

## ALLIANCE FOR RESEARCH IN CHICAGOLAND COMMUNITIES (ARCC)

Established in 2008, the Alliance for Research in Chicagoland Communities (ARCC) catalyzes and supports meaningful community and academic engagement to improve health and health equity. We honor the multiple types of expertise that academics (scientific experts) & communities (local, cultural, practice experts) bring to improve the relevance, design and impact of research. We support the following **Principles of Engagement: Collaboration, Respect, Equity, Transparency, & Impact.**



### AREAS OF STRATEGIC FOCUS

#### COMMITMENT TO EQUITY & ENGAGEMENT

- Participatory governance model to center leadership of community and academic stakeholders through ARCC Steering Committee, town halls and surveys
- Building institutional culture and commitment to engagement at Northwestern

#### CAPACITY FOR ENGAGED RESEARCH

- Partnership brokering
- Training (including workshops and custom presentations)
- Consultation (including engagement strategy design, proposal review, technical assistance)
- Online Resource Directory- [www.ARCCresources.net](http://www.ARCCresources.net)

#### FUNDING FOR RESEARCH

- Seed Grants for Partnership Development (twice/year & Research (annual)

#### ACTIONABLE RESEARCH FINDINGS

- Supporting practice-informed research at Northwestern and evidence-informed policy and practice at public agencies and community organizations
- Aligning research with community-driven priorities
- Working collaboratively with local and national networks of researchers and stakeholders
- Helping research partnerships/partners design dissemination strategies

The **Alliance for Research in Chicagoland Communities (ARCC)** is a program of the **Center for Community Health (CCH)** at **Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine**. CCH serves **Northwestern's Institute for Public Health & Medicine (IPHAM)** and the **Northwestern University Clinical & Translational Sciences Institute (NUCATS)**. Visit the [CCH website](#) to learn more about other CCH programs and services.

**ARCC is led by a steering committee comprised of:  
13 COMMUNITY- AND FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS**



**2 PUBLIC AGENCIES**



**11 NORTHWESTERN FACULTY & STAFF**



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