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Extramural research center program at CDC

33 PRCs partner with public health agencies and communities to:
- Produce interventions, research for dissemination
- Implement training & technical assistance activities

Each PRC has at least one core research project
- Use community-based participatory research (CBPR) methods
- Implement research in a variety of topics and with a variety of communities
Evaluation Approach

NATIONAL EVALUATION ACTIVITIES

Program Indicators

Contextual Studies

Supplements

Helps Identify

COMMUNICATION/DISSEMINATION ACTIVITIES

Case Studies & Stories from single PRCs
Merit and Worth/Accountability

- PRC Program output indicator examples
  - Publications and presentations
  - Interventions recommended for use by national agencies

- PRC Program outcome indicator examples
  - Interventions available for dissemination
  - Interventions that have been adopted
  - Policy and environmental changes

- Case studies from successful interventions

- Future thoughts: social network analysis, cost-effectiveness/utility
Value Added of Center Program: Academic Perspective

- Benefits of being in the PRC network
  - Pooling of expertise, “national brain trust”
  - Learning from other centers’ experiences
  - Funding mechanism supports CBPR
  - Gaining status, prestige for PRC and university
  - Professional development

- Challenges of being in the PRC network
  - Administrative aspects
  - Insufficient funding
Value Added of Center Program: Community Perspective

- **Benefits of being in the PRC network**
  - Learning about CBPR, PRC Program, research process
  - Resulting products from research projects
  - Relationships between PRC network and communities
  - Leveraging resources between university and community
  - Impact on research projects

- **Challenges of being in the PRC network**
  - Time commitment
  - Communicating about research
Systematic Data Collection Across Centers

- **Current:** internet-based IS
  - Collects large amounts of data to serve multiple purposes
    - Evaluation indicators
    - Work plans & progress reports
    - Communications needs
  - Does not serve any one purpose well

- **Future:** assessing data needs
  - Open to multiple data systems to meet different purposes