EVENTS

- **DePaul-Rush Center for Community Health Equity Lecture: A Commitment to Advance Equity, January 9.** Operationalizing Health Equity requires a commitment that is inclusive of and beyond diversity and inclusion efforts. Dr. Aletha Maybank will discuss the trends, challenges, and opportunities to advance equity within institutions and society at large. She will equip attendees with perspectives and solutions on how to move forward. Details: [https://bit.ly/2ZLixo9](https://bit.ly/2ZLixo9).

- **ARCC West Side Community Office Hours (includes Seed Grant 101) in Humboldt Park, January 15.** The Alliance for Research in Chicagoland Communities (ARCC) at Northwestern University in collaboration with ARCC Steering Committee member, CALOR, is hosting our monthly community 'office hours' in January in the Humboldt Park community. These Community Office Hours will also include an Info Session on ARCC 2020 Community-Engaged Research Seed Grants and opportunity to speak with ARCC staff about your application ideas. Details: [https://planitpurple.northwestern.edu/event/560844](https://planitpurple.northwestern.edu/event/560844).

- **Convening at Intersection of Trauma, Faith and Resilience, January 30.** Keynote Speaker: Dr. Iva Carruthers, founding trustee & General Secretary of Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference, an interdenominational organization within African American faith tradition focused on social justice issues. Details: [https://www.eventbrite.com/e/convening-at-the-intersection-of-trauma-faith-and-resilience-tickets-79010184589](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/convening-at-the-intersection-of-trauma-faith-and-resilience-tickets-79010184589).

- **UIC Institute for Research on Race & Public Policy “Future of Black Chicago” Report Launch, January 30, 8:30-10 am.** Details: [https://irrpp.uic.edu/](https://irrpp.uic.edu/)

- **ARCC 2020 Research Pilot Seed Grant Informational Webinar, February 6.** The Alliance for Research in Chicagoland Communities (ARCC)/Northwestern University Clinical & Translational Sciences Institute (NUCATS) in partnership with Northwestern Memorial Hospital (NHM) will fund Research Pilot Seed Grants that support the development of partnerships that engage communities and stakeholders in research collaboration with Northwestern research teams. This webinar will provide background on the seed grant program, focus, review criteria and best practices from previous rounds. Details: [https://planitpurple.northwestern.edu/event/561426](https://planitpurple.northwestern.edu/event/561426).

- **Cook County Health 4th Annual Research & Innovation Summit: Achieving Health Equity by Addressing Social Needs, February 19, 1-4:15 pm.** 1950 W Polk St. 5th Floor.

- **YWCA Evanston/North Shore Equity Summit 2020, March 19, 8:30 am-3 pm.** Northwestern University Norris Center. Featured Speaker: Jamelle Bouie, columnist at NYTimes. Submit proposal by Jan 3. Details: [https://www.ywca-ens.org/equity-summit/](https://www.ywca-ens.org/equity-summit/)

- **16th Annual Lewis Landsberg Research Day, April 2.** Campus-wide event to promote faculty and trainee development through the sharing of exciting research and conversation with colleagues. 1-5 pm. Also an opportunity to learn about the Research Cores and full spectrum of support they provide for clinical and basic science research. Details: [https://planitpurple.northwestern.edu/event/559349](https://planitpurple.northwestern.edu/event/559349).


- **9th Living Knowledge Conference 2020: Synergies in Research with & for Communities, June 24-26, 2020, The Netherlands.** Aims to bring together all those involved in doing or supporting research with and for communities. [https://livingknowledge.org/lk9/](https://livingknowledge.org/lk9/).

- **Community-Campus Partnerships for Health 2020 International Conference: Advancing Health Equity through Community & Economic Development, August 19-21, Flint, MI.** Hosted by CCPH partner, MSU
GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

- **AstraZeneca HealthCare Foundation’s Connections for Cardiovascular Health Program**: The intent is to support innovative initiatives or programs at the community level to help improve cardiovascular health in the community during the grant year and beyond. **LOI Deadline**: Jan 10. **Application Deadline**: Feb 21. **Details**: [https://bit.ly/39rFCke](https://bit.ly/39rFCke).

- **Chicago Community Trust Request for Proposals: Changemakers Network**: This pilot initiative will bring together some of the Chicago region’s innovative community organizers to identify and co-create learning activities that include individual and organizational growth components focused on place-based strategies. This open request for proposals will allow organizations to participate in this peer learning cohort and to support their ongoing community organizing efforts. **Deadline**: Jan 14. **Details**: [https://www.cct.org/what-we-offer/request-for-proposals-changemakers-network/](https://www.cct.org/what-we-offer/request-for-proposals-changemakers-network/).

- **Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Illinois (BCBSIL) Community Investments**: BCBSIL supports communities across our state through its grants and sponsorships. Grants are awarded to direct service health and human service organizations with 501(c)(3) status. Funding is distributed through two separate funding streams: Healthy Kids, Healthy Families Grants and Community Partners Grants. **LOI deadline**: Jan 21. **Details**: [https://www.bcbsil.com/company-info/community-involvement/grant-sponsorship](https://www.bcbsil.com/company-info/community-involvement/grant-sponsorship).


- **Northwestern Primary Care Practice-Based Research Program (NP3) 2020 Seeds Grants**: Seed grants for Northwestern researchers & Primary Care clinicians & practices to collaboratively develop a partnership and research area of interest or partner on a specific study that addresses an issue of importance to primary care. Interested applicants required to contact NP3 to discuss fit & feasibility by **Jan 10, 2020**. **Deadline**: Mar 6. **Details**: [https://www.feinberg.northwestern.edu/sites/cch/funding/seed-grants/pbrp/index.html](https://www.feinberg.northwestern.edu/sites/cch/funding/seed-grants/pbrp/index.html).

- **CHER Chicago Request for Community Discussion & Dissemination Seed Grant**: Aim to stimulate discussion around structural violence within diverse communities throughout Chicago, and to support dissemination of new ideas and knowledge about how to address/minimize structural violence. **UIC Center for Health Equity Research Chicago**. **Deadline**: Mar 13. **Details**: [http://www.cherchicago.org/2019/10/22/request-for-seed-grant-application-2020-2021/](http://www.cherchicago.org/2019/10/22/request-for-seed-grant-application-2020-2021/).

- **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation RWJF: Evidence for Action: Investigator-Initiated Research to Build a Culture of Health**: Aims to provide individuals, organizations, communities, policymakers, & researchers with empirical evidence needed to address key determinants of health. Will also support efforts to assess outcomes & set priorities for action by encouraging and supporting creative, rigorous research on the impact of innovative programs, policies and partnerships on health and well-being, & on novel approaches to measuring health determinants and outcomes. Approx. $2.2 million awarded annually. Expect 5-12 grants/year for periods of up to 30 months. **Deadline**: Rolling. **Details**: [http://bit.ly/1KQES8c](http://bit.ly/1KQES8c).


- **Northwestern Interdisciplinary Program 1-2-3 Seed Funding Program**: Office for Research & Dean’s seed-funding platform to cultivate investigator-initiated visionary “Big Ideas.” Designed to enable faculty to "jump start" bold, innovative science. 3-tiers of non-sequential, funds that address different
needs: Ideas (I1). Innovative Initiatives (I2) and Innovative Initiatives Incubators (I3). Funding & guidance to bring together new teams and shepherd "Big Science" from idea inception to securing external funding and possible maturation into University Research Center, focusing on interdisciplinary, innovation, & societal impact. In addition, program will provide project management, assistance in identifying funding opps, proposal development & Team-Science guidance. Ideas (I1): up to $1K for 1-day workshop to brainstorm new, interdisciplinary Ideas, by bringing together key faculty including external collaborators, staff & students. Innovative Initiatives (I2): Up to $15K to cover expenses pertinent to preparation of large proposal for external funding. Incubators (I3): Up to $95K for up to 2 years to assemble team, develop collaboration track record, generate pilot data, submit large/center grant. Deadlines: I1 & I2: rolling basis. I3: annual call. Details: http://www.research.northwestern.edu/interdisciplinary123/

NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH (NIH) FUNDING

- **Promoting Caregiver Health Using Self-Management (R01):** The purpose of this initiative is to stimulate research in promoting caregiver health using self-management. Caregiving is an important science area since the number of people living longer with chronic conditions is growing. Informal caregivers (lay caregivers) are defined as unpaid individuals (spouses, partners, family members, friends, or neighbors) involved in assisting others with activities of daily living and/or medical tasks. Formal caregivers are paid, delivering care in one’s home or care settings (daycare, residential care facility). This concept focuses on informal caregivers. [https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/PA-18-150.html](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/PA-18-150.html) Expires 5/8/2020.

- **Research to Support the Reduction and Elimination of Mental Health Disparities:** Administrative Supplements to active NIA Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) grants to foster research across NIMH Strategic Objectives that target reduction & elimination of mental health disparities by race & ethnicity, geography, & socioeconomic status in U.S. Aims to generate research within scope of parent grant that identifies mechanisms underlying disparities/differences in mental health status &/or enhances delivery of mental health interventions among diverse groups. [https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/PA-18-621.html](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/PA-18-621.html) Expires 6/2/20.

- **Effectiveness of Implementing Sustainable Evidence-Based Mental Health Practices in Low-Resource Settings to Achieve Mental Health Equity for Traditionally Underserved Populations (R01 & R34):** Seeking studies that develop and test the effectiveness of strategies for implementation and sustainable delivery of evidence-based mental health treatments and services to improve mental health outcomes for underserved populations in under-resourced settings in U.S. Studies should identify and use innovative approaches to remediate barriers to provision, receipt, and/or benefit from evidence-based practices and generate new information about factors integral to achieving equity in mental health outcomes for underserved populations. Research generating new information about factors causing/reducing disparities are strongly encouraged, including due consideration of the needs of individuals across life span. [https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/PA-18-400.html](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/PA-18-400.html) Expires: 9/26/20.

- **Practice-Based Research for Implementing Scalable Evidence-Based Prevention Interventions in Primary Care Settings (R01 & R34):** Encourage practice-based research aimed at testing effectiveness of developmentally-focused theory-based efficacious prevention interventions which may impact mental health outcomes, including suicide behaviors & serious mental illness. Should test prevention approaches that are both scalable & sustainable for implementation in pediatric-serving primary care settings, with emphasis on populations experiencing mental health disparities. Seeks to support clinical trials to establish effectiveness of scalable prevention interventions when implemented using available resources within pediatric-serving primary care settings. [https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/PA-18-505.html](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/PA-18-505.html) Expires:10/16/20.

- **Implementing the Most Successful Interventions to Improve HIV/AIDS Outcomes in U.S. Communities (R21):** Research to translate & adapt most successful global, evidence-based HIV-related service provision strategies to marginalized populations in U.S. with a substantial risk of HIV-infection and AIDS. The ultimate goal, is to produce improvements in HIV-related health outcomes in these key populations through strategies that successfully and durably reach them with timely HIV testing, prevention and treatment technologies that lead to the achievement of the UNAIDS 90-90-90 benchmarks: by 2020, 90% of all people living with HIV will know their HIV status, 90% of all people with diagnosed HIV infection will receive sustained antiretroviral therapy & 90% of all people receiving antiretroviral therapy will have viral suppression. Expires 1/8/21.

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• Testing Interventions for Health-Enhancing Physical Activity (R01): Fund highly innovative and promising research that tests multi-level physical activity intervention programs acting on at least two levels of socio-ecological model and designed to increase health-enhancing physical activity: 1) in persons or groups that can benefit from such activity; & 2) that could be made scalable and sustainable for broad use across nation. Provides support for up to 5 years for research planning, intervention delivery, and follow-up activities. Expires 1/8/21. [https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-17-306.html](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-17-306.html).

• Detecting & Preventing Suicide Behavior, Ideation and Self-Harm in Youth in Contact with the Juvenile Justice System (R01 & R34): This initiative supports research to test the effectiveness of combined strategies to both detect and intervene to reduce the risk of suicide behavior, suicide ideation, and non-suicidal self-harm by youth in contact with the juvenile justice system. Inviting intervention strategies that are designed to be delivered in typical service settings using typically available personnel and resources, to enhance the implementation of interventions that prove effective, enhance their future uptake in diverse settings, and thereby reduce risk of suicide and self-harm in this population. Community-based points of intervention are likely to play a significant role in effective intervention strategies, and might include: behavioral or primary health care settings, educational or vocational settings, family services, etc. Collaboration with multiple stakeholders (e.g. case managers, parole or probation officers, school counselors, peer-counselors, family members, program managers, policy leaders, etc.) can contribute to shaping interventions that can be feasibly delivered and have likelihood of rapid scale-up. The ability to link justice, educational and/or health care data systems may enable assessment of the efficiency and full impact of interventions. [https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-18-479.html](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-18-479.html) Expires 9/8/21

• Fundamental Science Research on Mind and Body Approaches (R01): Investigate the fundamental science of mind and body approaches, including mind/brain-focused practices (e.g., meditation, hypnosis), body-based approaches (e.g., acupuncture, massage, spinal manipulation/mobilization), meditative exercise (e.g., yoga, tai chi, qi gong), art and music therapies, or integrative approaches combining several components. Expires 1/8/21. [https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-18-323.html](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-18-323.html).

• Community Partnerships to Advance Research (CPAR) (R01): This funding opportunity announcement (FOA) encourages researchers to partner with community groups, using Community Engaged Research (CEnR) methodologies that will enhance relationships and lead to better intervention development and positive health outcomes. Expires 1/8/21. [https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-18-377.html](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-18-377.html).

• Self-Management for Health in Chronic Conditions (R01, R15, R21). Recent report from Institute of Medicine identifies epidemic of chronic condition as nation’s leading health challenge and calls for cross-cutting, coordinated public health actions for “living well with chronic illness”. Focuses on self-management as mainstream science in order to reduce burden of chronic illnesses/conditions. Self-management is ability of individual, in conjunction with family, community, and healthcare professionals, to manage symptoms, treatments, lifestyle changes, and psychosocial, cultural, and spiritual consequences associated with chronic illness or condition. Expires 1/8/21 [https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-18-376.html](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-18-376.html).

• Improving Patient Adherence to Treatment & Prevention Regimens to Promote Health (R01 and R21). Address patient adherence to treatment and prevention regimens to promote health outcomes. Address healthcare regimen initiation, implementation, and/or persistence by patients. Descriptive and intervention research may address adherence determinants at one or more levels of ecologic influence, including the patient, caregiver/family, provider and/or healthcare system, and community levels. Expires: 5/8/21. [https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-18-722.html](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-18-722.html).

• Leveraging Health Information Technology (Health IT) to Address Minority Health & Health Disparities (R01). Support research that examines how health information technology adoption impacts minority health and health disparity populations in access to care, quality of care, patient engagement, and health outcomes. Projects should involve collaborations from relevant stakeholders in U.S. health disparity population groups, such as researchers, community organizations, healthcare systems or clinics, clinicians, public health organizations, consumer advocacy groups, and faith-based organizations. [https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-19-093.html](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-19-093.html) Expires 3/5/21

• Examining Diversity, Recruitment and Retention in Aging Research (R24). Encourages collaborative teams to target gaps in methods and outcomes regarding research participant recruitment and retention. Goal is to improve research participant recruitment through method development, community engagement, evaluation strategies and community incorporation. The team approach encouraged by this initiative will be compiled by the Alliance for Research in Chicagoland Communities, Northwestern University [www.ARCConline.net](http://www.ARCConline.net)
used to generate a research resource to advance processes for high yield recruitment, formulate breakthrough ideas, concepts and approaches to research participant recruitment and retention, strengthen outreach and community engagement practices, and devise improved communication strategies. Teams will demonstrate the success of these improvements by engaging a large diverse population. Primary outcome will be the development of a population of diverse community members ready to engage in NIA funded clinical research studies. [https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-18-749.html](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-18-749.html) Expires 1/26/21.

- **Diet and Physical Activity Assessment Methodology (R01):** Seeking innovative research to enhance the quality of measurements of dietary intake and physical activity. Encouraged to include development of: novel assessment approaches; better methods to evaluate instruments; assessment tools for culturally diverse populations or various age groups, including children and older adults; improved technology or applications of existing technology; statistical methods/modeling to improve assessment and/or to correct for measurement errors or biases; methods to investigate the multidimensionality of diet and physical activity behavior through pattern analysis; or integrated measurement of diet and physical activity along with the environmental context of such behaviors. [https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-18-856.html](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-18-856.html) Expires 9/8/21

- **Time-Sensitive Obesity Policy and Program Evaluation (R01):** Accelerated review/award process to support time-sensitive research to evaluate new policy or program likely to influence obesity related behaviors (e.g., dietary intake, physical activity, or sedentary behavior) and/or weight outcomes in effort to prevent or reduce obesity. Must demonstrate that evol of obesity related policy &/or program offers uncommon & scientifically compelling research opportunity only available if initiated w/minimum delay. Selected apps awarded within 4 mos. of due date. [https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-18-854.html](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-18-854.html) Expires 9/11/21

- **End-of-Life and Palliative Needs of Adolescents and Young Adults (AYA) with Serious Illnesses (R01):** To foster research on the unique perspectives, needs, wishes, and decision-making processes of adolescents and young adults (AYA; defined by the World Health Organization and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as youth between 12–24 years of age) with serious, advanced illnesses; and research focused on specific end-of-life/palliative care (EOLPC) models that support the physical, psychological, spiritual, and social needs of AYA with serious illness, their families and caregivers. [https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-19-136.html](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-19-136.html) Expires 1/8/22

- **Dissemination and Implementation Research in Health (R01, R03, R21):** Funds to support innovative approaches to identifying, understanding, and developing strategies for overcoming barriers to the adoption, adaptation, integration, scale-up and sustainability of evidence-based interventions, tools, policies, and guidelines. Conversely, there is a benefit in understanding circumstances that create a need to stop or reduce (“de-implement”) the use of interventions that are ineffective, unproven, low-value, or harmful. In addition, studies to advance dissemination and implementation research methods and measures are encouraged. **Deadline:** May 8, 2022. [https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-19-274.html](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-19-274.html)

- **Intervening with Cancer Caregivers to Improve Patient Health Outcomes and Optimize Health Care Utilization (R01 & R21).** For intervention research designed to support caregivers of adult cancer patients. Interventions to provide caregivers with care training, promote coping skills, and ultimately help them manage care. Outcomes of such interventions are expected to (1) optimize patient health care utilization, (2) improve caregiver well-being, and (3) improve patient physical health and psychosocial outcomes. Expires: 9/8/22. [https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/par-19-352.html](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/par-19-352.html)

CALLS FOR PAPERS & OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

- **Seeking members for Cook County Health Community Advisory Council:** As part of Cook County Health’s strategic plan, CCH has formed Community Advisory Councils (CACs) comprised of patients & community leaders to give feedback on health initiatives & services for communities we serve. CACs are up and running at Robbins, Englewood, Cottage Grove and Arlington Heights Health Centers. CCH will be adding new CACs at Near South and North Riverside in 2020. If interested in serving: mgarcia6@cookcountyhhs.org.

- **Summer 2020 Public Voices Program: Northwestern University in partnership with OpEd Project.** Three-month program provides select group of Northwestern scholars across all disciplines with resources, support and skills needed in order to dramatically increase their visibility and influence as thought leaders in academia.

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and world at large. Provost Office will also fund limited number of faculty to participate in OpEd Project’s 1-day public Write to Change the World sessions in Chicago. **Deadline:** Feb 1. [Details](https://bit.ly/2OJ71pu).

- **American Public Health Association 2020 Annual Meeting** (Oct 24-28 in San Francisco) **Call for Abstracts.** Theme "Creating the Healthiest Nation: Preventing Violence." Community-Based Public Health Caucus particularly focuses on community-academic partnerships. **Details:** [https://apha.confex.com/apha/2020/cfp.cgi](https://apha.confex.com/apha/2020/cfp.cgi). **Deadline:** Feb 20

- **Including Patient Voice & Meeting Community Needs: Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute Survey:** This project is with the CAPriCORN Patient Community Advisory Committee and Health & Medicine Policy Research Group to increase patient participation in research and guide future health research priorities that can ultimately influence the future of health care and health outcomes. This Survey was created to give individuals the opportunity to identify important health issues and thoughts about research to ensure the project is reflecting community health needs. [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5DBV6J7](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5DBV6J7).

- **Health & Medicine Policy Research Group 2020-2021 Albert Schweitzer Fellowship:** Prestigious year-long service learning program for graduate students in health-related professions, who design and implement innovative direct-service projects aimed at improving the health and well-being of underserved Chicago area communities. **Deadline:** Feb 1. [Details](http://hmprg.org/programs/schweitzer/application-process/).

- **ChicagoCHEC Research Fellows Program 2020:** Paid full-time summer research & enrichment experience in Chicago. Students will have option to be placed in a research team during the academic year for course credit (e.g., independent study) or service learning credit. All Research Fellows will have access to ongoing career advancement activities and must participate in periodic performance monitoring of career progression. **Deadline:** Feb 28. [Details](https://chicagochec.org/opportunities/education-training-programs/research-fellows/).

- **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Clinical Scholars Program:** Applications Open January 10, 2020. Clinical Scholars is looking for teams of three to five experienced health care providers, representing different disciplines, who want to sharpen their leadership skills and collaborate to tackle complex health problems in their community. **Deadline:** Mar 11. [Details](https://clinical-scholars.org/).

- **T37 Northwestern University Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Training Program (NU-MHRT),** directed by Melissa A. Simon, MD, MPH, Director of the Center for Health Equity Transformation, provides health disparities research training experiences to minority and other underrepresented students and trainees at the undergraduate through postdoctoral levels in order to prepare and enhance the next generation of scientists committed to research for improving minority health and reducing health disparities. **Deadline:** Rolling. [Details](https://redcap.nubic.northwestern.edu/redcap/surveys/?s=A33ARKKE84).

- **National Call for Community-Based Volunteers: Peer Reviewers & Associate Editors for Progress in Community Health Partnerships (PCHP).** [https://bit.ly/2QAheGN](https://bit.ly/2QAheGN). **ARCC Director Jen Brown** serves as an Associate Editor and would be happy to answer questions.

- **Help improve the relevance & use of Northwestern University research:** Center for Community Health is seeking community stakeholders & patients interested in becoming an expert panelist for CCH’s Stakeholder-Academic Resource Panels (ShARPs). [https://redcap.nubic.northwestern.edu/redcap/surveys/?s=J38APWRHD3](https://redcap.nubic.northwestern.edu/redcap/surveys/?s=J38APWRHD3)

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**RESOURCES**

- **Food Education Center: Lesson Plans and Resources for K-12 Teachers:** Pilot Light is excited to launch this free one-stop resource for lesson plans that integrate food education into the classroom. Lesson plans are aligned with Common Core State Standards for education while incorporating food as a lens for traditional subjects, such as Math, English, History, & Science. [Details](https://foodedu.pilotlightchefs.org/).

- **New Chicago Department of Public Health Maternal Morbidity & Mortality Report.** First such assessment providing data on severe maternal morbidity (severe pregnancy complications) and pregnancy-associated mortality (death), along with specific rates by demographic subgroups. The report found that in Chicago, consistent with national and state trends, non-Hispanic Black women and women living in communities with
higher economic hardship bear the largest burden of maternal morbidity and pregnancy-associated mortality.

- **PCORI Engagement Repository:** This resource from the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute shares engagement tools and resources to support researchers, patients, and stakeholder partners with the uptake of engagement practices and methodologies in research. [https://www.pcori.org/engagement/engagement-resources/Engagement-Tool-Resource-Repository](https://www.pcori.org/engagement/engagement-resources/Engagement-Tool-Resource-Repository)

- **CDPH Healthy Chicago 2025 Data Compendium:** The Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) Office of Epidemiology developed this tool to facilitate the prioritization, planning and implementation of goals and strategies for Chicago’s new community health improvement plan, Healthy Chicago 2025. Overview of some of the rich quantitative data available describing current situation in Chicago. [View here: https://www.chicago.gov/content/dam/city/depts/cdph/CDPH/Healthy_Chicago_2025_Data-Compendium_10222019.pdf](https://www.chicago.gov/content/dam/city/depts/cdph/CDPH/Healthy_Chicago_2025_Data-Compendium_10222019.pdf).

- **Request a consultation with Northwestern’s Center for Community Health (CCH).** CCH offers consultations to investigators and research teams to assist with community/patient/stakeholder engagement, project or proposal design/evaluation/support, dissemination of findings to community audiences, etc. To request, complete this form: [https://redcap.nubic.northwestern.edu/redcap/surveys/?s=NHMCRLC8W9](https://redcap.nubic.northwestern.edu/redcap/surveys/?s=NHMCRLC8W9).

- **ARCC Online Resource Directory:** The Directory is an online website providing access to materials and resources to help interested community and faith-based organizations and academic partners to learn about how they can build capacity to conduct community-engaged research and support building, strengthening, and sustaining their partnership. Tools like sample MOU or things to consider if engaging a new partner. [Visit: www.ARCCresources.net](http://www.ARCCresources.net)