You already know that the University of Northern Iowa offers a great education, but did you know that we also offer great research and outreach related to Community Health & Welfare? We encourage you to contact us for assistance, and look forward to working with you to grow Iowa's future.

Center for Social and Behavioral Research: Recent projects focus on many issues of public health, including behavioral health risks, asthma, pandemic flu, tobacco use and prevention, tobacco use cessation, problem gambling, health disparities, Medicaid services (Gene.Lutz@uni.edu, Mel.Gonnerman@uni.edu, Disa.Cornish@uni.edu). Maternal and child health research address unintended pregnancy in Iowa women ages 18-30 (Mary.Losch@uni.edu, Susan.Dobie@uni.edu), prenatal health care (Mary.Losch@uni.edu, Anne.Bonsallhoekstra@uni.edu), cancer screening, general child health care, special needs child health care (Mary.Losch@uni.edu). Environmental health has examined public recycling, waste disposal, support for bottle deposit (Mel.Gonnerman@uni.edu). Public support for control of access to pseudoephedrine (Gene.Lutz@uni.edu, Mel.Gonnerman@uni.edu). Assessing service needs of older Iowans now and in the future is the focus of research with the Iowa Department of Elder Affairs (Gene.Lutz@uni.edu, Mel.Gonnerman@uni.edu). Other studies have addressed crime victimization, special needs inmates, probation revocations (BK.Crew@uni.edu, Gene.Lutz@uni.edu).

School of Health, Physical Education and Leisure Services: Conducting research on nitrates in the environment and their impact on human health with focus on children’s health; international health issues; understanding the health issues of underserved populations; environmental sustainability; workplace health and safety and wellness; documenting pollution prevention practices on worker health and safety (Catherine.Zeman@uni.edu). Inclusive recreation; family leisure; support for families with disabilities; outdoor leadership and communication effectiveness; outdoor recreation and community development (Kathleen.Scholl@uni.edu). Weight management; obesity prevention; modification of nutrition and physical activity related behaviors and adherence to a healthy active lifestyle; nutrition education for children (Oksana.Matvienko@uni.edu). Motor development of children; children’s physical education and fitness; early childhood motor activity curricula; physical education teacher education (Ripley.Marston@uni.edu). Racial differences in breast cancer survival, treatment, and molecular markers; economic issues of cancer treatment (Sue.Joseph@uni.edu).

Department of Psychology: Investigating the correlation between blood mercury levels and autism (Cathy.Desoto@uni.edu and Rob.Hitlan@uni.edu). Non-suicidal self injury; severe mental illness; mental illness stigma; clinical training; research design; sciences and pseudoscience (Seth.Brown@uni.edu). Social psychophysics, including research on cognitive processing as it pertains to stereotyping and witness identification (Kim.MacLin@uni.edu and Otto.MacLin@uni.edu).

Department of Computer Science: Visualization of medical and text databases; health care information systems Okane@cs.uni.edu

Department of Biology: The environmental microbiology and environmental chemistry of the highly polluted lakes and streams in the Midwest (Ed.Brown@uni.edu). Effects of pesticides on human cells (Maureen.Clayton@uni.edu and Kavita.Dhanwada@uni.edu).
Department of Design, Textiles, Gerontology, and Family Studies: The etiology of male coercive behaviors and attitudes; fathering and non-residential father-child relationships/father adolescent relationships; divorce and predictors of post divorce adjustment; risk and protective factors in adolescent development and adjustment; childhood victimization, trauma, and subsequent adolescent and young adult adjustment Michael.Fleming@uni.edu

Department of Political Science: Researching issues in health policy (Ramona.McNeal@uni.edu). Examining tobacco regulation and policy (Michael.Licari@uni.edu).

Department of Social Work: Conducts intervention research on integrating domestic violence and substance abuse services throughout Iowa; abuse and victimization of women (William.Downs@uni.edu). Studies the availability of support services in rural communities and the relationship to child maltreatment and family functioning (Cynthia.Juby@uni.edu).
**Yards for Kids, Yards for Health, Yards for Nature:** A Community Health Education Program aiming to significantly reduce the use of lawn pesticides in Iowa.  
[www.uni.edu/yardsforkids](http://www.uni.edu/yardsforkids)

**Camp Adventure:** A program run by the University of Northern Iowa that sends college students to American military bases, embassies, and British Military installations throughout the world. The students lead daytime, overnight, and sports camps. Counselors also act as lifeguards for the children of military personnel stationed on bases. Camp Adventure is dedicated to expanding the horizons of children and youth by enhancing and enriching their social, physical, and emotional well-being.  
[www.uni.edu/campadv](http://www.uni.edu/campadv)

**National Program for Playground Safety (NPPS):** The University of Northern Iowa established this program to address playground safety in the United States. NPPS’ mission is to help the public create safe and developmentally appropriate play environments for children. They accomplish this through research, education, and consultation to schools and early childhood programs.  
[www.uni.edu/playground](http://www.uni.edu/playground)

**Project Export:** UNI hosts the Iowa Center on Health Disparities, which focuses on providing outreach, research, education and training to organizations and individuals challenged with addressing health disparity issues in the State of Iowa.  
[www.projectexport.org](http://www.projectexport.org)

**Recycling and Reuse Technology Transfer Center (RRTTC):** The RRTTC’s goals include the development of economical approaches to solving intractable solid waste problems and providing research and guidance on public health concerns as they relate to solid waste concerns. The RRTTC offers research funding to faculty and is available for consultation to businesses and agencies across Iowa.  
[www.rrttc.com](http://www.rrttc.com)

**World Leisure:** This non-profit, non-governmental worldwide agency is located at UNI. Committed to promoting leisure as integral to social, cultural, and economic development, World Leisure holds consultative status with the United Nations.  
[www.worldleisure.org](http://www.worldleisure.org)

**XL Sports Acceleration Program:** A collaborative program between Cedar Valley Medical Specialists PC, Allen Health Systems, and UNI, the XL Sports Acceleration Program for performance enhancement is designed to dramatically improve the athletic ability of every athlete.  
[www.xlsportsprogram.com](http://www.xlsportsprogram.com)

**Youth, Fitness & Obesity Institute:** The Youth Fitness & Obesity Institute was established to address the physical activity and nutrition needs of youth. The institute helps to better understand the barriers and concerns of communities in their efforts to address the physical activity and nutrition requirements of children and adolescents in their community.  
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Outreach

The Community Outreach Partnership Center: The University of Northern Iowa, as part of its mission of providing educational resources to the community, created a Community Outreach Partnership Center that addresses pressing needs for neighborhood organizing and planning; improvement of housing quality and opportunities; youth educational enrichment; and health improvement in the city of Waterloo, Iowa.
www.uni.edu/publicpolicy/copc

Institute for Decision Making (IDM): IDM is currently working with the City of Fairfield on a community-wide initiative to develop a consensus-based vision and plan for a sustainable community. The process will include the development of vision, goals, aims, and objectives and identifying community-wide responsibility and indicators/measures useful in evaluating progress toward goals and objectives.
www.bcs.uni.edu/idm

Northern Iowa Food & Farm Partnership: A 10-year old program with the goal of strengthening the local food economy and commerce around locally grown foods, making it easier for Iowans to find and purchase locally grown food items.
www.uni.edu/ceee/foodproject

Sustainable Tourism and Environment Program (STEP): STEP provides an opportunity to join community and University resources in developing tourism opportunities which enrich our social and cultural heritage, environmental quality, and economic well-being. The primary purpose of STEP is to enhance education by linking theory to practice.
www.uni.edu/step

The Iowa Center for Immigrant Leadership and Integration (ICILI): ICILI guides and prepares Iowa communities and businesses as they accommodate immigrant and refugee newcomers living and working in Iowa. ICILI provides tailored consultation for community leadership, conducts research relating to issues facing newcomers and communities, develops innovative training programs for business and industry, and educates Iowans concerning the needs, challenges, and opportunities of their new immigrant neighbors, co-workers, and employees.
www.bcs.uni.edu/icili

Department of Social Work: Advises domestic violence and substance abuse agencies on their intersecting issues and concerns (William.Downs@uni.edu). Provides professional training to staff in the child welfare system (James.McCullagh@uni.edu).

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