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Mission: Widen the lens beyond health care & public health systems

Rigorous research to identify novel mechanisms for aligning delivery and financing systems in *medical care, public health, and social & community services* in ways that improve *health* and *wellbeing*, achieve *efficiencies* in resource use, and reduce *inequities*.

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Mission: Widen the lens beyond health care & public health systems

- Delivery Systems + Financing Systems
- Health Sectors + Social/Community Sectors
- Prevention + Treatment
- Health + Wellbeing
- Individuals + Populations
- Equity + Efficiency
Multiple systems & sectors drive health...

Proportional Contribution to Premature Death

- Genetic predisposition: 30%
- Behavioral patterns: 40%
- Social circumstances: 15%
- Environmental exposure: 5%
- Health care: 10%

But existing systems often fail to connect

Medical Care

• Fragmentation
• Duplication
• Variability in practice
• Limited accessibility
• Episodic and reactive care
• Insensitivity to consumer values & preferences
• Limited targeting of resources to community needs

Social Services & Supports

• Fragmentation
• Variability in practice
• Resource constrained
• Limited reach
• Insufficient scale
• Limited public visibility & understanding
• Limited evidence base
• Slow to innovate & adapt

Public Health

Waste & inefficiency

Inequitable outcomes

Limited population health impact
...Resulting in significant economic & social burden

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<th>Expenditure</th>
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<sup>a</sup> Estimates do not include fraud and abuse in Medicare and Medicaid spending.

<sup>b</sup> Includes fraud and abuse in Medicare and Medicaid spending.
Challenge: overcoming collective action problems across systems & sectors

- Incentive compatibility → public goods
- Concentrated costs & diffuse benefits
- Time lags: costs vs. improvements
- Uncertainties about what works
- Asymmetry in information
- Difficulties measuring progress
- Weak and variable institutions & infrastructure
- Imbalance: resources vs. needs
- Stability & sustainability of funding

Ostrom E. 1994
Wide lens: implicated sectors

- Public health
- Medical care: ACOs, PCMCs, AHCs
- Income support
- Nutrition and food security
- Education and workforce development
- Housing
- Transportation
- Criminal justice
- Child and family services
- Community development and finance
Study novel mechanisms for aligning systems and services across sectors

- Innovative alliances and partnerships
- Inter-governmental and public-private ventures
- New financing and payment arrangements
- Incentives for individuals, organizations & communities
- Governance and decision-making structures
- Information exchange and decision support
- New technology: m-health, tele-health
- Community engagement, public values and preferences
- Innovative workforce and staffing models
- Cross-sector planning and priority-setting
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Collaborating Research Centers

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Arizona State University

Indiana University – Purdue University Indianapolis

CRC

partners

National Coordinating Center
University of Kentucky

NCC

Collaborative Research Project

Individual Research Projects

IRP
Signature research projects

- **University of Chicago:** Randomized trial of a Comprehensive Care, Community and Culture program

- **Arizona State University:** Analysis of medical, mental health, and criminal justice system interactions for persons with behavioral health disorders

- **IUPUI:** Evaluating integration and decision support strategies for a community-based safety net health care and public health system

- **University of Kentucky:** Measuring multi-sector contributions to public health services and impact on population health.
Example: evaluating delivery system change

Access to public health

Overall, 47.2 percent of the population is covered by a comprehensive public health system. Individuals are more likely to have access if they are non-White (51.5 percent vs. 45.5 percent White) or live in a metropolitan area (48.7 percent vs. 34.1 percent in nonmetropolitan areas).

S4A applications by research priority

1.1 Design/Implementation
1.2 Organization
1.3 Economics/Financing
2.0 Equity strategies
3.0 Information/Decision
4.0 Incentives

N=170
S4A applications by implicated social/community sectors

- Housing
- Transportation
- Comm dev/land use
- Criminal justice/legal
- Environment
- Mental/behavioral health
- Substance abuse
- Disability services
- Food/nutrition assistance
- Income support
- Employment/training
- Child/family services
- Education
- Aging

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