



C3 REPRESENTS A MULT-INSTITUTIONAL COLLABORATION THAT ENGAGES RESEARCHERS AND COMMUNITIES IN MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL RESEARCH PARTNERSHIPS IN THE CHICAGOLAND AREA.

## CBPR Fall Institute

# “Community-Based Participatory Research: Developing and Sustaining CBPR Partnerships”

An opportunity for faculty and community partners to enhance their partnership skills in CBPR

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### Background

The Chicago Consortium for Community Engagement or C3 represents a partnership between the Community Engagement and Research Cores of the University of Illinois at Chicago, Northwestern University and the University of Chicago. C3's mission is to enhance the capacity of each institution by sustaining a coordinated and synergistic approach to community engagement and research. This approach includes advocating for authentic community-partnered research, guiding research translation and dissemination approaches and increasing faculty/community partner competence in community-based participatory research (CBPR). Aligned with this mission is our goal to create relevant, accessible, and effective programs that increase participation in and the use of health research by Chicagoland communities.

### Description

The C3 CBPR institute is designed for newly established or early community-academic teams that are interested in learning more about principles of CBPR and effective strategies to initiate, develop and sustain authentic CBPR partnerships.

### Learning Objectives

- ✓ Understand and apply the basic principles of CBPR and developing and sustaining CBPR partnerships.
- ✓ Develop/enhance skills for team members to enhance their capacity for supporting and sustaining authentic CBPR partnerships. Understand how principles and case study examples apply to team members' own experiences.
- ✓ Understand, apply skills, and collaboratively develop partnership research aims (prepare for local seed grant applications).
- ✓ Create a co-learning network among participating teams and institute mentors.



## Institute and Curriculum

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The C3 CBPR Institute is intended for community-academic teams in various stages of their collaboration but will be most useful for newer teams, those new to CBPR, or those focused on a new collaborative project. This interactive skill-building institute is based on a curriculum developed by experienced community and academic partners in partnership with Community-Campus Partnerships for Health (CCPH). Visit [www.ccph.info](http://www.ccph.info) or [www.cbprcurriculum.info](http://www.cbprcurriculum.info) for more information.

The institute will be led by a team of local and national community and academic partners who will guide participants in conversations about initiating, developing and sustaining CBPR partnerships using experiential and didactic approaches. Central to the institute's design is a mentoring model in which participants will work with mentors in small groups, as teams, to develop action plans to initiate and sustain partnerships, and to develop research aims. To facilitate meaningful learning, the institute will be limited in size to a maximum of 12 participants who will be actively involved in teams of at least one community partner and one institutional partner that represent diverse partnerships at various stages and experience in CBPR.

## What Previous Participants Have Said

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"The institute was extremely helpful to me as a community partner - it made me more aware of what I'm getting into with CBPR and now I'm ready to dive in!"

"I gained clarity about CBPR and was exposed to experienced practitioners and helpful resources."

"Time spent with my partner was valuable and has strengthened our partnership."

"The opportunity to work through thinking with my partner was invaluable, as well as hearing and learning from other participants."

## Application Procedures

We welcome applications from UIC academic/community teams. Guidelines for the application are listed below. **Note: ONLY 2 TEAMS WILL BE SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS INSTITUTE**

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- I. **APPLICATION STATEMENT:** It is important to complete this application as a team. Answers may differ among team members for some questions. If so, each team member should provide a response to be included in the single application. Submit a statement of **no more than 2 pages, 1.5 spaced, 11 point** font addressing the following points:
    - A. **Profile:** Provide an overview of the current partnership and a brief description of each team member and their specific role in the partnership.



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- B. **Experience:** Describe the team's current level of experience in CBPR. Conclude this section with a rating of your team's CBPR experience according to the following scale. Scale of 1-5, with 1 being "new to CBPR" and 5 being "expert in CBPR".
  - C. **Goals:** Describe your team's goals for attending the institute. Please include a description of any research projects or interventions your team is currently involved in. What specific issues or questions related to CBPR do you want to address?
  - D. **Future Plans:** How will participation enhance the work of your team? What are your plans for after the institute?
  - E. **Contribution:** What relevant skills, knowledge or experience will your team bring to the institute? In other words, what will you team contribute to the learning experience?
- II. **CBPR PARTNERSHIP OR PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:** Please enclose an abstract of a CBPR partnership or research project that you are seeking to develop, enhance or sustain. (350 word max.)
- III. **LETTERS OF SUPPORT:** Each team member should enclose one letter of support from your executive director or department chair that elaborates on the ways in which s/he supports your CBPR partnership, including any supportive actions s/he will take upon your return from the institute. Letters of support for community partners should come from the executive director or head of their organization. Letters for academic partners should come from their department chair.

For full consideration, send applications and supporting documentation **in an email attachment** to:

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**Application Deadline: Monday, August 8, 2011**

## Questions? Contact

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