

Community and Behavioral Health

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Facilities

The department houses two centers, the Prevention Research Center for Rural Health and the Native Center for Behavioral Health.

The Prevention Research Center for Rural Health (PRC-RH) advances health equity through collaborations that transform social, structural, and environmental conditions. More specifically, the PRC-RH promotes the health of the residents of micropolitan and rural communities in Iowa and conducts research to develop strategies that work and can bring long-term benefits to these communities. We offer training and technical assistance to the public health community. The PRC-RH is funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and is the only funded Prevention Research Center in the Midwest with an exclusive rural health focus.

The Native Center for Behavioral Health consists of three programs: the National American Indian and Alaska Native Childhood Traumatic Stress Center, the Mental Health Awareness Training program for Sioux City, and the Indigenous Motivational Training program. The main goals for all the programs are to disseminate culturally informed evidence-based and experience-based practices in behavioral health and provide training, technical assistance, and workforce development assistance to urban Indigenous and Tribal communities across the country.