPR skills of researcher-community teams nationwide through year-long applied training & mentoring.

BMMCPHD • 1997-2000
Provided Medicaid enrollment assistance for Latino residents of Southwest Detroit.



1999 - Present
Using community health worker interventions that build on community strengths to reduce diabetes risk among African American and Latino residents.

1999 - Present (Est. as part of Michigan Center for the Environment & Children's Health)
Community Action Against Asthma
Conducting intervention, exposure assessment and epidemiological research to enhance understanding and address environmental triggers of childhood asthma.

HEALTHY MOMS • 2002 - Present
Reducing diabetes & depression risk through a community health worker-led social support/healthy lifestyle intervention.

PHED • 2002 - 2005
Developed supportive community environments & policies to increase access to & use of healthy foods by residents of Eastside & Southwest Detroit.

Eastside Access Partnership • 2002-2005
Increased the enrollment of eligible Eastside Detroit children in Medicaid/MI Child health insurance programs.

ESVHWP • 1995-2003
Tested a stress process model & used a community health advisor intervention to address community stressors.

LA VIDA • 2000-Present
Demonstrating the effectiveness of a community-based intervention to address the problem of intimate partner violence against Latina women.

2013 - Present
Gathering data to understand factors influencing air quality; translating data into best practices; & creating an action plan to reduce the effects of air pollution on residents' health.



Health Impact Assessment • 2013 - Present
Carrying out a health impact assessment of Detroit regeneration strategies.



Insure Detroit • 2015 - Present
Enhancing the health care literacy of Detroiters to understand the advantages of health care coverage, & how to obtain and use it.

Our Next 20 Years!...

Detroit URC BOARD ORGANIZATIONS (including Founding Orgs. in 1995)*

- Community Health & Social Services Center (CHASS)*
- Communities In Schools *
- Detroters Working for Environmental Justice (DWEJ)
- Detroit Dept. of Health & Wellness Promotion or Detroit Health Dept.
- Detroit Hispanic Dev. Corp. (DHDC)*
- Eastside Community Network (ECN)*
- Friends of Parkside (FOP)*
- Henry Ford Health System (HFHS)
- Institute for Population Health (IPH)
- Latino Family Services (LFS)*
- Neighborhood Service Org. (NSO)
- U-M School of Public Health*
- U-M School of Social Work
- U-M School of Nursing
- *IN 1995, ALSO: Butzel Family Center and Kettering/Butzel Health Initiative*

GLOSSARY of Acronyms Used

- **BMMCPHD:** Bilingual/Bicultural Medicaid Managed Care Program for Hispanics in Detroit
- **ESVHWP:** East Side Village Health Worker Partnership
- **PHLAW:** Promoting Healthy Lifestyles Among Women
- **REACH:** Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health