

NIAMS HEALTH PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM
PROPOSED CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK
FOR EVALUATING THE
MODEL COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAM IN WASHINGTON, DC

Resources:

- NIH budget allocated to the NIAMS Health Partnership Program (HPP).
- NIH staff working on HPP projects.
- Community partners working on HPP projects.
- NIH staff working at the NIAMS Community Health Center in DC.
- NIAMS researchers and trainees working at the Community Health Center.

Ongoing Communication:

Feedback from community partners, health center staff, and patients.

NIAMS Activities:

- Forming partnerships with community leaders and organizations to improve NIH's understanding of how cultural differences may affect health care.
- Working with partners to assess the community's health care needs involving arthritis and other rheumatic diseases.
- Providing health information to members of the community, including health professionals.
- Establishing a Community Health Center to provide medical care and access to research studies for patients with rheumatic diseases.
- Encouraging minorities to pursue careers aimed at reducing the burden of rheumatic diseases.

Intermediate Goals:

- Higher degree of trust established between NIAMS and its community partners.
- More channels of communication used to distribute health information and promote the Community Health Center.
- More community-based research studies initiated by NIAMS to better understand health disparities in rheumatic disease.
- Broader population of community residents receiving medical care at the Community Health Center and learning about research studies.
- More underrepresented minorities participating in NIAMS research training programs and/or pursuing careers involving rheumatic diseases.

Long-Term Goals:

- Increased community awareness of rheumatic diseases, the Community Health Center, and other NIAMS resources.
- Earlier diagnosis and treatment of rheumatic diseases in the community.
- Improved health for community residents with rheumatic diseases.
- More underrepresented minorities enrolling in NIAMS research studies and more being referred to other NIH studies.
- Greater understanding of health disparities in rheumatic disease.
- More underrepresented minorities conducting research involving rheumatic diseases.