Background

Living Well with Epilepsy (1997) and (2003) identified the need to improve social and behavioral science research to improve epilepsy self-management programs to improve quality of life in people with epilepsy. Living Well With Epilepsy (2004). CDC sought to translate these recommendations into applied research through the development of the Managing Epilepsy Well Network (Kobau et al., 2010).

Methods

In 2007, CDC funded the Managing Epilepsy Well Network through its Prevention Research Centers. The MEW Network is composed of four Collaborating Centers (Emory Univ., Univ. of TX Health Science Center at Houston, Univ. of MI, Univ. of WA), CDC staff, affiliate members, EF affiliates and other community stakeholders. The MEW Network uses a Community of Practice Framework to guide its research agenda and policies and procedures for collaboration. The mission of the MEW Network is to advance the science related to epilepsy self-management by facilitating and implementing research, conducting research in collaboration with network and community stakeholders, and broadly disseminating the findings of research.

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