



Greetings CERP Partners!

Welcome to a wonderful new year for the **Community Engagement Research Program (CERP)**! In our eight (8) year history our program has worked tirelessly to build stronger academic-community partnerships in service to citizens throughout Atlanta. It is thanks to YOU - our long-term and new partners - that we have achieved amazing success! We plan to continue to grow, to build, and to stimulate new initiatives that will move us closer to achieving our shared goal - to improve the health and well-being of people in our city.

For 2015, we are pleased to announce some notable program highlights including:

- An updated [CERP Website](#) featuring timely community health reports, announcements and other relevant publications from CERP partners and throughout the public health community!
- Increasing the value of our services to our partners by inviting you to share your organization's upcoming events, partnership requests, grant opportunities and other projects on the updated ACTSI-CERP Listserv, Website and Newsletter!
- Distributing four (4) new CERP Mini-Grants to innovative community groups throughout Atlanta!
- The recruitment of four (4) new Board Members who represent academic and community organizations committed to serving the needs of our partners successfully!
- Offering a series of new Training Workshops to help partners develop skills to more effectively serve their organizations and the community! And, we are just getting started!

We are also excited to announce that our [2015 Community Health Forum](#) is on the horizon! This 2nd Annual Forum will be held at the Morehouse School of Medicine on **May 28th-29th, 2015**. In planning this conference the Board has responded to the feedback from over 70 experts who attended last year's Forum representing Academia, Non Profit, Foundation and other community partners. This Forum was developed to equip each attendee with tools to help achieve our individual and shared goals.

We look forward to seeing you at the Forum, and invite you to visit the [CERP Website](#) to [RSVP](#) and for continued updates about this important event. In the upcoming months, we will keep you informed about key public health news and beneficial initiatives through our Website, Newsletter, Listserv and other media. Please stay tuned!

On behalf of the CERP Steering Board, please let us know how we can be of service as you develop your programs, publicize your current projects, and create productive partnerships that address health disparities and advance health equity. Our alliance is committed to improving public health throughout the city and beyond, and we look forward to working with you to build strong and sustainable bridges forward through effective community-engaged research and translation that make a difference. We wish you continued health and success!

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