

Our Team

The Saint Francis Center for Health Equity structure is shaped around shared leadership.

The Curtis D. Robinson Men's Health Institute (CDRMHI) provides a health leadership team that is culturally informed and experienced in a proven health equity approach to prevention education and outreach. The CDRMHI team resides within the CHE.

The Learning and Innovation Center and the Connecticut Institute for Primary Care Innovation (CIPCI) offers the core platform for CHE, assuring an integrated, state of the art educational context right next door to the CHE, and designed to facilitate a health equity approach to provide education, research and community engagement throughout the entire Saint Francis Care network of providers.

The Saint Francis Primary Care Service Line team guides all clinical needs within a context of a medical neighborhood, assuring continuity of services easily accessible to the community. Here you will find a culturally responsive medical team aiming to provide the right care, in the right place at the right time. Specifically, our multidisciplinary team includes:

Staff	Faculty, Fellows & Volunteers	Advisory
Leadership Team	Tuskegee Faculty	CDRMHI Advisory Board Consultants
CHE Medical Director	Health Equity Fellow	Health Liaison Team
CDRMHI Medical Director	Diversity Intern	Community Partners
Public Health Staff	Clinical Faculty	Community Members
Nurse Navigator	Volunteers	
Pastoral Counselor		
Outreach Coordinator		

Achieving Health Equity can only be accomplished in partnership with others. At the Saint Francis Center for Health Equity, we welcome your input, your questions and your enthusiasm to improve the health of our community together.

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SAINT FRANCIS CENTER FOR HEALTH EQUITY



Health Disparities

“Health disparities are the health differences that exist among specific population groups in the U.S. They are measured in terms of how often people get sick during a period of time (incidence), how often they get sick overall (prevalence) how severe their illness is (morbidity) how often they die (mortality), and how easy it is for them to see the doctor (healthcare access). These differences are linked to social, economic and/or environmental disadvantages that adversely affect groups of people.”

– National Institutes of Health and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

The Saint Francis Center for Health Equity (CHE)

The Saint Francis Center for Health Equity (CHE) is dedicated to serving our community for optimal health through education, research and engagement. Our multi-cultural team is committed to a collaborative approach – one that includes working with grassroots neighborhood organizations, caregivers, health professionals, researchers, foundations, state agencies and others to eliminate health disparities. CHE will develop and deliver innovative health equity programs with and for communities served by Saint Francis Care.

CHE promotes the idea that engaging and empowering collaborative relationships to respond to the health and wellness needs of our community will help “build trust, enlist new resources and allies, create better communication, and improve overall health outcomes as successful projects evolve into lasting collaborations.”

– CDC, 1997; Shore, 2006; Wallerstein, 2002

Our Approach

“Health equity means achieving the same levels of health care quality, health outcomes, and health status among all population groups, regardless of social and demographic characteristics such as race, ethnicity, language, gender and income.”

– Citation Here.

The Saint Francis Center for Health Equity is located in the Asylum Hill neighborhood in Hartford on the first floor of the Urban League of Greater Hartford.

When you walk through our front door at and enter our lobby, you will be greeted by a collection of doors; we think of those doors as a symbolic representation of the many ways to approach this work. CHE uses an EQUITY approach which allows for interaction and input at all stages.

Engage and empower the community

Quantify and

Understand health disparities

Integrate health equity into our work

Target resources

Yield partnerships for solutions

Education

Community input is critical for the exchange of ideas to take place. To promote engagement CHE will:

- offer trainings
- hold classes
- organize meetings
- provide meeting space for informal gatherings

Research

Health disparities data must be analyzed and shared with the community. We will:

- Hold focus group to hear about clinical and community concerns.
- Review data on health services to understand community needs.

Engagement

To Advocate for change we will:

- Identify and support programs that address specific health disparities.
- Collaborate with individuals and agencies on health equity research projects.

Actions to resolve health disparities will be implemented by:

- Addressing social determinants of health through creative partnerships.
- Delivering innovative solutions for healthcare access to Hartford residents.