



National AIDS Research Centers (ARC) Community Advisory Board (CAB) Newsletter

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National ARC CAB Convening - Where It All Began

On November 8–9, 2025, the inaugural National AIDS Research Centers (ARC) Community Advisory Board (CAB) Convening in Washington, DC brought members from across the country to discuss shared priorities in HIV and mental health research, community-centered approaches, and capacity building. Highlights included sessions on CAB activities across the ARCs, personal storytelling to influence research, the impact of language & culture on power dynamics, and HIV research priority-setting. Since the convening, we have continued the momentum by hosting a joint-ARC webinar, sharing key takeaways from the convening with ARC leadership, and

developing a mentorship program. This newsletter was recommended by CAB members to help sustain engagement and keep the CAB community connected.

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Session Highlights



Strategic Storytelling:
*Crafting personal story
for research impact.*



Research Priorities:
*Mental health and aging
topped the list.*



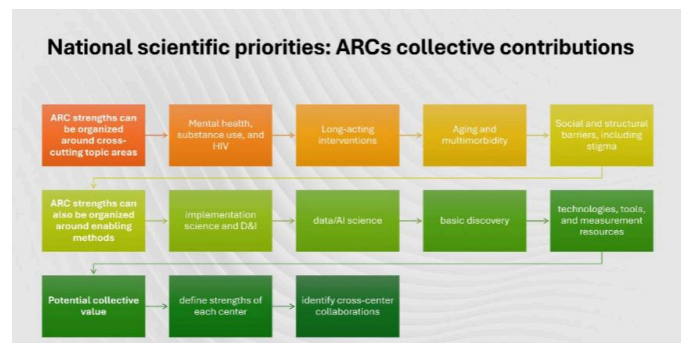
CAB Contributions to
Research: *Creative CAB
activities inspired by
other ARCs.*

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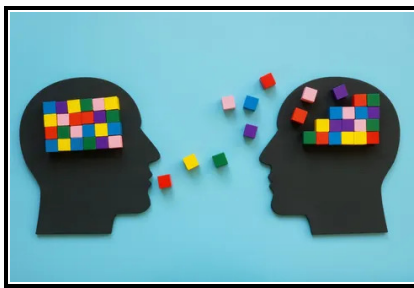
National ARC Directors Updates

At the recent National ARC Directors Meeting, CAB representatives shared key convening takeaways, including recommendations for strengthening community-engaged research.

The group discussed strengthening partnerships between researchers and communities, and exploring the role of storytelling for research impact and dissemination (sharing results with the public). The ARCs will also work toward identifying shared research priorities and activities that could support future collaborative funding opportunities. To maintain momentum and accountability, updates on our CAB partnerships and progress in implementing convening feedback will be incorporated in future joint meetings.



CAB Mentorship Launching



CAB members expressed interest in a **mentorship program** where individuals newer to the ARCs or HIV research could be paired with more experienced CAB members or ARC affiliates. *Interested in serving as a mentor or being mentored?* Check out these **CAB Mentorship Guidelines** and then **sign up to participate** by answering some questions to help us match you.

Mentorship Sign Up

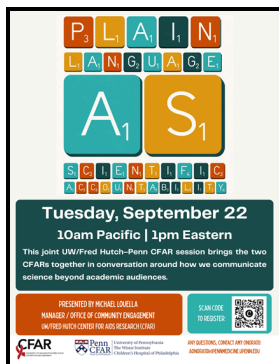
Upcoming Events



United States Conference on HIV/AIDS (USCHA) Conference

The conference is being hosted on **September 17-20, 2026** in **Anaheim, CA**.

The theme for this year's conference will be *United and Unbreakable: The HIV Movement at 45*. [Click here to learn more!](#)



Plain Language as Scientific Accountability: How to Communicate Science Beyond Academic Audiences

This joint UW/Fred Hutch-Penn CFAR virtual session on **Tuesday, September 22, 2026 10am PT | 1pm ET**, will focus on how we can communicate science beyond academic audiences. [Click here to register!](#)

Capacity Building Opportunities

- **Community Involvement in Research Training** is a human research protections training program provided through the University of Illinois Chicago (UIC) Center for Clinical and Translation Science designed to prepare community members for human subjects research. This online training is provided free of charge in English, Spanish, and Haitian Creole. [Click here to learn more!](#)
- **Community Research Partner Training** is a course that equips community partners with the knowledge and skills to ethically and effectively engage in research. (Note this online training may require a paid subscription and affiliation with an institution). [Click here to learn more!](#)

Funding Opportunities

For a summary of the opportunities below, [click this link](#) or more info to be directed to each funder.

- **The Ittleson Foundation** | Grant Range: \$500 - \$35000 | Due: September 1 | [More Info](#)
- **Walmart** | Amount: up to \$5,000 | Due: November 30, 2026 | [More Info](#)
- **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation** | Connecting Champions for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging in the Health Professions | Due: January 22, 2027 | [More Info](#)
- **Elevance Health Foundation** | Due: January 31, 2027 | [More Info](#)
- **U.S. Bank** | Community Possible Grant Program | [More Info](#)
- **Gilead** | HIV Community Grants Program | [More Info](#)
- **Southern AIDS Coalition** | Toolkit & Fact Sheets | [More info](#)
- **Costco** | Wholesale Charitable Contributions Grant | [More info](#)
- **Hearsts Foundation** | Amount: \$100,000 minimum | [More Info](#)
- **The AIDS Institute's Women Informing Now (WIN) Micro-Grant Program** | [More Info](#)



Do you have any events and/or opportunities you would like to share with our National ARC CAB members and researchers? Email arccab.news@gmail.com with details.

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