

Community-Based Research Consult Service

The Case Center for Reducing Health Disparities is funded by the National Institutes of Health to offer a variety of services to community organizations, government agencies, faculty members, and student researchers. One of our many services includes a Community- Based Consult Service to help researchers and organizations develop quality research. There are no fees for any of the services. We provide services tailored to meet your specific needs.

What is Community-Based Research (CBR)?

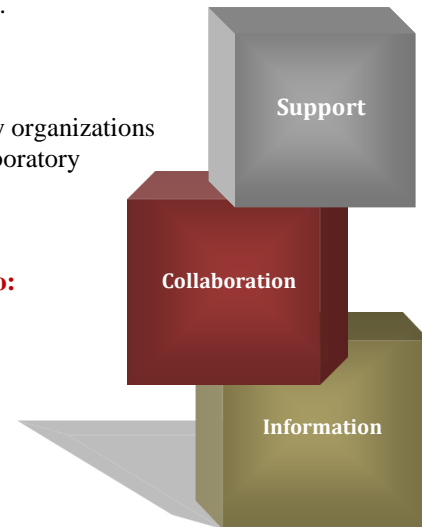
CBR takes place in community settings, not laboratories or hospitals. CBR involves community members in the design and conduct of research. Think of the community as the “laboratory.”

Who would benefit from a consult for Community-Based Research?

Investigators conducting CBR, including faculty, students and community organizations would benefit. Studies that are being conducted outside of the hospital/laboratory setting would be appropriate for a consult.

The consult service has expertise in areas including, but not limited to:

- **Research Project Development:** Assistance in developing and designing research projects within your organization, agency, or academic setting.
- **IRB Application Process:** Assistance in completing and submitting an IRB application.
- **Grants Assistance and Funding:** Assistance in writing grant applications and locating grant funding sources.
- **Survey Development and Refinement:** Assisting in developing and/or refining pre-existing data collection tools.
- **Needs Assessment:** Examining whether or not your organization is adequately meeting the needs of the population being served.
- **Data Collection:** Assistance in collecting data, data input and analysis, report writing, and database development.
- **Program Evaluation:** Assessing the progression in achieving your program’s established goals and objectives.
- **Best Practices:** Helping your organization identify and adopt best practices.
- **Focus Group Development:** Assistance in developing focus groups and in identifying potential focus group participants.
- **Recruitment Strategies:** Assistance in identifying the most appropriate recruitment strategies for your research needs.
- **Dissemination of Findings:** Assistance in disseminating research findings to the community.
- **Spanish Translation:** Spanish and English back translation of study materials (i.e. study flyers, consent forms, questionnaires, etc).



Examples of Community-Based Research Consults:

Example 1:

Project Focus: Conference Evaluation for Health Care Providers, Cancer Patients, and Patient Caregivers.

Consult Services Provided: Program Evaluation, Data Input and Analysis.

Brief Overview: The consultation team assisted a Community-Based Organization in refining an evaluation tool to be used during their annual conference. The recommendations from the consultation team were incorporated into the form and administered during the conference. Following the conference, the consultation team assisted in the data input and analysis of the evaluation forms.

Example 2:

Research Focus: Methods to enhance the delivery of primary care.

Consult Service Provided: Spanish Translation

Brief Overview: The project was focused on Osteoporosis prevention in Caucasian, Hispanic and African American women. A Hispanic staff member helped with making survey questions more culturally and linguistically appropriate. Specifically, questions were translated into Spanish so that (Puerto Rican) Spanish speaking subjects understood what the researcher was getting at. With appropriate translation, questions were asked about a specific food and how much a woman took in of that food.

How to obtain a consult and what to expect:

You may schedule a consult by contacting one of the consult team members. You will be asked to complete a 5 minute Request for Consult form that will assist us in identifying your research needs. Upon completing the form, a meeting will be scheduled for you to meet our consultation team to discuss your project. Following the meeting, a meeting summary, including key points and recommended next steps will be sent to you. To assist us in improving our services, we will also ask you to complete a post-consult service meeting evaluation form and long-term consult service evaluation form.

If interested in learning more about how we can assist you or to schedule a consult, please contact:

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