

RESEARCH CENTERS

Center for Adolescent Health Promotion is a partnership of the UCLA School of Public Health, the UCLA Department of Pediatrics, RAND, and local communities. Its mission is to conduct studies and develop programs to improve the health and well-being of adolescents, with a special emphasis on projects that involve parents of adolescents.

Center for Environmental Genomics was established in May 2003 at the School in partnership with the Jonsson Cancer Center. The goal is to bring together experts from a variety of fields including cancer, environmental health, epidemiology, biostatistics, human genetics, pathology and pharmacology, to investigate the molecular mechanisms by which environmental agents such as air pollutants and radiation interact with genetic predisposing factors to cause disease.

Centers for Environmental Quality and Health is the focal point for the School's environmental expertise. The Centers include the Center for Occupational and Environmental Health, the Southern California Environmental Health Sciences Center, the Southern California NIOSH Education and Research Center, and the Southern California Particle Center and Supersite.

Center for Global and Immigrant Health was established in 2008 and includes faculty from all of the departments in the School of Public Health as well as the Schools of Medicine, Dentistry and Nursing and the California Center for Population Research. Participating faculty have active research collaborations in more than 50 countries throughout the world, and several work both with immigrant communities in California and in the countries of origin of these communities.

Center for Health Policy Research was established in to apply the expertise of UCLA faculty and research to meet national, state, and local community needs for health policy-related research and information. The center has three missions: (1) to conduct research on national, state, and local health policy issues, (2) to provide public service to policymakers and community leaders and (3) to offer educational opportunities for graduate students and postdoctoral fellows.

Center for Healthier Children, Families, and Communities was established to address some of the most challenging health and social problems facing children and families. The center's mission is to improve society's ability to provide children with the best opportunities for health, well-being, and the chance to assume productive roles within families and communities.

Center for Human Nutrition is a joint endeavor of the Schools of Public Health and Medicine. The center brings together faculty, postdoctoral research fellows, graduate students, and medical students to focus on the roles of nutrition and food in human health and disease.

Center for Metabolic Disease Prevention integrates laboratory-based and population-based sciences in studying mechanisms and strategies for metabolic diseases prevention. The Center brings the best science to bear on the challenge of controlling the global epidemic of metabolic diseases, and provides leadership in metabolic disease prevention through interdisciplinary research, improving patient care and creating educational initiatives for students, health professionals and the public.

Center for Public Health and Disasters was established in 1997 to address the critical issues faced when a disaster impacts a community. Its mission is to promote interdisciplinary efforts to reduce the health impacts of natural and human-generated disasters ranging from earthquakes to bioterrorism. In 2002, the Center was designated a CDC Academic Center for Public Health Preparedness.

Division of Cancer Prevention & Control Center Research (DCPCR) is a joint program of the School of Public Health and the Geffen School of Medicine's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center. The DCPCR focuses on research in primary prevention and screening/early detection among healthy populations and persons at increased risk for developing cancer as well as reducing avoidable morbidity and mortality among adult and pediatric patients with cancer and long-term survivors of cancer.

UCLA Kaiser Permanente Center for Health Equity (formerly Center to Eliminate Health Disparities) focuses on eliminating disparities in incidence, prevalence, mortality and burden of disease experienced by disadvantaged and underserved populations. The Center concentrates on "keeping the public healthy" by targeting health promotion, disease prevention, and access to quality and timely care for all in need.