

Collaborations for Health and Empowered Community-based Scientists (CHECS)

What?

CHECS provides a patient-centered outcomes research (PCOR) community-based curriculum, designed to engage Community Health Centers (CHCs) in the PCOR process to achieve successful uptake of research & dissemination.

- **Year 1:** CHECS utilizes an existing research training curriculum designed by the Clinical Director's Network (CDN). Free training webcasts are available online to watch in a self-directed learning experience or as a group. CDN recorded each live webcast and content can be viewed on-demand. Webcasts are accredited for Continuing Medical (CME), Nursing (CNE), Social Worker (CE-SW), and Community Health Education (CHES) credits.
- **Year 2:** Request for proposals for participation in dynamic, live seminar-style training sessions will be disseminated to the AllianceChicago network. Up to 20 individuals and/or 20 groups will be selected to participate in mentorship workshops and in-person trainings to support the development of a research proposal.

**EMPOWER
YOUR HEALTH
CENTER
COMMUNITY
BY
PARTICIPATING
IN CHECS!**

Why?

- CHCs are the largest source of primary and preventive care for the nation's underserved, however little research originates in this sector.
- CHC patients have specific health needs that can be optimally addressed by engaging them as active participants in all phases of research.
- Collaborations with academic centers have historically involved research questions generated and led by academicians and not patients or community health providers.
- As CHCs enter the new era of healthcare reform and quality-based merits in healthcare, patient and clinician engagement in PCOR will be paramount in achieving better health and financial outcomes.

Who?

CHC providers, staff members, and patients who are interested in developing research skills and knowledge.

Where?

Year 1: Recorded webinar sessions are available to CHC providers, staff, & patients in the AllianceChicago network.

Year 2: In-person trainings and workshops will be required for selected trainees. Timeline to be determined

When?

Year 1: Free webinar sessions available starting in October 2017 through the remainder of the project.

Year 2: The Request for Proposal (RFP) is [available here](#). Applications are due April 30th 2018. Trainees to begin program July 2018

How?

Year 1 online training webinars are still available here: <https://www.cdnetwork.org/checs>.

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