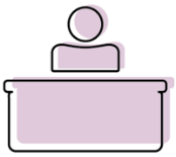
FROM THE DESKS OF THE CCTST DIRECTORS – November 2022



One of the noticeable events that has happened with the transition from October to November is the changing of the leaves from lucious green to a vibrant rainbow of colors. **We are gearing up this month for our site visit by NCATS** (November 17th and 18th). This is a great opportunity for us as a community of clinical and translational scientists to highlight our unique skill sets and innovations of the CCTST. Our "secret sauce" is and always will be the amazing people who are part of the CCTST, who surround the CCTST, who are touched by the CCTST, and who influence the CCTST to do the right thing at the right time.

The CCTST has enhanced our **Consultation Services** within our services portal **Research Central,** to include **learning health systems** (LHS) and **dissemination & implementation science**. Researchers can now seek guidance regarding designing and implementing an LHS, including 1) shared purpose, goals, and theory of change; 2) data collection, infrastructure, and analytics; 3) stakeholder engagement and coproduction with patients and families; 4) integration of clinical care, research, and improvement activities; and 5) leadership, governance, and ethics. Additionally, new and experienced researchers who want to explore ideas on how to build dissemination and implementation science into research projects can access a consultation with experts in the field.

Implementation Science Free Workshop Offering: The CCTST is offering a free workshop on 11/8/22 that introduces the basics of implementation science. Participants can register here.

Don't miss our **CCTST Grand Rounds on Friday, 11/18/22**: Drs. Achala Vagal and Bain Butcher, "*Improving Patient Experience Through Human Centered Design Thinking".* Register here.

DEI Recordings Now Uploaded to CTRonline: The CCTST Grand Rounds recordings are now available from Dr. Shawnita Sealy-Jefferson ("*Toward Our Shared Liberation: Reproductive Justice Epidemiology for Action*") and Dr. Kara Ayers ("*Advancing Research Through the Inclusion of People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities"*) on CTRonline under the Grand Rounds and Health Equity & Social Justice sections.

Community Leader's Institute (CLI): Applications are now open for the Community Engagement Core's CLI. The Community Leaders Institute (CLI) is a leadership development training program offered over five consecutive weeks in February–March. The goal is to build research and leadership skills that the individual can use to improve or develop a health program. Training sessions are designed to

build leadership and research/program evaluation skills in the following areas: Grant Writing; Accessing Public Datasets; Program Evaluation; Quality Improvement; Survey Development & Assessing Community Health Needs; Design Thinking; and Research Ethics. Participants receive a small grant ($1,500–$2,000) and have the opportunity to apply the skills learned to a health-related project (to be completed over the next 12 months). Applications are due **12/15/22.** More info can be found here.