Building Community Research Capacity:
Resources to Support Community Organizations & Other Collaborators

Below are a number of resources from the **ARCC Online Resource Directory (www.ARCConline.net)** that will be helpful for communities that are assessing and building their organizational and community capacity for research.

- Assessing your Organization's Research Capacity (Acronym that isn't spelled out: CBPR (community-based participatory research)

- Developing Research Action Plan for Your Organization

- Considerations for engaging in research- developed specifically for community health centers but contains helpful background & framing info.

- CBO Research Principles & Values

- Developing your Organization's Research Purpose

- Example forms/questions that communities can ask interested researchers to complete:

    - Reviewing & Considering Research Requests from Academics

    - Preparing for Discussions with Possible Research Partners

    - another example

    - Community Guidelines for Academic Researchers

- Sometimes communities form a research committee that discusses related issues or reviews/responds to requests submitted by researchers:

    - Establishing Research Committee at Your Organization

    - Forming Community Advisory Board (this was primarily developed for research teams or partnerships that may be forming a board but may be helpful for a CBO research board too)

- Template MOUs that orgs can develop for specific project or adapt for use in any project

Chicagoland Community organization examples

- Access Living: Guiding Research Principles & Expectations and Application for Research Partnership

- Erie Family Health Centers: https://www.eriefamilyhealth.org/research/

- Little Village Environmental Justice Organization: http://www.lvejo.org/academic-partnerships/

Funding

- ARCC Seed Grants for Community Research Capacity-Building

- Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI): Funding to build capacity for engaged research and funding to convene stakeholders for engaged research.

ARCC Background

Established in 2008, the **Alliance for Research with Chicagoland Communities** (ARCC) supports authentic community-academic research partnerships between Chicagoland communities and Northwestern University that benefit the people being researched and improve health and equity. ARCC advocates for a collaborative approach to research that honors, is driven by, and shares power with communities, as local, cultural, and lived experience experts. Guided by a Steering Committee of Chicagoland community- and faith-based organizations, public agencies and Northwestern faculty and staff, ARCC supports community-academic research partnerships by providing partnership facilitation, capacity-building resources and technical assistance, seed grants, monthly information and resource updates, and advocacy for supportive structural and institutional systems and policies in the research enterprise. ARCC is a program of the Center for Community Health serving Northwestern's Institute for Public Health and Medicine (IPHAM) and the Northwestern University Clinical and Translational Science (NUCATS) Institute. We strive to uphold the **CCH Principles of Engagement** in our approach and the research we support.