VISION
The vision of the Center for Community Innovation and Scholarship (CCIAS) is to create a sustainable model for promoting the well-being of underserved populations in Baltimore through alliances with residents and integration with Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions and other vested university groups, community-based organizations, business leaders, and health care organizations.

MISSION
The Johns Hopkins School of Nursing CCIAS aims to create, implement, and evaluate programs and policies that promote health and wellness and reduce health inequities among underserved populations. It promotes individual, family, and community capacities to attain and maintain health and wellness through service learning and faculty involvement in research, scholarship, and advocacy.

The center is comprised of several programs and innovations:

COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM (COP)
Partnership with SOURCE, the community engagement and service learning center, to provide service learning opportunities for pre-licensure nursing students to work with community agencies in East Baltimore.

BIRTH COMPANIONS
The program trains student nurses to serve in a doula role and accompany women and families during the childbirth process.

EAST BALTIMORE COMMUNITY NURSING CENTERS

• HENDERSON HOPKINS SCHOOL AND WEINBERG EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER
Health and Wellness Center provides health-promoting activities in collaboration with faculty, staff, and the Family Resource Center.

• HOUSE OF RUTH MARYLAND
In partnership with the House of Ruth Maryland, the East Baltimore Community Nursing Center (EBCNC) operates a health suite at the shelter to provide wellness services.

• WALD COMMUNITY NURSING CENTER AND OUTREACH
The primary goal of the Wald Community Nursing Center is to promote the health and well-being of uninsured or underserved families and individuals by providing interim (“gap”) health and wellness services. The program expedites their participation in educational and occupational opportunities in the community and facilitates their connection with established primary health care resources.

INNOVATIONS

• CFAR STUDY
Community-based health education and cervical cancer prevention

• PASSPORT TO FREEDOM PROGRAM
Program to support women recently released from prison. Six psycho-educational sessions that address topics such as health, partner relationships, emotional healing, parenting and job readiness.

• STOP STUDY
Stimulant & Opioid Use Among Black MSM

• EXTRAS STUDY
Exploring HIV Treatment Adherence Strategies among Virally Suppressed Black MSM

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