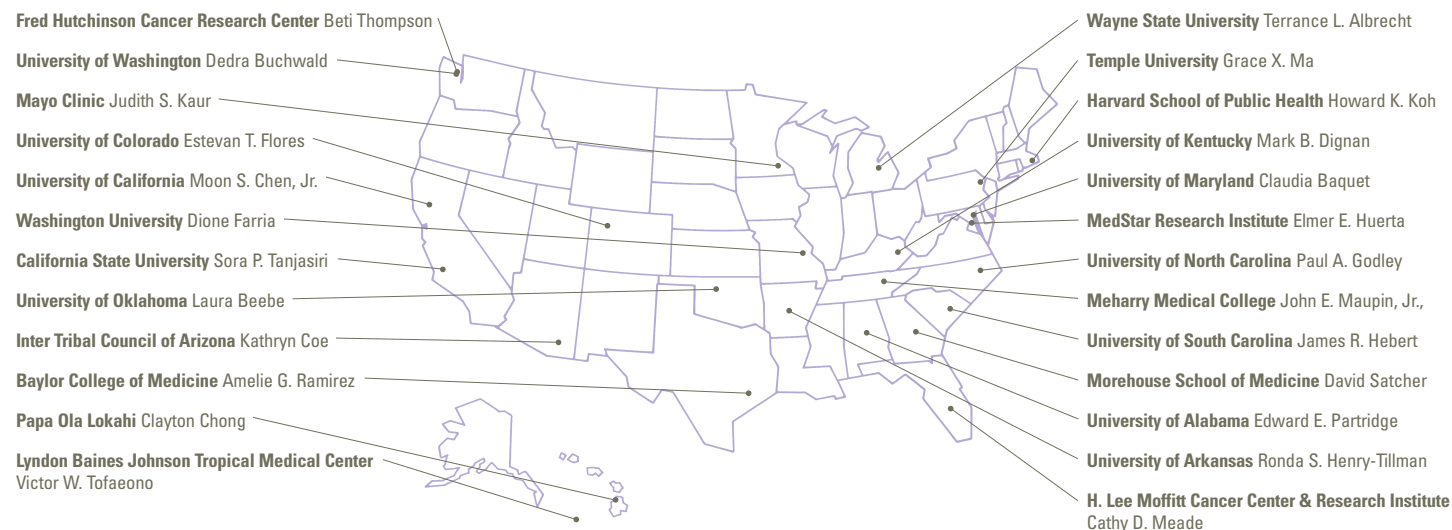




Community Networks Program Projects



The 25 institutions funded through the CNP:

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Redes En Acción: National Latino Cancer Research Network
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WINCART: Weaving an Islander Network for Cancer Awareness, Research and Training
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Hispanic Community Network to Reduce Cancer Disparities
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Massachusetts Community Networks to Eliminate Cancer Disparities Through Education, Research, and Training (MASS CONECT)
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Tampa Bay Community Cancer Network (TB-CCN): A Model for Reducing Health Disparities
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Inter Tribal Council of Arizona

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American Samoa Community Cancer Network
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Latin American Cancer Research Coalition (LACRC)
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Meharry Medical College

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Morehouse School of Medicine

National Black Leadership Initiative on Cancer III: Community Networks Program (NBLIC III: CNP)
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Papa Ola Lokahi

'Imi Hale—Native Hawaiian Cancer Network
PI: Clayton Chong, M.D.

Temple University Center for Asian Health

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Deep South Network for Cancer Control
PI: Edward E. Partridge, M.D.

University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences

Arkansas Cancer Community Network (ARCCN)
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Asian American Network for Cancer Awareness, Research & Training
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University of Colorado at Denver and Health Services Center

The Colorado Front Range Latino Community Network (CFRLCN)
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University of Kentucky Research Foundation

Appalachia Community Cancer Network (ACCN)
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University of Maryland at Baltimore, School of Medicine

The Maryland Regional Community Network Program to Eliminate Cancer Health Disparities (MRCN)
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University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Carolina Community Network
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University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center

University of Oklahoma Community Networks Project (OUCNP)
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University of South Carolina Research Foundation

South Carolina Cancer Disparities Community Networks (SCCDCN)
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University of Washington

Regional Native American Community Networks Program
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Washington University School of Medicine

Program for the Elimination of Cancer Disparities (PECaD)
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Wayne State University

CNP for Older, Underserved African-American Adults
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What is the Community Networks Program?

Launched in spring 2005, the National Cancer Institute's (NCI) Community Networks Program (CNP) aims to reduce and eliminate cancer disparities through community-based research, education and training. Its goal is to significantly improve access to and use of beneficial cancer interventions in communities experiencing disparities.

To achieve this goal, CNP is working closely with multiple community agencies and organizations to develop and implement effective ways to reduce cancer health disparities.

CNP — Implementing Community-based Research, Education and Training

To address cancer disparities, NCI awarded \$95 million in 5-year grants to fund 25 CNP cooperative agreement projects across the United States and in American Samoa.

Who Does CNP Reach?

CNP addresses cancer disparities among African Americans, American Indians/Alaska Natives, Hawaiian Natives and other Pacific Islanders, Asians, Hispanics/Latinos, and rural underserved populations. Ten grantees work in local areas, ten in regional areas, and five in national programs.

Phases of the CNP Program

- **Building capacity through partnerships and collaborations**

Strategic partnerships and collaborations are being developed within the CNP to further enhance vital training, research and educational functions of the program. One type of partnership involves working directly with community-based groups representing populations that experience disparities, or working through Community Advisory Groups, composed of community leaders who serve as a voice of the community. Other partnerships involve clinical resources, such as cancer prevention clinics and early detection initiatives, which provide cancer screening. Clinical resources may also

include hospitals that serve the cancer care needs of the community. A third type of partnership involves working with other community groups, such as local chapters of the American Cancer Society, to enhance efforts to reduce disparities in CNP communities.

- **Creating community-based cancer disparities research and training**

CNP research spans the spectrum of community-based participatory research, from needs assessments to development of culturally appropriate interventions to policy evaluations. The CNP projects also include training in community-based participatory research to reduce cancer health disparities. A third aspect of this phase includes development and implementation of research pilot studies by new investigators.

- **Establishing credibility and sustainability of programs**

CNP grantees will disseminate findings on promising interventions that can be adopted by other communities; obtain funding for further research in disparities reduction; increase participation in primary and secondary prevention activities; improve access to standard cancer screening, diagnosis, and treatment; provide best practice guidelines; and inform decision makers of promising practice and policy approaches to reducing cancer health disparities.

Encouraging Community Participation

Through the CNP, the fight against cancer health disparities is being elevated to a new level, and tangible steps are being taken to eliminate disparities by working in partnership with and through communities to address their cancer prevention and control needs. Practices and lessons learned from the CNP will form the basis for the development of future programs and projects focused on eliminating the disparities that affect too many Americans.

What are Cancer Health Disparities?

There have been great advances in the development of beneficial medical interventions in cancer prevention, early detection, diagnosis and treatment. However, many Americans have not fully benefited from these advances.

There is a “disconnect” between our research system, which develops interventions, and our delivery system, which provides these to everyone. This “disconnect” leads to cancer health disparities.

Eliminating these disparities is a challenge to science and a moral and ethical dilemma to the Nation.

“Our commitment to closing the health-care gap among racial and ethnic minorities is unwavering. We will continue to support community-based approaches to help racial and ethnic minority populations experience the benefits of modern medicine.”