

**Morehouse School of Medicine Prevention Research Center (MSM PRC)**  
**Current and Previous Funded Programs: 2005 – 2014**

*Note: This document is not exhaustive of all MSM PRC funded programs. The listing here is for all programs that have some focus on community engagement and outreach.*

**CURRENT**

Program: Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Core Research-Prevention Intervention Meeting Them at the Gate (PIMTAG)

Funded By: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Project Period: 2009 – 2014

Principal Investigator: Daniel S. Blumenthal, MD, MPH (Center)/Ronald L. Braithwaite, PhD (Core Research)

Co-Principal Investigator: Elleen M. Yancey, PhD (Core Research)

Program Description: Prevention Intervention Meeting Them at the Gate is the core research project of the MSM Prevention Research Center. This project is a behavior modification intervention for adult African American men with a history of substance abuse and risky sexual behavior. It is designed to reduce high risk HIV and STD related behaviors. A jail based intervention for rapid release for African American men.

Program: Atlanta Violence Prevention Capacity Building Project (ACBP)

Funded By: Administration for Children and Families

Project Period: 2008 - 2010

Principal Investigator: James P. Griffin, PhD

Program Description: The purpose of the project is to facilitate capacity among violence prevention partners to address violence prevention needs of selected community-based organizations (CBOs) and to improve CBOs' ability to provide science-based violence prevention interventions at the community level. Major project goals are to evaluate the effectiveness of a leadership and change agent curriculum for high school youth aimed at disseminating science-based violence prevention strategies among decision makers.

Program: Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA)/Community Engagement and Research Program (CERP)

Funded By: National Institutes of Health, National Clinical Research Resources

Project Period: 2007 – 2012

Principal Investigator: Daniel S. Blumenthal, MD, MPH

The Atlanta Clinical and Translational Science Institute (Atlanta-CTSI) is led by Emory University, along with partners Morehouse School of Medicine, Georgia Institute of Technology, and Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. ACTSI is one of 46 medical research institutions working together as a national consortium to improve the way biomedical research is conducted across the country. ACTSI's Community Engagement & Research Program promotes effective community intervention trials and recruits participants for transformative clinical studies.

Program: Emory Center for Injury Control

Funded By: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Project Period: 2009 - 2010

Principal Investigator: James P. Griffin, PhD

Program Description: This collaborative project (with Emory University) builds translational research and practice capability toward unintentional and intentional injury including violence prevention. The major project goal is to evaluate the effectiveness of four pilot research projects.

Program: Racial and Ethnic Approached to Community Health/SUCCEED Southeastern Center US Collaborative CEED

Funded By: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Project Period: 2007 – 2012

Principal Investigator: Daniel S. Blumenthal, MD, MPH

Program Description: MSM PRC is an established Center of Excellence in the Elimination of Disparities (CEED) known as the Southeastern US Collaborative CEED, or "SUCCEED." SUCCEED seeks to eliminate disparities in breast

and cervical cancer among African American women. The project provides training and technical assistance to agencies and organizations throughout the region in evidence-based strategies to increase breast and cervical cancer screening among African-Americans and also provides training and technical assistance in community coalition-building, using the Community Organization and Development for Health Promotion model.

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

Funded By: National Cancer Institute, Center to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities

Project Period: 2005 – 2010

Project Director: Joyce Sheats, BSN, MPH

Program Description: Building on established community partnerships, the NBLIC III: Community Networks Program (NBLIC III: CNP) at the Morehouse School of Medicine is a large-scale national Community Networks Program aimed at reducing cancer health disparities among African Americans. The 20-year-old National Black Leadership Initiative on Cancer utilizes its core infrastructure, which includes a National Office; three Regional Research Offices (e.g., MSM/Southern; University of Illinois at Chicago/Midwestern; Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science/Western; and Eastern, with support from the National Office); and 33 volunteer community coalitions in 29 states to reach its overall goal of reducing cancer health disparities for African Americans by developing collaborations that enhance existing community partnerships. These partnerships address the disconnect between delivery systems and community-based participatory education, research and training in the African-American community.

#### **PREVIOUS**

Program: Cancer Prevention and Control Research Network

Funded By: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Project Period: 2004 – 2010 (ended in 09/29/09, but is operating under no-cost extension until 09/29/10).

Principal Investigator: Daniel S. Blumenthal, MD, MPH

Program Description: Promotes cancer prevention, dissemination and implementation research.

Program: Program Variations in Prostate Cancer Knowledge, Attitudes and Screening Behaviors of African American and African Caribbean Men in the US (A Cancer Prevention and Control Research Network Program)

Funded By: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Project Period: 2004 – 2009

Principal Investigator: Shanita Williams-Brown, PhD

Program Description: Explored attitudes and beliefs toward prostate screening among African American and African Caribbean men.

Program: Human Papillomavirus Project (HPV)

Funded By: State of Georgia Department of Community Health

Project Period: 2007 – 2008

Principal Investigator: Le’Roy Reese, PhD

Program Description: Explored the attitudes and perceptions of young minority females toward the HPV vaccine.

Program: Community Health Worker Project

Funded By: HealthCare Georgia Foundation

Project Period: 2008 - 2009

Principal Investigator: Daniel S. Blumenthal, MD, MPH

Program Description: Organized and trained a statewide network of community health workers for the promotion of community and public health in communities throughout Georgia.

Program: Relationship of Social Networking, the Black Church and Health

Funded By: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Project Period: 2008

Principal Investigator: Selina Smith, PhD

Program Description: Pilot study that explored the usefulness of social networking in African American churches to promote and disseminate health information.

Program: Church-Academic Partnership Using a Community Based Participatory Research Model

Funded By: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Project Period: 2008 – 2009

Principal Investigator: Selina Smith, PhD

Program Description: Pilot study that explored the effective implementation of a Community Based Participatory Research model in African American church settings.

Program: Breast and Cervical Cancer Small Media Project

Funded By: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (Personnel Only – Public Health Public Service Fellow Assignee)

Project Period: 2006 – 2008

Principal Investigator: Le’Roy Reese, PhD

Program Description: Program developed a small media campaign and tested the effectiveness of the small media campaign materials in promoting breast and cervical cancer screening among minority women.