

North Carolina Statewide Push for Excellence, Engagement, and Delivery

The logo for NCSPEED, featuring the text "NCSPEED" in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. The text is positioned below a stylized graphic of overlapping blue and white geometric shapes that resemble a wing or a paper airplane.

WHAT IS NC SPEED?

NC SPEED is designed to work across North Carolina to quickly move research findings into practice. We build research partnerships to help our state achieve excellence in health care, engagement of University of North Carolina (UNC) researchers with community members and delivery of evidence-based approaches to improve individual and community health. We strive to assure that every region of North Carolina participates in and benefits from designing and conducting research to improve local health and health care.

NC SPEED is part of the UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center and the Dissemination Core (DisC) of the North Carolina Clinical and Translational Sciences (NC TraCS) Institute at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. NC TraCS is the academic home of the National Institutes of Health Clinical and Translational Science Awards, at UNC-Chapel Hill.

WHAT ARE NC SPEED SERVICES?

NC SPEED provides services to both researchers and communities.

Our services help researchers link with communities, understand community issues, interact with local systems such as Institutional Review Boards, and manage and use local data. For specific research proposals or projects, we can assist with formulating study aims and designs, conducting data collection and analysis, and writing up findings from collaborative research and evaluation projects.

Our services help communities implement evidence-based approaches to address pressing local health and health care needs, locate funding sources, develop grant proposals, and link local providers and organizations to UNC investigators who want to conduct applied research on topics of mutual interest.



NC SPEED PROJECTS

- In Pitt County, we are evaluating the effectiveness of a patient navigator service on adherence to cancer treatment.
- In Cumberland, Harnett, Richmond, and Robeson counties, we are implementing and evaluating a social marketing campaign to increase uptake of the HPV vaccine.
- In Wake, Cumberland, and Wayne counties, we are providing technical assistance to organizations delivering wellness programs to their low-income residents.
- In Harnett County, we are working with a community health center to tailor an existing colorectal cancer screening toolkit for all community health center providers in North Carolina.

NC SPEED PARTNERS

NC SPEED staff work with the Carolina Well survivorship program, NC TraCS' Community Engagement Core, the North Carolina Comprehensive Cancer Program, and the American Cancer Society.

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We welcome requests from:

- **Researchers** from local colleges and universities
- **Representatives** from community-based health and human service organizations
- **Local healthcare professionals** including clinicians and staff in hospitals, clinics, or private practice
- **UNC investigators** who are seeking community partners to collaborate in their research

WHERE IS NC SPEED LOCATED?

NC SPEED is coordinated by faculty and staff in Chapel Hill who are based at UNC Lineberger. Regional research associates are located in Asheville and Wilmington. Funding comes from the University Cancer Research Fund (UCRF) and NC TraCS.

