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## Addressing Health Inequity

The **Black Women & Femmes Health Project** is a Pitt Teaming Grant-funded project designed to: 1) Uplift the ongoing work led by Black women and femmes; 2) Interrogate systems that exacerbate inequities in health; and 3) Develop plans for dismantling systems of oppression specifically in Allegheny County that have a disproportionate impact on the health and well-being of Black women and femmes.

**Live Well Allegheny: Lifting Wellness for African Americans**, funded by the CDC REACH (Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health) Initiative, uses a systems-approach to enhance health equity and address factors associated with chronic disease for African Americans in six priority communities: Wilksburg, Northside, Hill District, Garfield, Larimer/Homewood/East Hills, and the Mon Valley.



Violence Prevention Initiative team, 2018.

## Harm Reduction

The **Understanding Patterns of Healthy Aging among Men Who Have Sex with Men (MSM) Study** [*Healthy Aging*] investigates resiliencies as means for improving HIV-related outcomes, depression, and aging outcomes in middle-aged and older MSM. This project is supported by a *Research Supplement to Promote Diversity in Health-Related Research* award.

The **Violence Prevention Initiative (VPI)** is a multi-part effort dedicated to addressing community violence through the Homicide Review, Gunshot Reoccurring Injury Prevention Services (GRIPS), and the Reimagine Reentry Program.

**CHE Mission** *To understand and ultimately eliminate health inequities in under resourced, vulnerable, and underserved communities and populations, particularly those in Western Pennsylvania. The CHE addresses issues attributed to institutional racism, develops strategic partnerships across sectors and communities, and advances a health equity perspective in all policies that support the public sector's role in achieving health equity for its' citizenry.*



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## Community-Engaged

The **Community Research Advisory Board (CRAB)** is a body established by the CHE in 2001 with the mission to advise researchers on how best to foster collaborations and engage communities and populations that experience health inequities. The CRAB consists of community members from the region, as well as students and faculty members.

The **COMPASS Study (COMMunity Prevalence of SARS CoV-2)** is an IRB-approved multisite seroprevalence study funded by the COVID Prevention Network/NIH/NAID that investigates the seroprevalence of SARS CoV-2 in various community settings. A sub-set of the CRAB is providing consultation through the duration of the study.

The **Live Longer Empowering and Engaging Pittsburgh Communities Project** represents a collaboration with the Community Empowerment Association to develop and conduct neighborhood conversations about life expectancy and health equity in Homewood and McKeesport.



*Pitt Community Engagement Center in Homewood, 2019.*

## Informed Interventions

**RAICES** is a CMS-funded community health worker intervention to promote physical activity, healthy eating, and improved health care access among Latinx in Allegheny County.

**The Pittsburgh Study** is a community-partnered study to develop interventions that help children and families thrive throughout the life-course. The study is led by Children's Hospital and follows children in Allegheny County from birth through high school. CHE are strategic partners.

**Cuenta Conmigo (Count On Me)** is a collaboration with Casa San Jose to organize remote support groups with the goal to prevent depression by using mindfulness and improving social connections among healthy Latino youth recruited from the community.

