

1: Understand how culturally-informed communication can improve intervention effectiveness.

2: Explore how creative digital delivery methods can improve intervention delivery outcomes.

- Transdisciplinary team **science:** Combining best practices of multiple areas of study to solve a common problem
- **Community-based** participatory research
- Mixed-methods: quantitative and qualitative

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Cultural Adaptation and Marketing of a Transdisciplinary Healthy Eating Intervention for Black Immigrant/Refugee Adolescents

Problem

Black U.S. youth are disproportionately exposed to ads featuring unhealthy foods, both on television and social media (e.g., 50% of Somali American immigrants/refugees in the U.S. are affected by overconsumption.

Solution

Fight fire with fire using a culturally- and developmentally-tailored digital food-focused media literacy education delivered directly to Somali American youth.



Impact

- Designing and testing culturally tailored intervention materials local Somali American teens will improve community nutritional intake.
- Marking of the the online intervention will multiply the short- and long-term impact in MN.
- We share findings with participating communities through community-facing products.

Transdisciplinary Team Science

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