SUMMARY BRIEF

ABOUT US

- Health Promotion Council of Southeastern Pennsylvania, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, was founded in 1981 to implement community-based hypertension education and control programs. Known then as Southeastern Pennsylvania High Blood Pressure Control Program and funded by the Pennsylvania Department of Health, it was as part of a national hypertension control effort organized by the National Heart Blood and Lung Institute (NHLBI). When NHLBI disease control efforts broadened to include cholesterol and tobacco control, HPC took on these additional disease prevention concerns and changed its name accordingly.

OVERVIEW

- The innovation challenge Taking Charge of Diabetes addressed the gap in care transitions for older adults, specifically for patients diagnosed with diabetes. The gap contributes to the continued decline in patient health outcomes and increases in health care costs.

PROJECT PURPOSE

- Taking Charge of Diabetes addressed patient care beyond the clinical walls offering a multi-component, home-based intervention to improve health outcomes at the patient level and reduce health care costs at the system level for adults 65+ with Type 2 Diabetes.

PROJECT LENGTH

- Two years

KEY CHALLENGES OVERCOME

- Delays in executing subcontracts and BAA agreement barriers;
- Receipt of Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services designated provider status;
- Client data collection and staff capacity needs.