

# C-SALUD: Overview of Research Education and Training Core and Mentorship Program



# Core Leaders

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# Core's Goals

- Increase number of researchers and professionals from racial/ethnic minority and medically underserved populations trained in behavioral research
- Improve quality of training provided to behavioral researchers conducting research on health disparities in HIV/AIDS and substance abuse in Latino populations



# Core's Specific Objectives

- Develop a cadre of doctoral students at Florida International University (FIU) who will conduct behavioral research on the nature and extent of the HIV/AIDS and substance abuse epidemics among the Latino population in US
- Support the career development of postdoctoral trainees at FIU conducting behavioral research on health disparities in HIV/AIDS and substance abuse; and
- Provide training to community leaders on the conduct of research in HIV/AIDS and substance abuse in Latino populations and to develop their general research skills.



# Student Scholars in Health Disparities Research (Pre-Doctoral Program)

- Two year program
- Program to provide experience in conducting research, writing peer-reviewed journal articles, and writing research grants
- Status: 4 PhD students in their first year



# Community Leaders Training Program

- 18 month program to increase capacity of community-based organizations in Miami-Dade County to obtain resources by means of health service grants as well as the capacity to conduct research on Latino substance use and HIV
- Status: 2 people starting 18 month program



# Post-Doctoral Fellowship Program

- Two year program
- Provides postdoctoral research training and professional development activities to train junior investigators to conduct health disparities research
- Status: recruiting for 1 fellow to begin shortly



# Thank You!



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