



Years of Discovery
Advance
Rhode Island
Clinical & Translational Research

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH CORE

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KEY SERVICES

Pre-Submission Services

- Study design and protocol
- Grant proposals and manuscripts



Practice-Based Research Network (PBRN)

- Networking and infrastructure for community-engaged research
- Matchmaking for study investigators and clinical practice sites



Community Engagement Studios

- Assist researchers in soliciting and integrating community members' feedback on study goals or plans
- Train investigators to host their own CE studios

Community Advisory Action Board (CAAB)

- Engage diverse community members in defining priority areas for research and engagement and space to enrich and develop relationships with the community

KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS & STATS

Consultations

- Completed over **72 consultations** with researchers on Community Engaged research.

Practice-Based Research Network (PBRN)

- Expanded to **104 practices, 440 providers, and 300,000+ patients.**
- Developed infrastructure: website, applications, materials, and surveys.
- Presented to multiple provider groups and faculty committees.
- Supported **6** active studies through the network.
- Formed a Steering Committee with **9** members.

Community Engagement (CE) Studios

- **9 fully supported Studio Sessions** have been conducted with **3 more** to be completed in year 10. Topics included UTIs, trauma, depression, stroke, cancer recovery, and Southeast Asian health.
- Created a dedicated Studios webpage with resources and application forms.
- Delivered training on Community Engagement Studios (recorded and shared).
- Supported PI's with hosting their own independent studios through training and guidance.

Community Advisory and Action Board (CAAB)

- Establishment of a committed **16 member CAAB** who meet quarterly to discuss our current projects and ideas from the community.
- Introduced a community review process for pilot project proposals.

Training & Capacity Building

- Co-hosted **2 university-wide retreats** on community-engaged research and teaching.
- Presented on Best Practices at Women & Infants Hospital, RI Public Health Summit, and the Community Health Worker Conference.
- Development of a hybrid Community Engaged Researcher training program underway.

Outreach & Partnerships

- Helped lead the community "UNconference" on substance use and harm reduction.
- Integrated with Swearer Center's Salesforce database for community tracking.
- Strengthened partnership with multiple community partners through events and volunteering.
- Attended and presented at multiple conferences and community events.

