

ADAPT's Research Partnerships: (2011-2021)

- 1. Increasing Utilization of Preventive Care in Asian American Women in Massachusetts:** A collaboration between Dr. Lisa Gualtieri (Tufts Public Health and Community Medicine) and Chien-Chi Huang, Asian Women for Health (AWFH), with the goal to identify barriers to utilization of preventive services by Asian American Women in Massachusetts through focus groups with Chinese-American, Vietnamese-American, and South Asian-American women as a first step toward developing interventions to increase utilization. *Funded by the Tufts Community Research Center.*

- 2. Healthy Chinatown:** A collaboration between Dr. Virginia Chomitz (Tufts Public Health and Community Medicine), Chien-Chi Huang, Asian Women for Health (AWFH), and Giles Li, Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center (BCNC). The goal of this project was to better understand rising obesity rates among Chinese children by gathering formative data about nutrition and physical activity. *Funded by the Asian American Pacific Islander Health Forum.*

- 3. Health of Asians and Chronic Diseases Pilot Study:** A collaboration between Dr. Karen Freund (Tufts CTSI and ICRHPS) and Megan Cheung, Greater Boston Chinese Golden Age Center (GBCGAC). The goal of this pilot project is to test the feasibility of a longitudinal cohort study that would seek to better understand potential causes of cancer in the Chinese community. *Funded by the National Cancer Institute.*

- 4. Health of Boston Chinatown: A health needs assessment:** A collaboration between Dr. Susan Koch-Weser (Tufts Public Health and Community Medicine) and Giles Li, Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center (BCNC), . The goal of this project is to conduct a population-based survey of Chinatown residents that queries their health needs and health concerns. *Funded by Tufts Collaborates.*

- 5. Asian American Breast Cancer Awareness:** A collaboration between Dr. Carolyn Rubin (Tufts CTSI, Tufts Public Health and Community Medicine and Tufts Cancer Center), Chien-Chi Huang, Asian Women for Health (AWFH), and the Asian Breast Cancer Project. The goal of this project was to develop a community-level intervention to increase knowledge and awareness of breast health and breast cancer among Chinese and Vietnamese women and to encourage women to have a mammogram. *Funded by the Susan G. Komen Foundation.*

- 6. Defining the Empowerment Process:** A collaboration between Dr. Carolyn Rubin (Tufts Public Health and Community Medicine) and Dawn Sauma, Asian Task Force Against Domestic Violence (ATASK). The goal of this project was to explore culturally situated understanding and practices of empowerment among Chinese and Hindi survivors of domestic violence. *Funded by the Tufts Community Research Center.*

- 7. Oral Health Knowledge, Attitude & Behavior of Parents at ABCD Chinese Church Head Start:** A collaboration between Dr. Christine Rioux (Tufts University), Dr. Risha M. De Leon (Tufts University School of Medicine) and Mei-Hua Fu, ABCD Chinese Church Head Start. This project aimed to contribute to the existing Oral Health Initiative in improving the caries rate among the children of ABCD Chinese Church Head Start and can be a basis for further development of a comprehensive oral health program. *A service project supported by the Albert Schweitzer Fellowship (ASF).*

8. Health and Housing: Assessing baseline health and housing characteristics of new residents in the Chinatown affordable housing units: A collaboration between Drs. Virginia Chomitz and Carolyn Rubin (Tufts Public Health and Community Medicine) and Dr. Mariana Arcaya, Urban Planning and Public Health at MIT, Hamilton Ho, Asian Community Development Corporation (ACDC). The goal of this project was to describe housing and health conditions experienced by a sample of low income renters in affordable housing in Boston (One Greenway), and to establish baseline conditions that can form the basis of a longitudinal study of health and housing quality. *Supported by MIT Urban Planning and Public Health and Tufts Public Health and Community Medicine.*

9. Pathways to Autism Diagnosis and Services within a Chinese-American Community Population: A collaboration between Drs. Christina Mule and Christina Sakai (Tufts Medical Center) and Giles Li, Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center (BCNC). This mixed-methods study sought to address recognized disparities in the diagnosis and treatment of autism in Chinese-immigrant children. The results of this study will be used to inform the development of an intervention targeted to the needs of Chinese-immigrant children with autism. *Funded by the Deborah Munroe Noonan Memorial Research Fund.*

10. Care Coordination for Asian Elders: A collaboration between Dr. Mohan Thanikachalam and Dr. Susan Koch-Weiser (Tufts Department of Public Health and Community Medicine), Megan Cheung and Catherine Chang, Greater Boston Chinese Golden Age Center (GBCGAC). An extension of the Community Based Empowerment and Participatory Care Model, this pilot project provided care coordination and community-based support to 40 Asian seniors to enable them to sustain self-health management skills and continue to live independently in the community. *Funded by the Tufts Health Plan Foundation.*

11. Mitigation of Negative Impacts of Gentrification through Arts & Culture: A collaboration between Dr. Carolyn Rubin (Tufts Department of Public Health and Community Medicine), Drs. Virginia Chomitz and Susan Koch-Weser (Tufts Public Health and Community Medicine), Drs. Felicia Sullivan and Peter Levine (Tufts Tisch College of Civic Life), Dr. Noe Montez (Tufts School of Arts & Sciences, Department of Drama & Dance), and Giles Li and Cynthia Woo (Pao Art Center- Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center). A series of three research projects looking at the role of arts and culture in supporting social cohesion and social connectedness in the wake of gentrification in Boston Chinatown. *Funded by the ArtPlace America, Tufts Collaborates, and the National Endowment for the Arts. (Sept. 2017-2020)*

12. Health and Housing: A collaboration between Drs. Virginia Chomitz, Carolyn Rubin (Tufts Public Health and Community Medicine), May Lui and Angie Liou of the Asian Community Development Corporation (ACDC). A follow up to the baseline study, includes re-surveying residents at 66 Hudson and individuals on the waiting list for subsidized housing. *Funded by Tufts Collaborates (July 2019 – June 2020)*

13. Asian CARES (Center for Addressing Research, Education and Services): A collaboration between Dr. Carolyn Rubin (Tufts CTSI, Tufts Department of Public Health and Community Medicine) and Ben Hires of the Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center (BCNC), and three other community-based organizations: Dawn Sauma, Asian Task Force Against Domestic Violence (ATASK), Sovanna Pouv, Cambodian Mutual Assistance Association (CMAA), and Lisette Le, Vietnamese American Initiative for Development (VietAID). This preliminary research was conducted to expand understanding of how problem gambling manifests in Asian families and inform the development of tools and community-based resources for prevention and early intervention efforts. *Funded by the Massachusetts Gaming Commission. (2019-2021)*