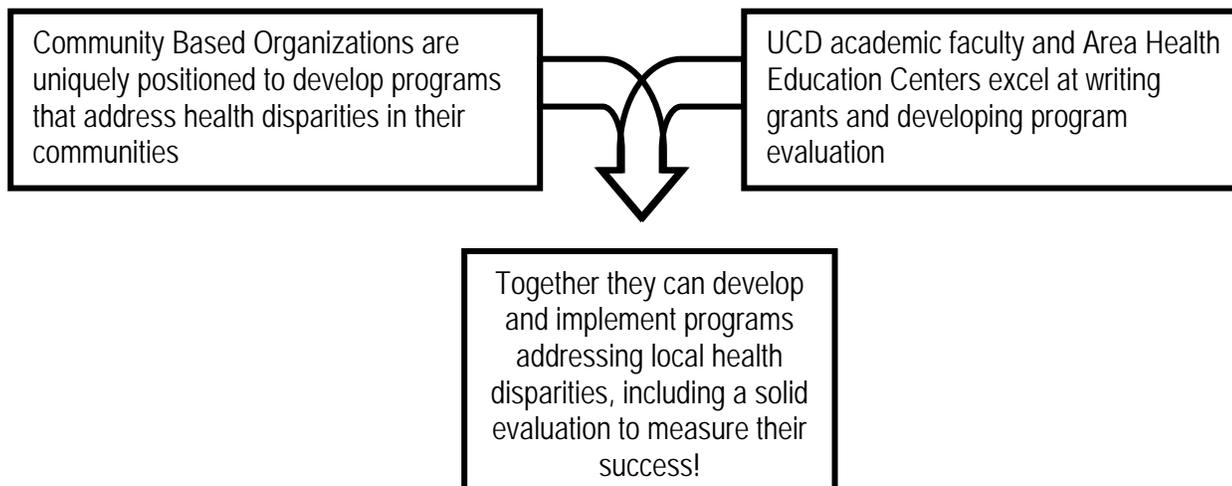




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Project T.E.A.C.H.: A Winning Combination



Faculty at the Division of Health Care Policy and Research and the Colorado School of Public Health at the University of Colorado Denver joined forces with the Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) to create **Project T.E.A.C.H.** (Teaching Equity to Advance Community Health). TEACH will work with community-based organizations (CBOs) to empower them to develop, obtain the financial resources, implement, and evaluate sustainable projects aimed at reducing disparities in heart disease, cancer, diabetes and lung disease. CBOs are uniquely positioned to identify and develop programs that can effectively address disparities in their communities. Academicians know how to write grants and scientifically evaluate programs. Why not bring these two together? TEACH will provide training to help CBOs translate their knowledge and expertise into well crafted proposals targeting specific funds.

TEACH will conduct three tailored trainings per year on how to build solid proposals and navigate the competitive grant application process. The trainings will be developed in a participatory process, using Freire's philosophy of adult learning, in which both student and teacher bring complementary knowledge to the learning environment. Each training will have 1- 2 modules chosen out of the following: 1)Health Disparities Data In Your Region; 2) Community assessment, Resource Assessment & Development; 3)Cultural Competence, 4)Program Evaluation and 5) Evidence-Based Interventions. The modules will be delivered via the five AHECs statewide and will involve three phases: 1) 'What do you need?' assessment phase: which focuses on documenting information about local CBOs and choosing and tailoring the modules to the region; 2) "How do we get it?" workshop phase: in which tailored modules will be offered in 1-day workshops; 3) "Consulting" phase: during which each CBO will work with project staff and the AHEC partner to consult and refine their grant application. CBOs should end the 3-phase training with a grant application draft.

Participating UC Denver faculty include Angela Sauaia, MD, PhD (Director); Judy Baxter, MA; Elaine Belansky, PhD; and Jack Westfall, MD. If you want more information, please contact the AHEC in your area or the Project Coordinator Jennifer McIntyre at jennifer.mcintyre@ucdenver.edu to sign up for the next training!