



Sharing Discoveries, Improving Lives

Translation & Dissemination at the Saint Louis University School of Public Health

Our Mission:

The Saint Louis University School of Public Health is dedicated to the discovery, translation, and dissemination of public health knowledge to improve the health and well being of all.



Intervention MICA

Intervention MICA (Missouri Information for Community Assessment) is an interactive web-based tool designed for use by public health practitioners. This project is funded by the Missouri Foundation for Health.

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Discovery

What is the health problem?

- ❖ Over ten years ago, the Institute of Medicine (IOM) noted that public health interventions were not reaching their potential impact. Since that time two key issues have been identified as contributing to this:
 - ❖ Many public health intervention efforts have been unsuccessful because they have used an ineffective intervention strategy. One potential contributing factor to this is that research conducted regarding effectiveness has not been adequately disseminated to public health practitioners.
 - ❖ It is essential to use collaborative efforts in the planning and implementation of programs, yet this has not always been incorporated into public health efforts.

Translation

How do we take what we know and apply it?

- ❖ We have developed and are currently testing an interactive web-based tool that provides information on effective strategies and how community members can work together to determine which strategy best fits their local population and context.

Dissemination

How did we disseminate the Intervention MICA project?

- ❖ We have presented the developing website at national conferences, to CDC partners, to local public health and health care practitioners.
- ❖ We are currently working with local groups to evaluate and improve the system.

Change

What changes do we hope will occur because of the dissemination?

- ❖ More individuals, both within Missouri and nationally, will have access to information to assist them to plan and implement evidence-based programs that are useful in their communities.