

Research Summary: Embedding community-engaged research principles in implementation science

- The **Implementation Science Center for Cancer Control Equity (ISCCCE)** is a community-based infrastructure for studying equity-focused implementation and adaptation strategies for cancer prevention.
- ISCCCE is designed to **maximize the impact and relevance of implementation research on cancer control in community health centers (CHCs).**



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WHAT WE DO

Embed principles of community engagement in all that ISCCCE does, from our structure to our budget, our pilot study selection, and share our processes with others interested in community engagement.

WHAT WE DID

These **9 best practice principles** have guided our community-engaged research and provided evidence-based and practical guidance for engaging community partners in research

1. **Be clear about the goals** of the engagement effort and the communities you want to engage.
2. **Become knowledgeable** about the community.
3. **Establish relationships, build trust**, work with the leadership, and seek commitment from community organizations and leaders to create processes for mobilizing the community.
4. **Community empowers itself**. Accept that collective self-determination is the responsibility and right of all people in a community.
5. **Partnering with the community is necessary** to create change and improve health
6. **Recognize and respect the diversity of the community** in all aspects of community engagement.
7. **Identifying and mobilizing community assets** and developing the community's capacity to take action will sustain community engagement.
8. **Release control of actions** to the community and be flexible enough to meet changing needs.
9. **Community collaboration requires long-term commitment** by the engaging organization and its partners.

See the paper for examples of how ISCCCE uses these principles in all its activities!

