

Federal Perspective of Community-Based Participatory Research (CBPR)

Prevention Research Centers Program

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Definition of CBPR

CBPR is a joint effort that involves **researchers and community representatives in all phases** of the research process. The joint effort engages community members, employs local knowledge in the understanding of health problems and the design of interventions, and **invests community members in the processes and products** of research. In addition, the collaborative is **invested in** the dissemination and use of **research findings to improve community health and reduce health disparities.**

Definition developed and adopted by the PRC Network 2007



Essence of CBPR

- Approach to conducting research that involves community in all phases
- Vital to making research and its results practical, acceptable, and sustainable

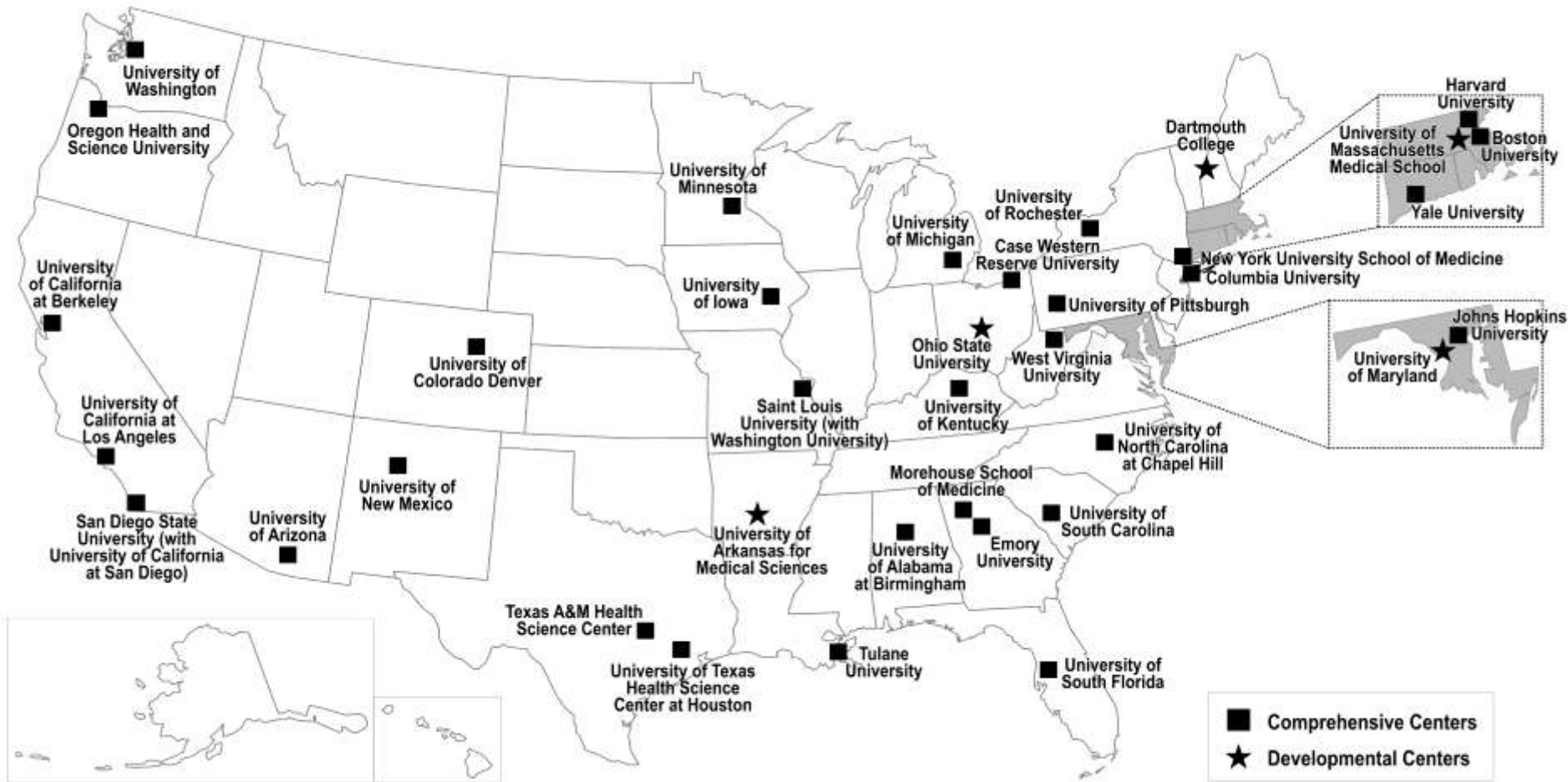


Prevention Research Centers Program

- Federal initiative for conducting research with underserved communities by using CBPR
- Established by Congress in 1984
- Funds research centers at accredited Schools of Public Health or Medicine



Prevention Research Centers FY 2010-2014



Examples of PRCs' Partners

- Community-based organizations
- Faith-based institutions
- Businesses and work sites
- Public school systems
- Tribal associations
- Community centers
- Economic development agencies



Program Applies principles of CBPR

- Relies on structured committees
- Allows time for partner relationships (Developmental Centers)
- Supports a National Community Committee that sets standards and guidelines for CBPR



National Community Committee

- Since 1998, funding announcement requires community committee at each PRC
- Representative from each PRC's community committee serves on NCC
- Responsibilities include
 - Advises the program
 - Facilitates training of community members
 - Advocates for prevention research



NCC's Selected Accomplishments

- Empowered research communities as health advocates
- Studied evidence-based public health
- Developed a mini-grants program
- Reviewed grant proposals
- Partnered on development of a CBPR curriculum
- Collaborated on community genomics education forums



What CBPR is Not

- Justification for not using scientifically sound research methodology
 - ❖ **Research involving community partners is, can, and should be rigorous**
- Excuse for lack of accountability or failure to deliver timely results
- Reason to withhold information the research community needs to know



CBPR Gone Astray

- Hypothetical example
- Elements that made the research go astray
- Consequences



CBPR Well Used

- Example
- Elements that produced quality research
- Results and outcomes



Take Home Messages

- CBPR is vital to making research and its results practical, acceptable, and sustainable
- Support for CBPR has increased and expanded
- CBPR challenges researchers to develop methodology appropriate for the study and the community
- Requires commitment by all partners (including funders) to learn each other's culture, language, and needs

