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# CCTS DIGEST

Latest news and upcoming events  
for the CCTS Partner Network

January 25, 2021

## 2020 Year in Review

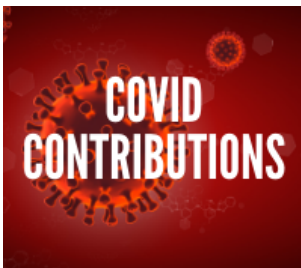
Over the next few weeks, the CCTS Digest will continue to highlight just a few of 2020's achievements from across each **domain** of the CCTS, and this week we're covering **CCTS Engagement of Communities**.



### 2020 Highlights: CHIA Recipients Adjust Their Projects to Pandemic Culture

The best laid plans often go awry, but the five Community Health Innovation Awardees (CHIA) quickly adapted their scope of work to meet the needs of a pandemic in order to move forward on their missions.

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### COVID Contributions: CCTS Community Engagement

CCTS Community Engagement organized quickly, with many partners, to disseminate COVID-19 information and to create proper support systems.

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### 2020 Community Engagement Institute

The Community Engagement Institute took place virtually in 2020, hosting more participants than ever before, and addressing social injustices with open, honest conversation.

[Read the Event Wrap-Up](#)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Available Weekly

Drop-In Clinic: Biostats, Epidemiology,  
& Research Design (BERD)

### Jan. 27 | 1pm-2pm

The Road to a Collaborative  
Corporate-Academic Partnership for  
Biotechnology

Prepare your study-related questions for this online opportunity. By appointment only.  
[Email for Details](#)

Jonathan Wall, PhD, will describe the process of going from invention disclosure to viable biotech start-up and the decision processes that have led to an effective, productive corporate-academic collaboration.  
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**Jan. 28 | 9am-12pm**  
CCTS Research Orientation Program

This program provides basic tools, familiarizes attendees with research study terms, and helps those new to research avoid common pitfalls.  
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**Jan. 29 | 8-9:30am**  
Friday Fellows

An opportunity for T32 pre and post docs, investigators, and others interested in population and health outcomes research to discuss research methods, career development, and works in progress.  
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**Jan. 29 | 10-11am**  
Informatics Institute Powertalk Series:  
Clinical Informatics

Dr. Peter J. Embí will present "Leveraging Informatics to Create Learning Health Systems: Now, It's Personal!"  
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**Feb. 1 | 11am-12pm**  
Case Studies in Mentoring:  
Assessing Mentee Understanding

Bring your questions and concerns and join us as we explore the nuances of the mentor-mentee relationship.  
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Full Events Calendar

## CCTS Spotlight

### Martha Arrieta, MD, MPH, PhD

Director of Research, Center for Healthy Communities  
University of South Alabama



"Dr. Arrieta has worked with underrepresented communities for over 20 years, and brings tremendous expertise to CCTS Engagement of Communities. During the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic, she led important research on the ways underserved communities in Mobile, Alabama were experiencing the pandemic and gathered the insights and recommendations of community stakeholders regarding meaningful action to educate and disseminate information about the pandemic itself, testing, and vaccination. The results are a report to inform and guide the present push to address mistrust, disinformation, and vaccine hesitancy."

- *Shantrice Allen, PhD, Lead, CCTS Engagement of Communities*

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