



About the UCLA Center for Community Health

The UCLA Center for Community Health (CCH) is a premier resource center for the research and service-provider communities, bridging the gap between scientific information and effective intervention treatment. Our researchers investigate the real-life health-care needs of at-risk people and communities to develop successful intervention programs. Our investigators are skilled in translating research findings into understandable information and action plans for a variety of stakeholders.

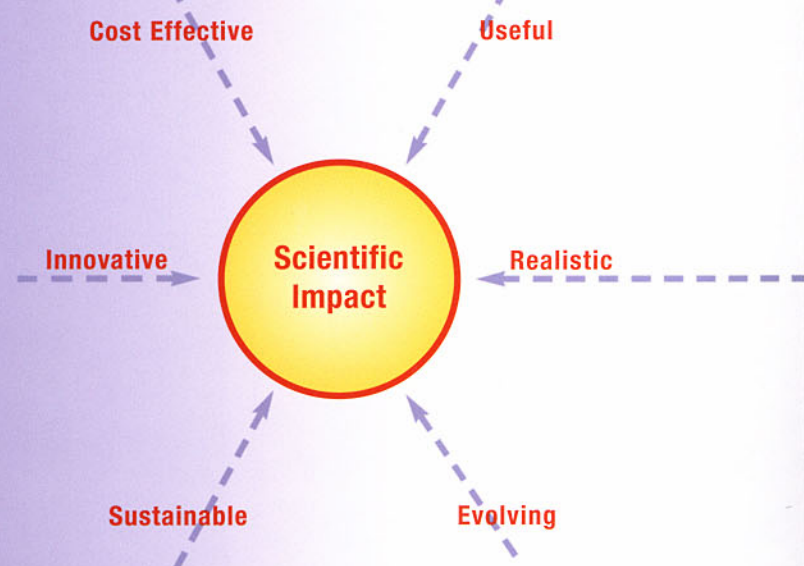
CCH services include:

- Design and implementation of prevention, treatment, and service-delivery programs
- Technical assistance on research projects and provider programs
- Dissemination of findings through publications and policy forums

The CCH staff is composed of a large, multidisciplinary team of investigators from clinical psychology, biostatistics, psychiatry, sociology, social work, epidemiology, urban planning, and educational psychology. The team collaborates with a range of partners to design, implement and disseminate effective health solutions. Select partners include: the National Institute of Mental Health; Los Angeles County; the World AIDS Foundation; Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science; the National Network of Runaway Youth; and RAND.

The CCH Intervention Strategy

The CCH approach does not operate in a vacuum. It deliberately relates to the needs, goals, and priorities of distinct target populations and those who serve them. CCH programs are significant because they are designed to be realistic, cost-effective, useful, sustainable over time, and replicable in a range of treatment settings.



“CCH is a pioneer in designing innovative and meaningful health interventions that incorporate cultural sensitivity and insight to improve people’s health. Their programs positively impact vulnerable populations at micro and macro levels in both developed and developing countries responding to difficult public health challenges.”

ZUNYOU WU, M.D., PH.D.

Director, Department of Health Education and Behavioral Intervention,
National Center for AIDS/STDs Prevention and Control,
Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention

Founded in 1993 by Mary Jane Rotheram-Borus, PhD., CCH has been honored by numerous organizations, including the Centers for Disease Control and the American Psychological Association, for its innovative work with people in high-risk circumstances. CCH is recognized for its development of treatment models for people at risk for HIV, mental illness, and substance abuse.

Our Mission

To influence health policies and practices that enhance the well being, development, and quality of life for people in high-risk circumstances.

Our Vision

Our vision promotes a society that accepts and understands people who may be marginalized and living in high-risk situations. Our primary role is to improve the health of children, families, and communities at risk. Their good health is an asset that contributes to the vitality of society.



The Challenge

Society’s ability to care for families and individuals at risk is often impaired without knowledge and understanding of their lives, communities, and the available venues for treatment. Health providers, community organizations, policy makers, and researchers look to new perspectives, quality information, and innovative training to develop and implement effective interventions.

“Our evolving relationship with CCH has been a source of tremendous excitement. The synergy between CCH and our agency has provided the impetus for us to rethink how we deliver HIV prevention and social support services to individuals and families impacted by this disease.”

LEE KLOSINSKI, PH.D.
DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMS
AIDS PROJECT LOS ANGELES