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The focus of my work for the past 20 years has been in the area of health disparities reduction using community-based participatory research (CBPR) principles. Since my training in health psychology was grounded in community-based research in urban settings, I have served as Principal Investigator and Co-Principal Investigator of federal and foundation funded grants. I have worked successfully in community academic partnerships for other health disparate issues for African American and Latino populations as well as other vulnerable groups over my career. I have worked with community members in lay facilitator capacities to deliver our best evidence for asthma, diabetes, infant mortality and overall health care access in urban settings. This work has well-prepared me for understanding and being able to address problems that may arise in the underserved communities when translating evidence-based programs as well as disseminating health information. My research is at the intersection of the areas of Community Health, Public Health, Population Health and Community Engagement with a focus on advancing health equity.