

How can I be eligible for **Partnership Program Research Funding?**

- Step 1— **August - November 2008**, complete 3 required and 1 optional ASCCN Partnership Program training modules to develop a research proposal. Research questions will focus on a particular community and at least one of the 5 Areas of Need.
- Step 2— **December 2008**, submit research proposals to ASCCN to be considered for funding
- Step 3— **January 2009**, funding awards announced and projects begin
- Step 4— **January - March 2009**, implement community cancer investigation projects
- Step 5— **April 2009**, evaluate projects and present findings to ASCCN Board

What type of research can I do?

Here are some examples of community cancer investigation questions you could explore after participating in ASCCN training modules:

- Would restaurant or bar owners support a ban on smoking?
- Where do students have access to junk food or healthy food?
- Can the stories of cancer survivors motivate others to be screened?
- How can I map cancer in my family?
- What type of radio or TV cancer messages can have a positive impact?
- How do different generations in my church think about cancer?
- Does my physical environment contain cancer risk factors?
- How can I adapt a cancer brochure to fit the Samoan community?
- What can we learn from ex-smokers to help more people quit smoking?
- What obstacles do cancer patients face in maintaining their health?

For more information or to register for a Training Module please contact
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O le Tele o Lima e Mama ai se Avega



Many Hands Help Lighten the Burden

**The American Samoa
Community Cancer Network
Training Program
2008-09**

Are you interested in working with the community to prevent cancer?

The American Samoa Community Cancer Network aims to lessen the burden of cancer amongst American Samoans—reducing incidence, morbidity and mortality.

The ASCCN is offering **8 FREE** training modules in 2008-09. Trainings will enable participants to gather and interpret data and develop culturally appropriate and effective community-based research activities focusing on one of our...

5 Areas of Need

- 1) Increasing cancer screening for breast, cervical, lung, prostate or colorectal cancer.
- 2) Informing tobacco use policy
- 3) Supporting tobacco use cessation
- 4) Promoting cancer survivorship
- 5) Investigating links between obesity, nutrition and cancer-risk.

The ASCCN Training Program will equip individuals and groups to become **Community Cancer Investigators**.

What is a Community Cancer Investigator?

Tagata Su'esu'e tau Kanesa i Nu'u

O lenei polokalame e te maua mai ai agava'a i le su'esu'eina o tagata o Alalafaga i io latou iloa, lagona, ma amio e faatatau i le Kanesa. Ina ia mafai ona galulue faatasi ma tagata i le fuafuaina o ni polokalame e puipui mai ai i le Kanesa.



Who can participate in the trainings?

Training modules are open to individuals interested in addressing cancer at the community level including

- public health staff
- college students and high school seniors
- independent researchers
- community and faith-based organizations

Prior research experience is not required.


How can I join the trainings?



Enroll in our **Partnership Program**:

 Complete 3 **Required** Training Modules

 Complete 1 **Optional** Training Module

 Develop a Community-based Cancer research proposal for a short-term (3 month) project **eligible for ASCCN funding**.

What Training Modules are Offered?

 August 2008 Required for Partnership	Developing and Using Effective Community Based Participatory Surveys and Tools	Facilitator: Sara Krosch ASCCN
 September 2008 Optional for Partnership Program (Choose 1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conducting Systematic Literature Reviews • Crystallizing the Research Question • Effective Grant Writing 	Facilitator: Dr. Lana Ka'opua Cancer Research Center Hawai'i
 October 2008 Required for Partnership Program	Planning and Assessing Health Promotion	Facilitator: Sara Krosch ASCCN
 November 2008 Required for Partnership	Hands-on Social Marketing	Facilitator: Sara Krosch ASCCN
January 2009	Applying Theory to Developing Health Interventions	Facilitator: Sara Krosch ASCCN
February 2009	Writing for Publications	Facilitator: Dr. Lana Ka'opua Cancer Research Center Hawai'i