CCH’s Grisel M. Robles-Schrader receives award from Connect to Protect: Chicago

January 26, 2016 marked the last coalition meeting of Connect to Protect: Chicago (C2P: Chicago), a multisite National Institutes of Health (NIH) study funded through the Adolescent Trials Network for HIV/AIDS Interventions (ATN) focused on mobilizing multi-sectoral partnerships to achieve locally relevant structural changes aimed at reducing HIV/AIDS among adolescent and young adults 12-24 years old.

C2P was a 12 year community research study; at one time hosting sites in 15 cities across the United States and Puerto Rico. C2P: Chicago has been operating locally out of the Division of Adolescent & Young Adult Medicine, John H. Stroger Hospital of Cook County, under the leadership of Principal Investigators Dr. Lisa Henry-Reid and Dr. Jaime Martinez (now retired), Community Coordinator Jolietta R. Holliman, with strong support from Linkage to Care Coordinator Antionette McFadden, Project SMILE, and Prevention Services Coordinator Raymond McPherson, Early Linkage Intervention to a Negative Continuum of Care. Together the team ensured that HIV issues affecting youth was addressed the continuum of care.

C2P: Chicago coalition members achieved over a dozen structural changes across diverse community sectors including the Cook County Juvenile Temporary Detention Center, the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, Chicago Department of Public Health and Illinois school system.

In the spirit of collaboration and shared resources, C2P: Chicago will merge with Black Treatment Advocates Network (BTAN) to continue mobilizing support to address the fight against HIV/AIDS in Chicago.

(Left, from left to right) Award presenter Jolie Holliman, CCH’s own Grisel M. Robles-Schrader and Dr. Ciuinal Lewis, New Age Services received awards For Outstanding Work in Mentorship and Community Mobilization.
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