



# ACCESS Research Priorities

Priorities will be updated as we continually reassess the needs of our community.

## Social Determinants of Health

- **General Health:** Effects of aging; maternal health; obesity; substance abuse; chronic disease; mental health
- **Social & Physical Environment:** Domestic violence; pollutant effects on health; immigration status and country of origin
- **Access to Care:** Health care; oral health; health education & information
- **Health Behaviors:** Knowledge and perceptions; utilization of health care

### Research Questions

- Impact of patient advocates on healthcare
- Pollutant sources in our clients' communities and their impacts on health
- Prevalence of opiate usage in our community
- Prevalence of chronic illnesses among the Arab American community
- Effects of health on financial stability

### Programs & Services

- Community Health and Research Center
- Social Services
- Youth & Education

## Vulnerable Populations

- **Refugees & Recent Immigrants**
- **Victims of Torture**
- **Elderly**
- **Disabled**
- **Underserved**
- **Victims of Crime**

### Research Questions

- Health needs of refugee populations
- Barriers vulnerable populations face to access of care
- Impact of trauma on physical health
- Effect of stigma toward palliative care among Arab Americans
- Effects of financial instability on health outcomes

### Programs & Services

- CHRC
- Social Services
- Employment & Training
- Youth & Education
- National Network for Arab American Communities

## Community Development & Capacity Building

- **Data**
- **Political climate**
- **Advocacy**
- **Evaluation**
- **Public outreach**
- **Schools & education**
- **Business & entrepreneurship**
- **Philanthropy**
- **Impacts of public policy**

### Research Questions

- Impact of the political climate on vulnerable populations
- Most common philanthropic practices among Arab Americans
- Relationship between school readiness programs and educational achievement
- Impacts of budget changes to public benefits
- Adult education level and its effect on children

### Programs & Services

- NNAAC
- Center for Arab American Philanthropy
- Growth Center
- Arab American National Museum
- Social Services
- Employment & Training
- Youth & Ed
- CHRC