The Center for Community Health Partnership & Research (CCHPR) at Washington University in St. Louis (WU) aims to reduce disparities and improve health and wellness in the region by fostering bi-directional communication and supporting community-academic partnerships and research endeavors.

CCHPR is a joint entity shared by the Institute for Public Health (IPH) and Institute of Clinical and Translational Sciences (ICTS).

The IPH harnesses the strengths of WU to address the complex health issues and health disparities facing the St. Louis region and the world.

The ICTS provides key resources for investigators conducting clinical and translational research. The ICTS helps remove traditional boundaries across disciplines and institutions to provide a community for collaboration and research support by uniting regional academic, health care, industrial and community partners.

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Center Initiatives

**FOSTER PARTNERSHIPS FOR HEALTH**
- Hold networking events in community locales to connect organizations, community members, and researchers with shared social and health interests
- Introduce organizations and/or university researchers seeking partnerships with other organizations and/or investigators
- Create opportunities for organizations and researchers to showcase partnership experiences, successes and challenges

**PROMOTE COMMUNITY AND UNIVERSITY RESOURCES**
- Refer investigators and organizations to additional community and university resources to support their work
- Connect community members to town halls, symposiums, and other health or research-related local events

**PROVIDE EDUCATION AND CAPACITY-BUILDING SUPPORT**
- Coordinate for students, clinicians and researchers to provide education on specific health topics at community events or to community groups
- Deliver educational programming aimed to increase diversity in health research
- Provide tailored support and resources for community organizations and researchers around:
  - Community-engaged research
  - Assessing and building organizational capacity
  - Funding opportunities
  - Proposal development and review
  - Overcoming institutional differences to engage in successful partnerships

**FACILITATE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN ALL STAGES OF RESEARCH**
- Foster bi-directional communication between St. Louis communities and researchers, focusing on community-driven health needs and priorities
- Provide community-based recruitment assistance for researchers
- Support the ICTS Community Advisory Board (CAB)—a self-governing body of leaders from local communities and organizations that consults with researchers throughout all stages of a study
- Identify and address gaps in knowledge about prevention, diagnosis and management of pediatric disease through research conducted with a practice-based research network of community providers
- Assist investigators with disseminating research findings in a culturally-appropriate manner