

Engagement of Communities

Center for Clinical and Translational Science



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The CCTS supports the development of authentic partnerships between researchers and the populations we serve. Through our Engagement of Communities domain, we provide learning and collaboration opportunities to a wide variety of community stakeholders. Our aims are to foster trust, explore and establish shared research goals, and speed the translation of knowledge into health improvements for all.

Community Engagement Institute

• Community Engagement Institute (CEI) Symposium

The annual CEI Symposium focuses on issues related to health equity and social justice. The Symposium examines the importance of why and how community engagement and collaboration are effective in social/behavioral research and essential in community building practices.

2022 CEI Symposium: Theme: Rights to Health: Where do we go from here?

2023 CEI Symposium: October 31, 2023; UAB Hilton Hotel **Theme:** Health Literacy



• Community Engagement Institute (CEI) Perspectives

CEI Perspectives hosts engaged conversations throughout the year that address focused topics of interest to communities to appreciate diverse points of view and to serve as a call to action for science, service and solutions.

2022 and 2023 topics includes: Community Violence, Maternal Mortality, Racism as a Public Health Crisis, LGBTQ Health Equity, Food Insecurity, Environmental Justice, Mental Health Equity and Healthy Neighborhoods.



• CCTS Bioethics Forum

The annual CCTS Bioethics Forum, hosted by Tuskegee University, brings together researchers, bioethicists, students, community members, front-line research staff, and clinical staff to discuss ethical issues in research. This event provides a safe space and proactive stance for invited experts and pertinent stakeholders to highlight accurately “what we know” and to reflect on approaches that can inform “what we ought to do” individually, institutionally, and collectively to drive effective policy and law.



Community and Scientific Action Board

Opportunities

- Synergistic strategy available to investigators & teams
- Consultative structure to provide guidance to nascent projects
- Reduced burden and greater coordination in approaching community organizations and neighborhoods

Community Engaged Research

- CCTS Partner Network Pilot Program
- Community Health Innovation Awards
- Community Health Scholars Grant Program - Partnership with CSCH to advance scholar development through project development to advance CEnR/CPBR.



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