

International Collaborative Prevention Research Award



Guillermo “Willy” Prado, PhD

*The **International Collaborative Prevention Research Award** recognizes contributions to the field of prevention science in the area of international collaboration.*

This year, we are pleased to present the **International Collaborative Prevention Research Award** to **Dr. Guillermo “Willy” Prado and his team.**

Dr. Prado is currently the Leonard M. Miller Professor of Public Health Sciences and the Director of the Division of Prevention Science and Community Health at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine’s Department of Public Health Sciences. He is also dean of the Graduate School at the University of Miami. Dr. Prado’s research focuses on the prevention of risky health behaviors, including drug use, unsafe sexual behavior, lack of physical activity, and poor dietary intake, associated with the top leading causes of morbidity and mortality in adolescents, and Hispanic youth in particular.

Dr. Prado and his team are recognized for their work in adapting and testing the feasibility and acceptability of Familias Unidas in Chile and Ecuador. He has been PI, Co-PI, co-investigator, or senior mentor of HIV, substance abuse, and obesity prevention studies, one of which is an effectiveness/Stage III study of Familias Unidas [United Families in English], one of the few preventive interventions found to be efficacious in preventing/reducing substance use, internalizing and externalizing symptoms and disorders, and HIV risk behaviors among Hispanic youth.

Dr. Prado has been recognized by numerous organizations, including the Society for Prevention Research, the Society for Research on Adolescence, and the National Hispanic Science Network on Drug Abuse. He

was also selected by the Miami Herald as one of the Top 20 Business Leaders and Innovators in South Florida under the age of 40 for his research and community work in the areas of HIV and substance use among Hispanic families. Dr. Prado is a member of the NIH study section Community Level Health Promotion, a member of the National Hispanic Science Network's Steering Committee, and was the 2013 Chair of the Society for Prevention Research's 21st Annual Meeting and the Co-Chair of the 2013 Meeting of the National Hispanic Science Network.

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