

FACT SHEET: PILOT PROJECT

TRANSLATING RESEARCH INTO ACTION: PROMOTING A CULTURE OF PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE THROUGH INTERORGANIZATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS AND EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION WITH COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS SERVING THE HOMELESS IN ALAMEDA COUNTY

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Research translation is a critical component and extension of research that is often not emphasized in the research process. With multiple models to draw from, this project examines various steps and stages of the research translation continuum to apply to new knowledge and research results from the pilot project *Building, Enhancing and Leveraging Interorganizational Relationships for Disaster Preparedness and Response: A Study of Community-based Organizations Serving Vulnerable Populations; a Focus on the Homeless*. Translation of knowledge into desired outcomes beneficial to the target population is a multi-step process with several important components of research translation that need to be employed; primarily acceptance of research results and later adoption of appropriate next steps in the target population. Confronting translation issues early on in the research process is imperative, particularly when engaging community organizations; a broad range of stakeholders need to be engaged. Guidance of studies on research translation, and barriers related to translation will be considered and incorporated as applicable. The project aims support the translation of knowledge on the translational continuum to include transfer, uptake, exchange and translation of research knowledge.

SPECIFIC AIMS

- Aim 1:** Convening of an advisory committee that will assist in reviewing research results and recommend appropriate translation strategies and tools to enhance current disaster preparedness and response activities in the target population.
- Aim 2:** Development of a clear flowchart of the translation process.
- Aim 3:** Provision of a community forum as an outlet for research results and practical application into actionable steps.
- Aim 4:** Report of results of community forum to county stakeholders, advisory committee and project partners for continued and sustained actions.

IMPLICATIONS

Notes taken at the community forum will be used to prepare a brief summary on lessons learned to provide direction for future research agenda, activities for Cal PREPARE partners and new insights or research translation and sustainability of recommended practices. County organizations and agencies will be provided results in a quick-guide format. Additionally, partner organizations will be asked to host the findings on their website for access by all community stakeholders. The community forum will also guide public health and emergency planners to incorporate research findings and advisory committee suggestions into their preparedness activities as well as help identify relationships and communications mechanisms to tap into as a framework that is more effective in reaching a diverse group of service providers in our communities.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The advisory committee will be a link between academia and the community providing a realistic application of the research findings. The advisory committee will be constructed to reflect the variety of complex connections and interactions in which the translation is to take place; a multi-disciplinary team with the following representatives:

- CARD
- Public Health
- Cal PREPARE
- CBOs Serving the Homeless
- Eden Information & Referral
- Policy
- Funder
- Target Population Advocate