

UMass MIND received the 2022 Mass-STEP Excellence in Clinical Innovation Award!

The Massachusetts Department of Mental Health (DMH) has selected the Community Intervention Program for Serious Mental Illness (CIP-SMI), an integral part of UMass MIND, to receive the 2022 Massachusetts Strategic Plan for Early Psychosis (Mass-STEP) Excellence in Clinical Innovation Award. Mass-STEP is a group effort created by the Massachusetts DMH, the Massachusetts Psychosis Network for Early Treatment, the Laboratory for Early Psychosis Center, and the Northeastern University Institute for Health Equity and Social Justice Research.

The Excellence in Clinical Innovation Award recognizes CIP's integration of public health and clinical interventions within Central MA communities. CIP-SMI, founded by Dr. Xiaoduo Fan, is the first comprehensive public health intervention in Central MA that works to improve both the physical and mental health of individuals with SMI. By collaborating with community partners, such as Open Sky, Community Healthlink, and Genesis Club, CIP-SMI has been able to develop and implement programming that directly addresses the unmet needs of both individuals and the community, through its five modules: Healthy Living; Early Detection and Intervention; Arts and Music; Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion; and Community Education and Support. You can learn more about CIP's mission and current projects by visiting our website (https://www.umassmed.edu/umass-mind/communityprograms/community-interventions/) and our social media (@umassMIND on Instagram and Facebook).

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