



Louisiana Cancer Prevention and Control Programs (LCP) LouisianaCancer.org

LCP delivers ground-breaking cancer work, projects and studies funded mainly by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). LCP's mission is to "eliminate suffering and death in Louisiana by focusing on cancers that can be prevented or detected early and cured," and currently covers breast, cervical and HPV, colorectal, lung and other tobacco-related cancers. With its approximate \$24 million in grants, LCP is heading the following efforts:

LCP Programs, Projects & Studies:

- **The Louisiana Breast and Cervical Health Program (LBCHP)** (lbchp.org). LBCHP offers no-cost mammograms and Pap tests to low-income, uninsured or underinsured women across the state.
- **Gulf States Young Breast Cancer Survivor Network/SurviveDAT** (survivedat.org). SurviveDAT offers online advice, support and resources for young women diagnosed with breast cancer across Louisiana (SurviveDAT), Mississippi (SurviveMISS) and Alabama (SurviveAL).
- **HPV Studies.** LCP is working on a series of studies centered on simplifying HPV diagnoses by studying the efficacy of at-home tests, as well as improving HPV vaccination rates by studying how physicians with high vaccine compliance rates achieve those numbers.
- **Louisiana Colorectal Health Project (LCHP).** LCHP is working to make quality improvements in health systems, specifically in this case, by providing "hot spot" Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) with a clinic electronic health record software "overlay" to help improve communication and colorectal cancer screening rates.
- **Louisiana Colorectal Cancer Roundtable (LCCRT).** The LCCRT is a consortium of health experts, insurers, legislators and more, led by LCP and the American Cancer Society, which is working on policies to improve colorectal cancer screening rates in the state. Modeled after the National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable, its goal too is "80% By 2018," meaning it wishes to see 80% of Louisianians age 50 and over screened by 2018.

Louisiana Comprehensive Cancer Control Program (LCCCP), develops, builds and provides technical assistance for partnerships and coalitions working to improve health in communities, LCCCP focuses on preventable cancers and two of its major risk factors: tobacco and obesity. Money from this grant therefore helps fund the above-mentioned LCCRT; the state's nine Louisiana Healthy Communities Coalitions (LHCC) which work on community-led projects; and the State Cancer Plan.

Survivorship Plans. Cancer experts are recognizing the value of long-term survival planning, with LCP working to devise these plans for survivors of the following cancers: breast, cervical, colorectal, lung, prostate and kidney/renal pelvic. To find out more, contact Dr. Donna Williams, LCP Director and LSU Associate Professor at dwilli3@lsuhsc.edu.