

About the Center

The UsAgainstAlzheimer's Center for Brain Health Equity will drive collaboration among health providers and community-based organizations to develop effective and culturally tailored brain health strategies targeting African American and Latino communities, which are disproportionately impacted by Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

Led by UsAgainstAlzheimer's in collaboration with the National Association of Hispanic Nurses, the National Black Nurses Association and Alzheimer's Los Angeles, the Center is supported by a cooperative agreement with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Healthy Brain Initiative.

Our Focus Areas



Collaborate with nurse leaders to promote brain health education and empowerment.



Develop culturally tailored public health strategies to promote brain health in Latino and African American communities.



Serve as a hub for community-level data on dementia disparities using the National Alzheimer's Disease Index™ and translate insights into culturally tailored public health strategies and policy.

"We must address systemic brain health disparities through the advancement of nurse education."

— Alana Cueto, MSN, RN, CNL, President of the National Association of Hispanic Nurses (NAHN)

"This partnership will be critical to ensuring Black nurses are armed with the tools and messages they need to respond to dementia in communities across the country."

— Patricia Lane, MBA, RN, FAAN, Chair, Ad Hoc Committee on Brain Health of the National Black Nurses Association (NBNA)

"Without equity-centered and data-driven strategies that take into account the social determinants of health, millions of families will be left out of advances in promoting brain health." — Jason Resendez, Director, UsAgainstAlzheimer's Center for Brain Health Equity

Our Expert Advisory Council

The Center's work will be guided by an interdisciplinary Advisory Council of health disparities experts, public health leaders, caregivers, and community advocates.

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