

# Rochester Prevention Research Center

## National Center for Deaf Health Research

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### OUR MISSION:



*To promote health and prevent disease with populations of Deaf sign language users and people with hearing loss through community-based participatory research.*

### OUR PROJECTS:



#### **DEAF WEIGHT WISE: IMPLEMENTATION RESEARCH (2019-2024):**

Study the process of implementing the Deaf Weight Wise intervention as a community-based program. We will work with partner sites in Rochester, Buffalo, and Syracuse to deliver DWW to their communities.

#### **DEAF WEIGHT WISE 2.0 (2014-2019):**

Adaptation of Deaf Weight Wise for ages 21 to 40, and for use in 1:1 counseling delivered over videophone. Evaluate with a randomized clinical trial with adults ages 21-70.

#### **DEAF WEIGHT WISE (2009-2014):**

A healthy lifestyle intervention, based on the Diabetes Prevention Program, adapted for use with Deaf sign language users and evaluated with a randomized clinical trial.



#### **HEALTHY LIVING WITH HEARING LOSS (HL2):**

A pilot research project called "HL2 Workplace Tool Kit." The goal of this project is to improve communication at work, maintain employment, and enhance quality of life with people with hearing loss who work.



#### **DEAF HEALTH SURVEY:**

Accessible public health surveillance data collection tool that uses RPRC/NCDHR custom software to present survey items in sign language via video. RPRC/NCDHR shared survey findings with deaf community members, and collaboratively identified community strengths and health research priorities. The initial Rochester Deaf Health Survey (2008) is the first time a deaf community has used its own data to inform community health priorities.



#### **DEAF<sup>2</sup> HIV TESTING VIDEO LINE:**

Establish and evaluate a pilot program to connect NYS Deaf sign language users seeking HIV testing with pre and post-test counseling in ASL. Raise awareness with NYS Deaf communities regarding accessible information, testing, and care.



#### **DEAF STRONG HOSPITAL:**

An experiential educational activity in which deaf community members role-play healthcare system personnel, and medical students are assigned symptoms and must navigate a healthcare system in which the primary language is American Sign Language.

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The **only** PRC that focuses on the health of **Deaf sign language users** and **people with hearing loss**.

For thirty years, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has worked to eliminate health disparities and create healthy communities by funding Prevention Research Centers (PRCs) throughout the United States.

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