### Morehouse School of Medicine/Tuskegee University/University of Alabama at Birmingham O'Neal CCC U54 Partnership



### **Outreach Core (OC)**

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### A DEEP SOUTH Outreach Strategy



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### **Outreach Core Team**



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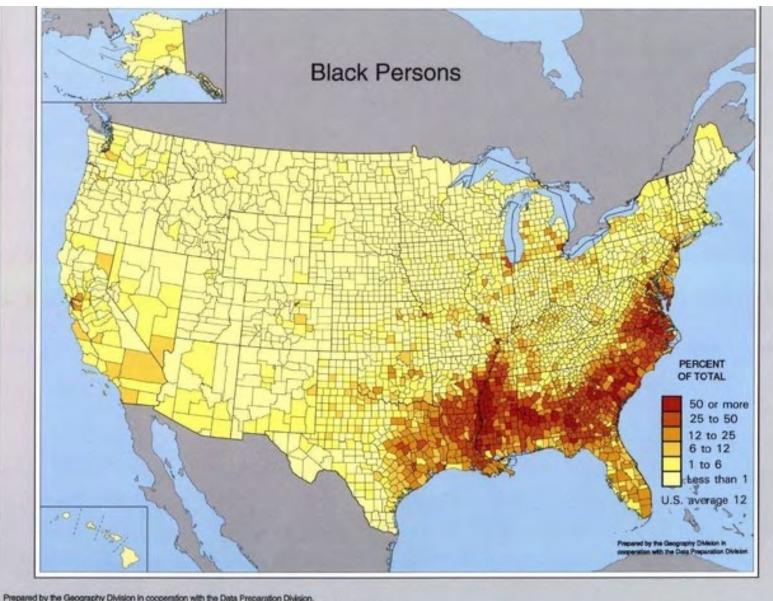
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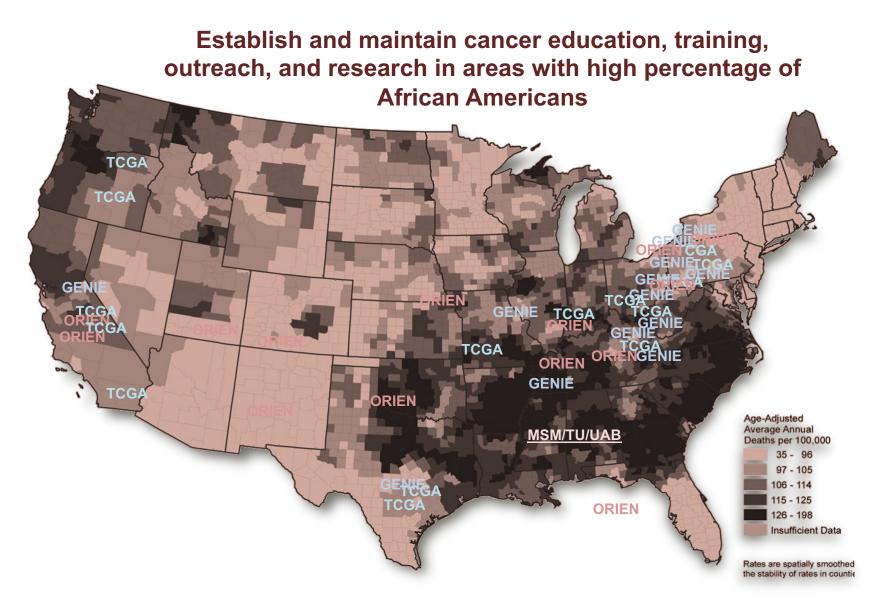
### **IMPACT: Target Population**



Prepared by the Geography Division in cooperation with the Data Preparation Division. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, Economics and Statistics Administration, Bureau of the Census



### **IMPACT: CATCHMENT AREA**





### Overarching Goal of the Outreach Core

- Identify effective recruitment and retention strategies to increase enrollment of African Americans and Hispanic populations in cancer genomic research and clinical trials.
- Implement and evaluate an evidence-based, theory-informed, multi-level, *clinical trial and cancer genomics education program* (CTC-GEP) to address <u>the determinants</u> for African American and Hispanic participation in clinical trials and cancer genomics research.



### SPECIFIC AIMS

<u>Aim 1</u>. Convene a Joint Clinical and Biomedical Research Advisory Roundtable (JCAR) to facilitate input into the Partnership activities and research projects, and to promote awareness of the Partnership.

<u>Aim 2</u>. At each of the three Partnership institutions, train a cadre of lay community navigators to serve as <u>Clinical Community Navigators with</u> <u>a focus on participation in clinical trials and cancer genomic research</u>.

<u>Aim 3</u>. Implement and evaluate an evidence-based, theory-informed, multi-level cancer clinical trial and cancer genomics education program to overcome barriers and to facilitate participation in genomic research and clinical trials among AA and Hispanic populations residing in the Partnership catchment areas.



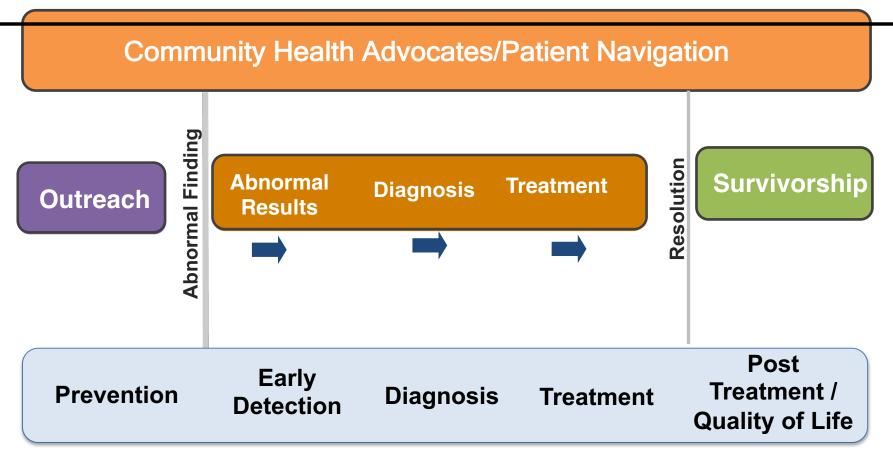
## Community Scientist Model

- Partnership has a strong history of recruiting and training lay individuals as community health workers and navigators to disseminate cancer education and information for cancer prevention, early detection, treatment, survivorship, and most recently, clinical trials participation.
- Early in the 2005-2011 project period, we learned that community health is a local issue, and that each institution is situated within a <u>unique community with specific</u> <u>needs and assets</u>.
- Based on the successful implementation of the community health worker and patient navigation models, we have published increases in age-appropriate cancer screening, adoption of healthier lifestyles, addressing SDOH, and participation of AAs in clinical trials.
- FOR CTC-GEP, the OC will leverage the Partnership's decade-long history of recruiting, training, and engaging lay community health workers/navigators--Clinical Community Navigator



### **Deep South CHA Network**

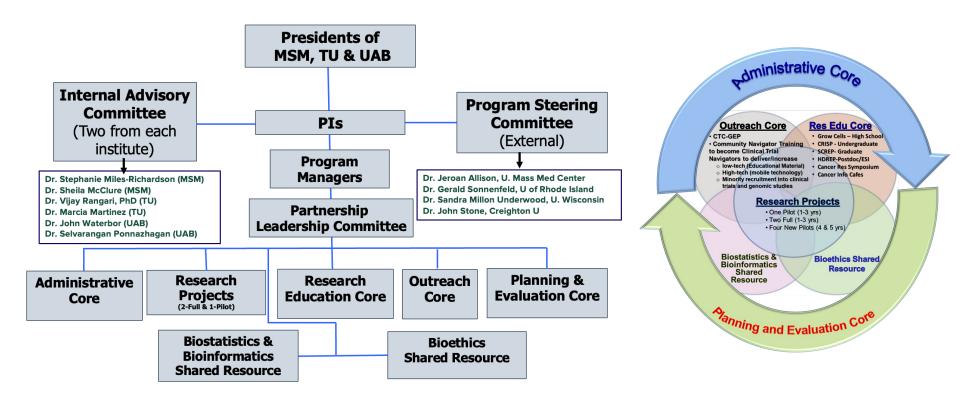
**Over 1700 CHAs trained** 



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# Partnership Organization & Integration





# Aministrative Core

#### Outreach Core

• CTC-GEP

 Community Navigator Training to become Clinical Trial Navigators to deliver/increase

- low-tech (Educational Material) •
- High-tech (mobile technology) •
- Minority recruitment into clinical trials and genomic studies

#### **Research Projects**

- One Pilot (1-3 yrs)
- Two Full (1-3 yrs)

Four New Pilots (4 & 5 yrs)

Biostatistics & Bioinformatics Shared Resource Bioethics Shared Resource

**Res Edu Core** 

**SCREP- Graduate** 

**Cancer Info Cafes** 

HDREP-Postdoc/ESI

Grow Cells – High School

**CRISP - Undergraduate** 

**Cancer Res Symposium** 

Alanning and Evaluation Core



# Clinical Trials & Cancer Genomic Education Program (CTC-GEP)



### Clinical Trials and Cancer Genomic Education Program (CTC-GEP)

- <u>Vision:</u> Establish a model to **address barriers** and to **facilitate participation** of African Americans (AAs) and Hispanics in **clinical trials and genomic cancer research** in less research-resourced environments.
- <u>Mission:</u> Identify effective strategies to facilitate clinical trial and genomics research participation among AAs and Hispanic populations.
- <u>Goal:</u> The goal of the Outreach Core is to implement and **evaluate an evidence-based, theory-informed, multi-level, clinical trials, and cancer genomics education program** (CTC-GEP) to address the determinants for AAs and Hispanic participation in clinical trials and cancer genomics research.



## **CTC-GEP Overview**

- <u>Primary goal</u>: Provide genomic and research education and navigation services to AA and Hispanic cancer patients and those at increased risk for cancer
- Participants recruited from clinical and nonclinical sites
- Evaluation outcomes
  - Likely participation in research studies/clinical trials
  - Attitudes toward research studies/clinical trials
  - Actual research/trial enrollment



### Aim 2 Progress: Training CCNs

- Selected Training Program
  - George Washington
    University School of
    Medicine and Health
    Science: Oncology Patient
    Navigation Training: The
    Fundamentals



- 20 training modules
- In-depth and comprehensive in areas of terminology, treatment, stages of cancer, navigation, clinical trial participation and patient testimonials
- Genomic Training: Summer, 2023



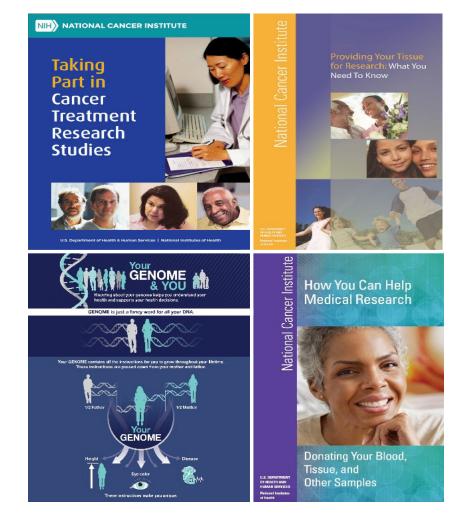
## **Target Population**

- Eligibility criteria
  - Identify as African American or Hispanic
  - Diagnosed with cancer or at risk for cancer (this includes anyone in the general population)
  - ->18 years of age
  - Able to speak and read English



### Low-Tech Toolkit

- Publications by NCI on diverse topics related to participation in research and an explanatory approach to genomics
- Provide participants with evidence-based information as it relates to clinical trials, biospecimen donation, and participation in research





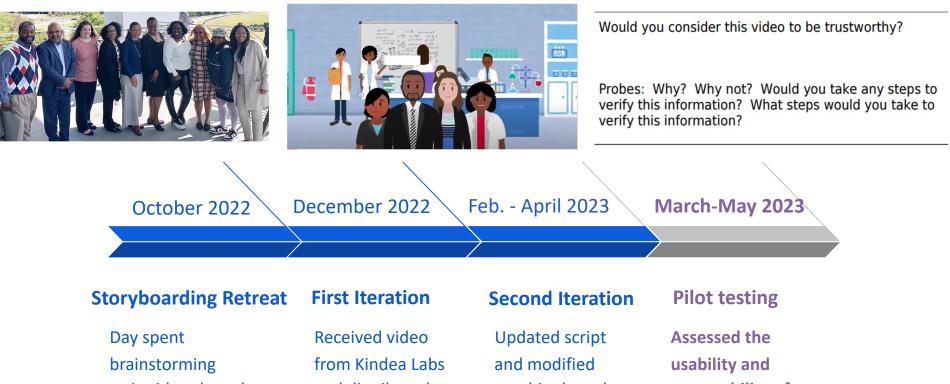
# High-Tech Toolkit

- Culturally tailored video that will be delivered by a CCN via mobile tablet technology
  - Personalized (genomic) cancer medicine research
  - Importance of cancer patients and survivor's participation in research
  - What is required for participating in genomic research
  - Bioethical Concerns: Risks and benefits of participation in research





### **Development: High-tech Toolkit**



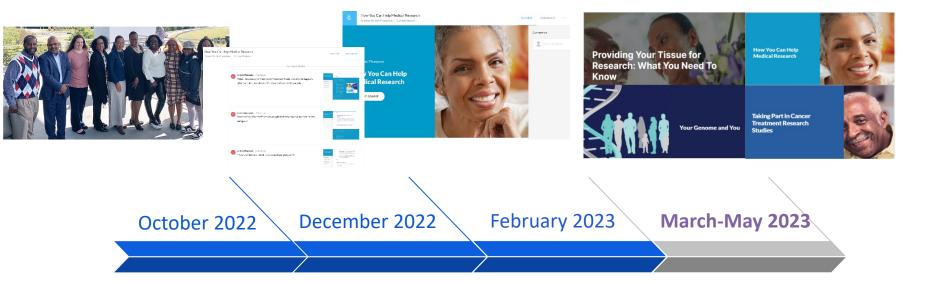
script ideas based on the NCL booklets

and distributed to team for feedback graphics based on feedback from team

acceptability of video



### Development: Low-tech Toolkit



#### **Storyboarding Retreat**

Utilized NCI booklets to brainstorm best format for delivering low tech toolkits on iPads

#### **First Iteration**

Received the online flipbook low tech from Office of Digital Learning team at MSM

#### **Second Iteration**

Modified low tech toolkits based on feedback from the team

#### **Pilot testing**

Assessed the usability and acceptability of video



# High-tech toolkit

Theories and frameworks

Brainstorming/Writing

Storyboarding

Animating

Screening/revising

Acceptability testing

**Final editing** 



# Gain-framed: what are the advantages of taking action?

Impact: describes the impact and consequences of the health condition on the community



# Theoretical models

- Health belief model (HBM)
- Theory of planned behavior and reasoned action
- Extended parallel process model

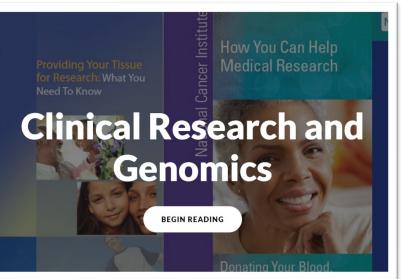


### July 2023-Launch of CTC-GEP!!!



#### **High-tech Tool-kits**

#### **Low-tech Tool-kits**



# Clinical Trials and Cancer Genomic Education

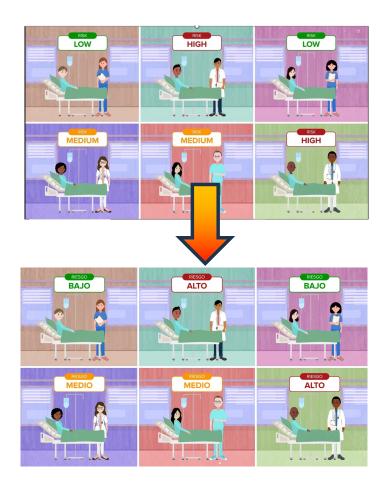
Program

Spanish Video Creation



### Spanish translation/video creation steps

- 1. English script sent to a professional Spanish translator.
- 2. Text appearing on screen also translated by professional service.
- 3. Spanish-speaking voiceover options reviewed by native Spanish-speaker.
- 4. Translated video and script with voiceover combined by Kindea Labs.
- 5. Spanish-language video reviewed by native Spanish-speaker.
- 6. Changes to in-text and voiceover made based on feedback; video finalized.





### BENEFICIOS DE LOS AVANCES EN LA CIENCIA



### Link to Video





# CCN + Toolkit Delivery

- CCNs will identify eligible participants based on the inclusion criteria.
- For those who agree to participate, the CRC will guide the participants through the informed consent process, secure informed consent and research authorization, and provide the participant with a paper copy.
- CRC will administer an adapted version of the Attitudes and Intention to Enroll in Therapeutic Clinical Trials (AIET) pre/post intervention.
- CCN will administer the low-or high-tech toolkit and offer navigation services as applicable.
- Follow-up assessments will be conducted at 1-, and 3months.
- Refer to Principal Investigators/CTOs

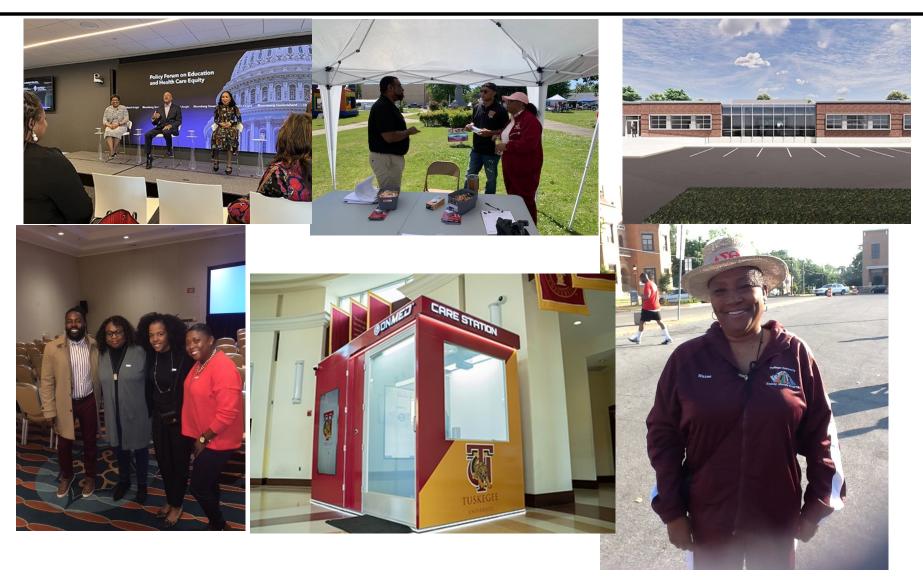


# How does the OC plan be of value to the community?

- Educate community members about genomics and clinical trials research and studies open to enrollment, such as Total Cancer Care, Ironman Initiative, NIH's "All of Us", and the Alabama Genomic Health Initiative.
- Toolkits, co-designed with support of JCAR and CCNs, will provide the community with a <u>trusted resource about genomics and clinical trials</u> and how to overcome impediments to research participation.
- CCNs provide easily accessible resources for community members through the video links to the toolkits, NIH public-facing webpages, CCN follow-up surveys to identify SDOH, and community dissemination programs.
- Collaboration with the Bioethics Core in prioritizing the ethical engagement of potential study participants from medically underserved urban and rural areas of Alabama and Georgia before enrollment in cancer clinical trial by making sure issues of trust/mistrust and an ethically-based informed consent process are addressed in the cancer genomics education program (CTC-GEP) educational tool kits.



### **Community Engagement**











### **SURVIVORS DAY CELEBRATION 20**<sup>′</sup>

# CANCER





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