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Health Sciences Strategy Task Force

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- Agricultural and Consumer Economics
- Beckman Institute for Advanced Science and Technology
- Bioengineering
- Carl R. Woese Institute for Genomic Biology
- Carle Illinois College of Medicine
- Cell and Developmental Biology
- Center for Nutrition, Learning and Memory
- Center on Health, Aging, and Disability
- Chemistry
- College of Applied Health Sciences
- College of Engineering
- Comparative Biosciences
- Computer Science
- Coordinated Science Lab
- Division of Nutritional Sciences
- Electrical and Computer Engineering
- Family Resiliency Center
- Food Science and Human Nutrition
- Health Care Engineering Systems Center
- Human Development and Family Studies
- Industrial and Enterprise Systems Engineering
- Information Trust Institute
- Interdisciplinary Health Sciences Institute
- Kinesiology and Community Health
- Medical Scholars Program
- Microbiology
- Molecular and Integrative Physiology
- Neuroscience Program
- Pathobiology
- Pathology
- Pediatrics
- Psychology
- Social and Behavioral Sciences Research Initiative
- Veterinary Clinical Medicine
- Veterinary Teaching Hospital

Campus-wide input to Task Force



Leadership Council

ACES, AHS,
Beckman,
Engineering, IGB,
IHSI, LAS, CI COM,
Social Work,
Vet Med



CRAWG

Campus Research
Administrators
Working Group



Data Experts

DMI, AITS, Illinois
Experts, SPA,
University Library



Individual Units and Stakeholders

AHS, Education,
Law, Health
Communication,
Dance, Graduate
College, IPRH,
Krannert Center/
FAA, PRI, Research
Park, iSchool, MCB,
Social Work, Illinois
Extension



Electronic Letter and Invitation to Contribute

Online form or
directly



Town Hall Meetings

(upcoming)

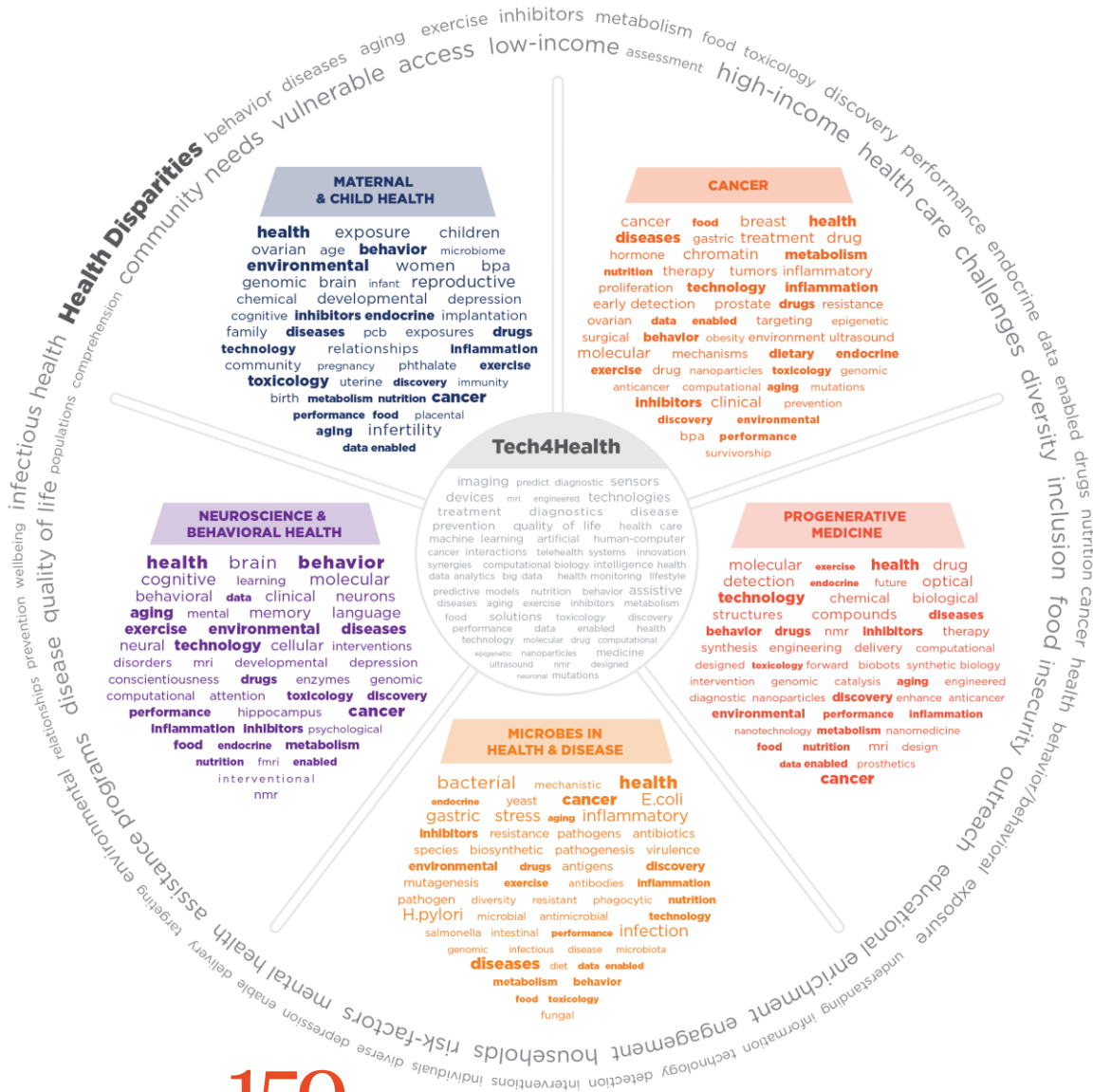
Areas where Illinois has the greatest opportunity to positively impact state, national and global health sciences through research, education and engagement

❖ Consensus on 5 “Impact Areas” and 2 “Cross-cutting Threads”

Selection criteria

- ❖ Leveraging greatest **existing campus strengths**
- ❖ Leveraging most significant/impactful **existing campus investments**
- ❖ Demonstrating clearest promise of **attracting significant new external funding & national leadership reputation**
- ❖ Vision: Create **SYNERGISTIC** opportunities that advance the **entire health sciences landscape** at Illinois

Impact Areas & Cross-cutting Threads



- ❖ Cancer
- ❖ Maternal and Child Health
- ❖ Microbes
- ❖ Neuroscience and Behavioral Health
- ❖ Progenerative Medicine
- ❖ Health Disparities
- ❖ Tech4Health

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Cancer

Innovations through Engineering and Comparative Oncology Approaches

CANCER

cancer food breast health
diseases gastric treatment drug
hormone chromatin metabolism
nutrition therapy tumors inflammatory
proliferation technology inflammation
early detection prostate drugs resistance
ovarian data enabled targeting epigenetic
surgical behavior obesity environment ultrasound
molecular mechanisms dietary endocrine
exercise drug nanoparticles toxicology genomic
anticancer computational aging mutations
inhibitors clinical prevention
discovery environmental
bpa performance
survivorship

- ❖ The 2nd leading cause of death in the U.S.
- ❖ 4 in 10 of all Americans will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime

Maternal and Child Health

Targeting the First 1,000 Days to Ensure a Healthy Future

- ❖ What happens in the first 1,000 days of life has lifelong impact

MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH

health exposure children
ovarian age **behavior** microbiome
environmental women bpa
genomic brain infant reproductive
chemical developmental depression
cognitive **inhibitors endocrine** implantation
family **diseases** pcb exposures **drugs**
technology relationships **inflammation**
community pregnancy phthalate **exercise**
toxicology uterine **discovery** immunity
birth **metabolism nutrition Cancer**
performance food placental
aging infertility
data enabled

Microbes

Drivers of Health and Disease

MICROBES IN HEALTH & DISEASE

bacterial mechanistic **health**
endocrine yeast **cancer** E.coli
gastric stress **aging** inflammatory
inhibitors resistance pathogens antibiotics
species biosynthetic pathogenesis virulence
environmental **drugs** antigens **discovery**
mutagenesis **exercise** antibodies **inflammation**
pathogen diversity resistant phagocytic **nutrition**
H.pylori microbial antimicrobial **technology**
salmonella intestinal **performance** infection
genomic infectious disease microbiota
diseases diet **data** **enabled**
metabolism **behavior**
food **toxicology**
fungal

- ❖ Microbes affect all aspects of life on the planet
- ❖ Microbes are both drivers of health and well-being and the cause of disease

Neuroscience and Behavioral Health

Mechanisms and Interventions

- ❖ 1 in 4 people in the world will be affected by neurological or mental disorders
- ❖ 11 institutes of the NIH fund neurological or psychological research
- ❖ People's behaviors have huge impact on their health, well-being, and life success

NEUROSCIENCE & BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

health brain **behavior**
cognitive learning molecular
behavioral **data** clinical neurons
aging mental memory language
exercise **environmental** **diseases**
neural **technology** cellular interventions
disorders mri developmental depression
conscientiousness **drugs** enzymes genomic
computational attention **toxicology** **discovery**
performance hippocampus **cancer**
inflammation **inhibitors** psychological
food **endocrine** **metabolism**
nutrition fmri **enabled**
interventional
nmr

Progenerative Medicine

The Forward Design of Human Health

- ❖ Medical practice has long been about treating disease; progenerative medicine instead targets the forward design of human health

PROGENERATIVE MEDICINE

molecular exercise **health** drug
detection endocrine future optical
technology chemical biological
structures compounds **diseases**
behavior **drugs** nmr **inhibitors** therapy
synthesis engineering delivery computational
designed **toxicology** forward biobots synthetic biology
intervention genomic catalysis **aging** engineered
diagnostic nanoparticles **discovery** enhance anticancer
environmental **performance** **inflammation**
nanotechnology **metabolism** nanomedicine
food **nutrition** mri design
data enabled prosthetics
cancer

Health Disparities

Promoting Health Equity Locally and Globally



- ❖ In 1966, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr stated “Of all forms of discrimination and inequalities, injustice in health is the most shocking and inhuman”
- ❖ Health disparities are large, persistent, and intergenerational

Technology for Health (Tech4Health)

Computation, Imaging, and Devices

- ❖ Applying Illinois' extraordinary expertise in technology, computation, and data science to transform healthcare

Tech4Health

imaging predict diagnostic sensors
devices mri engineered technologies
treatment diagnostics disease
prevention quality of life health care
machine learning artificial human-computer
cancer interactions telehealth systems innovation
synergies computational biology intelligence health
data analytics big data health monitoring lifestyle
predictive models nutrition behavior assistive
diseases aging exercise inhibitors metabolism
food solutions toxicology discovery
performance data enabled health
technology molecular drug computational
epigenetic nanoparticles medicine
ultrasound nmr designed
neuronal mutations

Opportunities and challenges in health-related research and education over the next five to ten years

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❖ **Challenge #1: Leveraging Interdisciplinary Strengths that Bridge Different Units**

- ❖ 28% of all tenure-track faculty in health activities, but widely distributed across 15 colleges



❖ **Strategy #1: Campus-Wide Commitment to Identified Impact Areas & Cross-Cutting Threads**

- ❖ Cross disciplinary boundaries and bridge widely distributed units to create a **unified, campus-wide roadmap for success**

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❖ **Challenge #2: Obtaining Large-Scale, Long-Term NIH Funding**

- ❖ Illinois receives 2.4% of NSF funding vs 0.19% of NIH funding
- ❖ Historical reliance on R01 funding



❖ **Strategy #2: Centers of Excellence for National Leadership in Identified Impact Areas**

- ❖ Leveraging and focusing existing campus strengths to attract NIH Center funding and create national leadership reputation
- ❖ Strategy #1 and #2 converge – commitment to build-out identified Impact Areas with explicit goal of developing Centers of Excellence

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❖ **Challenge #3: Making Strategic Decisions that Broadly Benefit Health Sciences Campus-Wide**

- ❖ Health sciences activities so distributed across campus that it limits our ability to initiate and implement fully informed, collaborative, strategic choices and investments



❖ **Strategy #3: Infrastructure Providing Critical Shared Support for Broadly Catalyzing and Coordinating Campus-Wide Success**

- ❖ Shared strategic vision of synergistic excellence
- ❖ **Shared core resources** with Clinical and Translational Science Institute (CTSI)-like capabilities that support and benefit all Centers

Health Sciences Ecosystem

A Vision of Synergistic Excellence

Biomedical Translational Research Facility

Clinical and Corporate Partners

- Carle Health System
- OSF HealthCare
- Mayo Clinic
- Various Corporations and Start-ups

Proposed Resources

- Tumor Model Engineering and Phenotyping Core
- Gnotobiotic and Germ-Free Animal Facility
- Pharmacokinetics/Toxicology Facility
- Neurobehavioral Assessment Lab/Core for Humans and Animals
- Brain 'Omics Center
- Medical Maker Lab
- Programs to Address Health Disparities
- Multi-Modal Human Imaging Facility (including 7-Tesla scanner, cyclotron, and PET/CT System)
- Health Technology Faculty Seed and Team-Building Grants



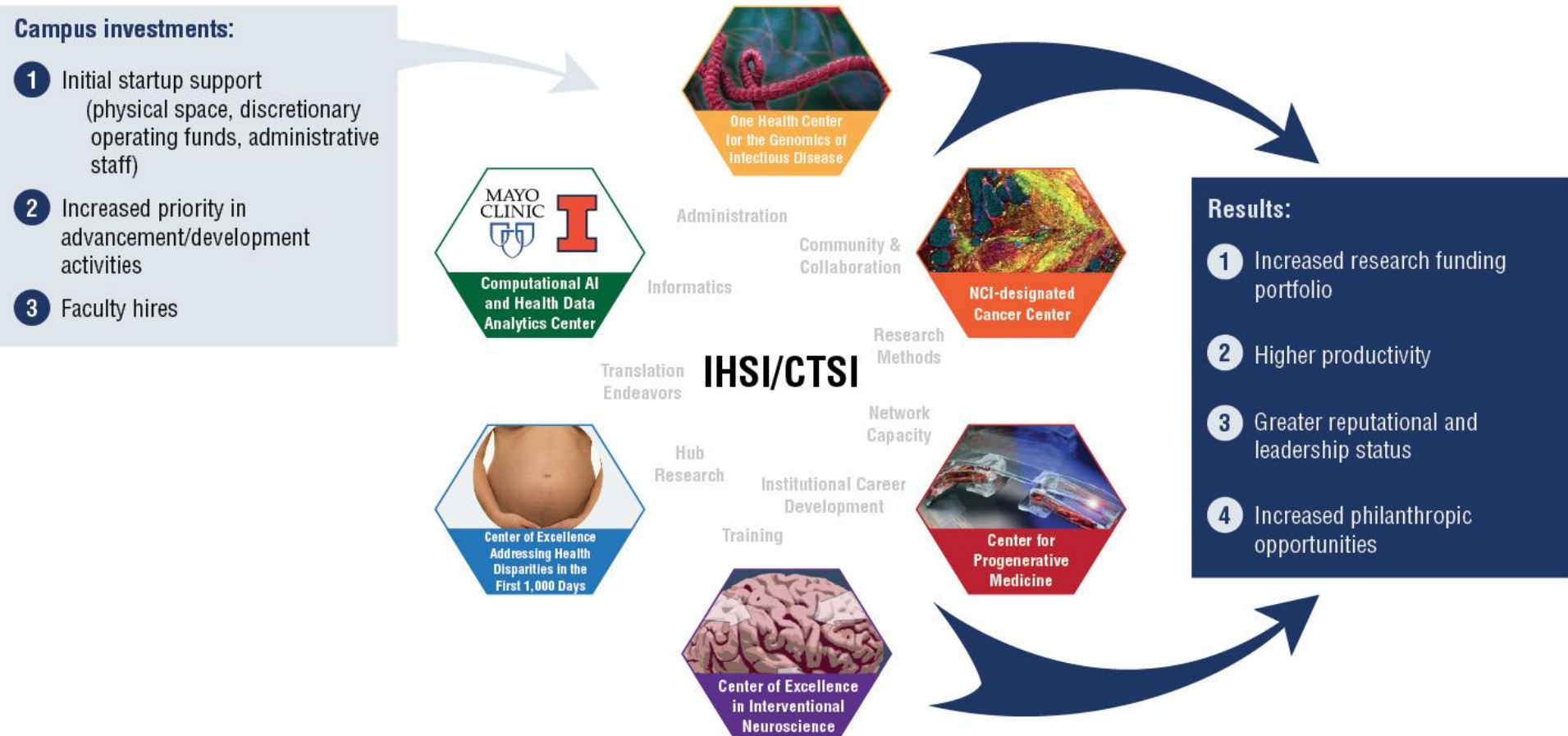
Health-Related Institutes and Centers

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- Mobile Units
- Local Schools

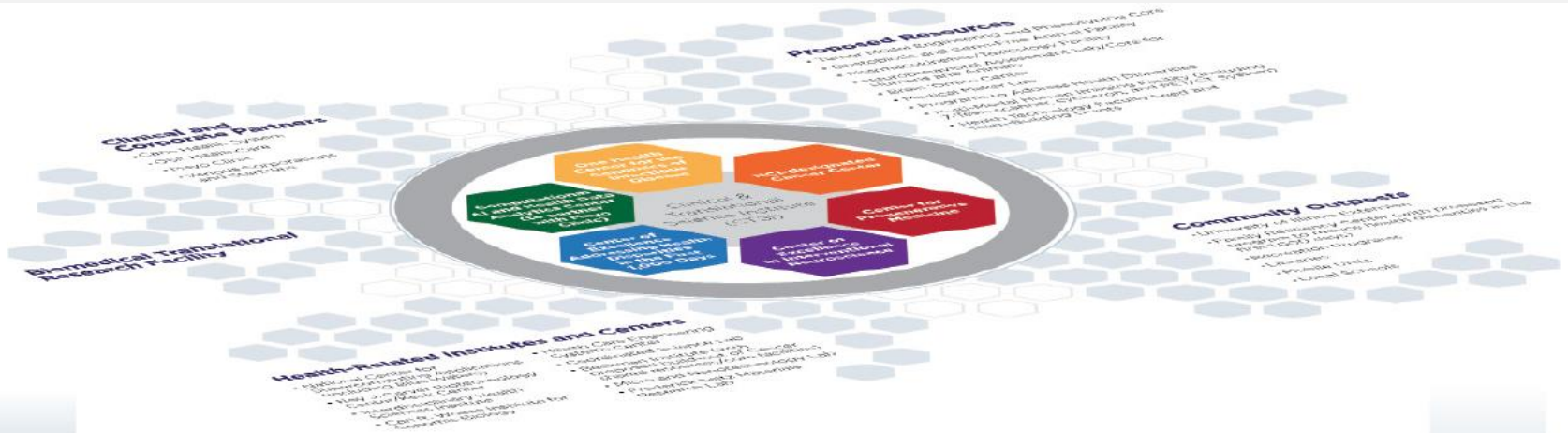
Centers of Excellence



Ways we better leverage our research strengths to enhance the university's educational mission in health-related fields

- ❖ Partnering of the (other) Academic Colleges with the Carle Illinois College of Medicine in educating physician-scientists, physician-engineers, and physician-innovators
- ❖ Creation of new majors, minors, and professional programs around health sciences in many Academic Colleges
- ❖ New opportunities for hands-on education with clinical and corporate partners
- ❖ New opportunities for enhanced training and education in clinical and translational research and innovation

Critical Role of Academic Colleges



Faculty excellence and student support

Hands-on education programs

Training and education on how to seek, conduct, and apply research

New majors, minors, and professional programs in Healthcare Innovations

Stronger connections to community outposts

ACADEMIC COLLEGES

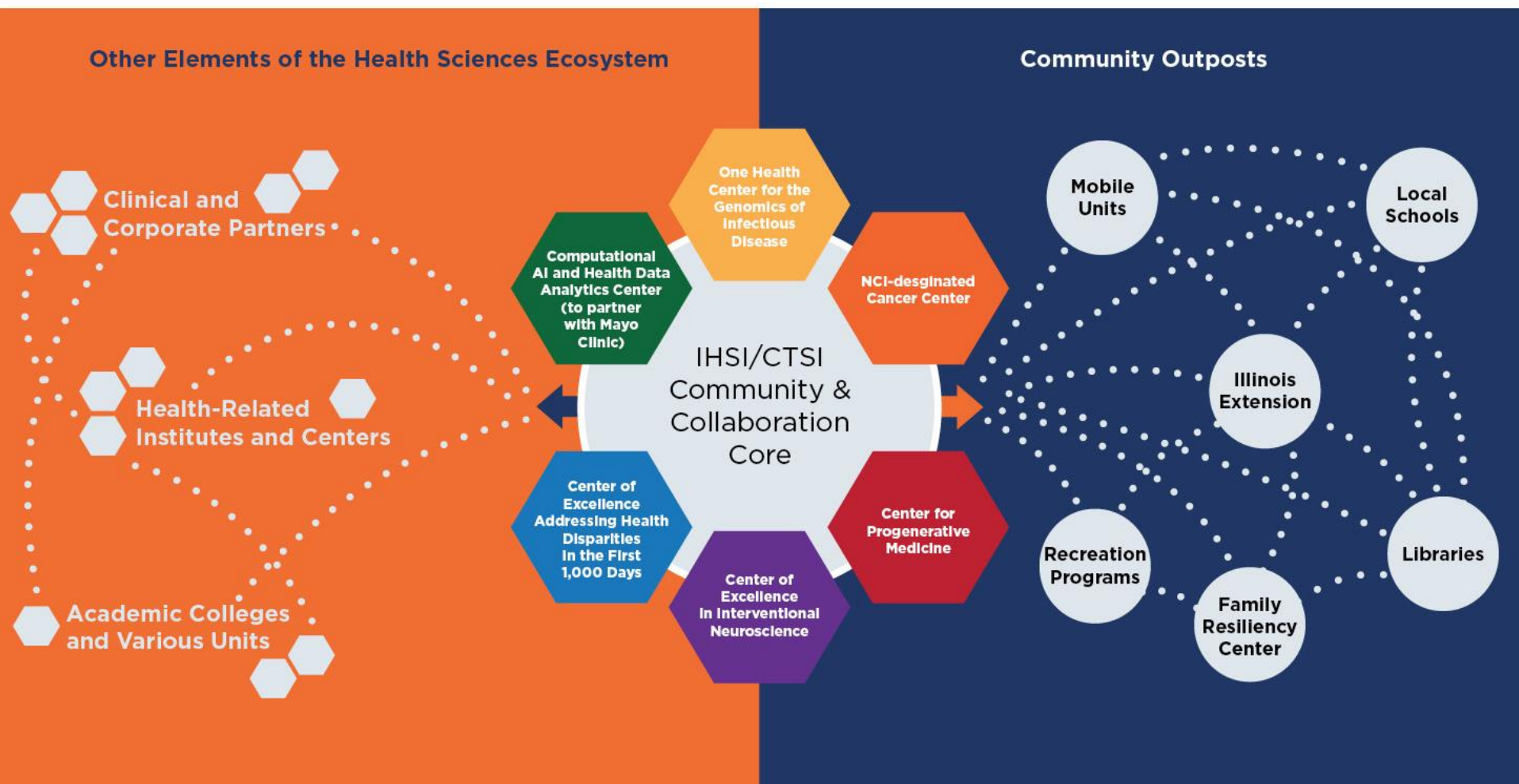
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Ways to best engage our local community through the health sciences

- ❖ Strengthen programs and connections to university engagement outposts in the community
- ❖ Investment in a *Health Sciences Community Engagement Core*
- ❖ Community outreach as an integrated part of research (Engaged Research)
- ❖ Development and support for Health Sciences Scholars embedded in community programs (Engaged Education)

Community Engagement



Specific actions that would be most effective in realizing our potential in health-related education, research and engagement

Recommendation #1:

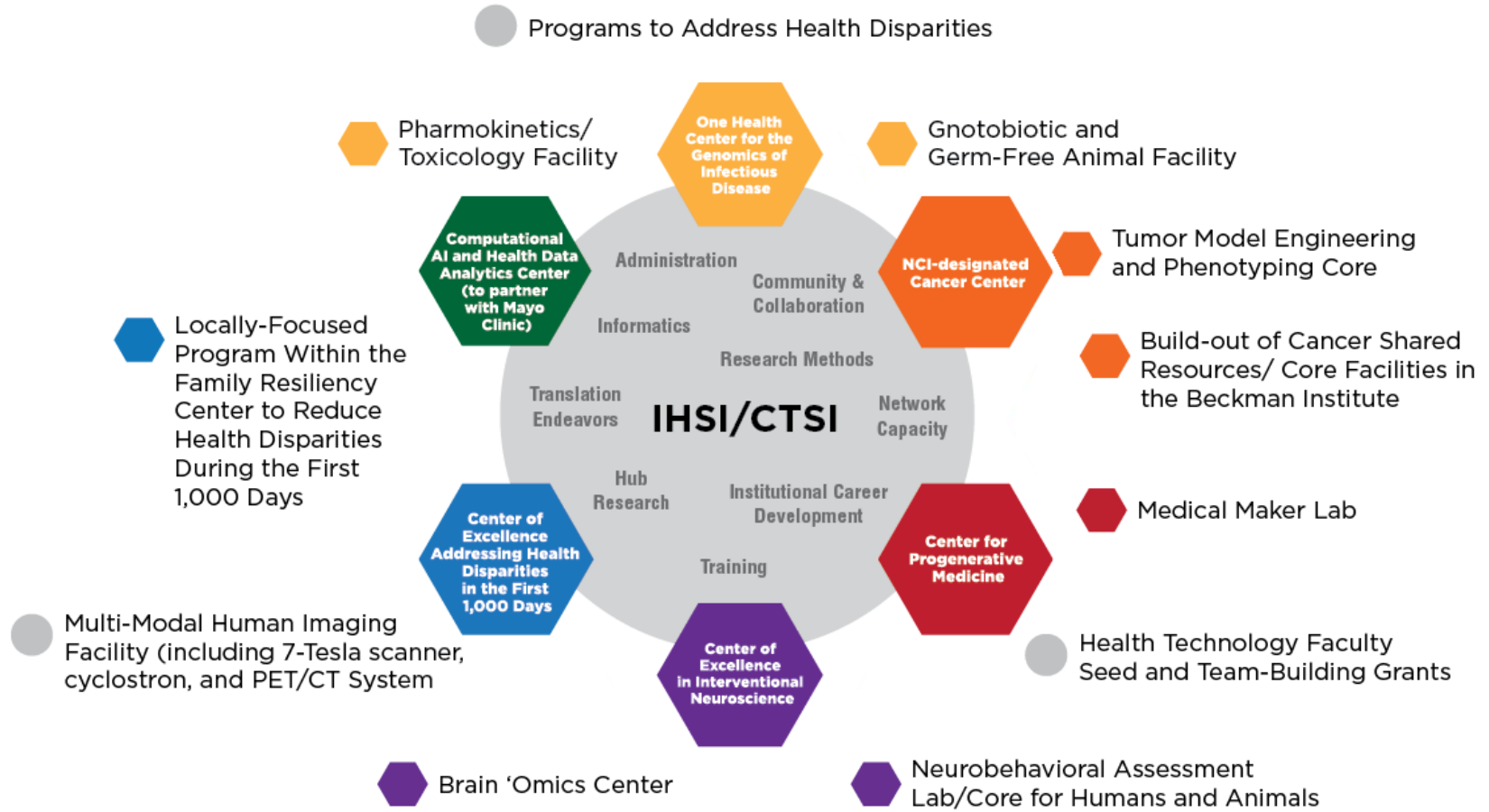
Investments in Identified Impact Areas and Cross-cutting Threads

Recommendation #2:

Investments in Creating Centers of Excellence

Recommendation #3:

Investments in Infrastructure Providing Critical Support for Illinois Health Sciences



Health Sciences Ecosystem

Illinois has unique ability to view the world through a variety of interdisciplinary prisms and to work collaboratively

Illinois' commitment to health and well-being transcends any one department, college, or unit

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