The Center for Home Care Policy & Research, established in 1993, conducts scientifically rigorous research to promote the delivery of high-quality, cost-effective care in the home and community. To date, the Center has been awarded over $59 million in federal and private grant and contract funding, evolving into a multi-functional scientific research and evaluation team informing VNS Health, local, national, & international health policy, science & evidence-based practice.

**GRANT PROPOSAL EFFORTS.**

16 new proposals submitted in 2023 (14 federal), total of $12,175,295 in requested funding
- 12 proposals awarded funding (7 of which were 2022 submissions; 10 Federal awards); total value of $4,392,131 (profiles below)
- 5 2023 submissions are still currently under review

**NOTABLE EVENTS.**
The Center for Home Care Policy & Research celebrated its 30th Anniversary. We celebrated the achievements and contributions of Penny H. Feldman, founding director and Senior Research Scientist, upon her retirement.

**NEW RESEARCH AWARDS.**
- National Institute on Aging (NIA) R03 (Burgdorf) Effects of Family Caregiver Availability and Capacity on Home Health Care for Older Adults with Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Dementias ($180,901)
- National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR) R01 (Topaz/McDonald): Using Automated Speech Processing to Improve Identification of Risk for Hospitalizations and Emergency Department Visits in Home Healthcare ($1,105,238)
- National Institute on Aging (NIA) K01 (Burgdorf): Supporting Dementia Caregivers During Medicare Home Health: Developing the DECLARE Needs Assessment Intervention ($661,663)
- National Heart, Lung, Blood Institute (NHLBI) R01 (Sterling/Bowles): I-TRANSFER-HF: Improving TRansitions ANd OutcomeS for Heart Failure Patients in Home Health CaRe: A Type 1 Hybrid Effectiveness/Implementation Trial ($1,140,295)
- National institute of Nursing Research (NINR) K99 (Song/Topaz): “HEAR-HEARTFELT” (Identifying the risk of Hospitalizations or Emergency department visits for patients with HEART Failure in managed long-term care through vErbal communicaTion) ($16,666)
- National Institute on Aging (NIA) R03 (Burgdorf): Investigating Disparities in Home Health Access and Quality for Medicare Beneficiaries with Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Dementias Following Recent Payment System Revisions ($331,464)
- National Institute on Aging (NIA) Penn Roybal Center on Palliative Care in Dementia Pilot Program (Luth/Bowles): Translating Data Science into Palliative Care Practice for Persons Living with Dementia ($44,699)
- National Institute of Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD) RO1 (Topaz/McDonald): Identifying and reducing stigmatizing language in home healthcare: the ENGAGE study ($469,788)
- Alzheimer’s Association (Burgdorf): Patterns & Preferences of Home-Based Service Use for Persons with Dementia ($115,479)
- Pilot Study Award from that National Institutes of Health Pepper Center (Russell): Consumer Directed Personal Care in Home-Based Long-Term Care: Trends in Use and Client Characteristics ($49,285)
- VNS Health Intramural Grant (Oberlink): Helping NYC LGBTQ+ Older Adults Age In Place ($35,004)

**EXTERNALLY FUNDED RESEARCH & EVALUATION STUDIES.** 37 active studies in 2023. 28 still active.

**PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS.** In 2023, 46 manuscripts published (9 since November 2023 committee meeting); 1 additional already in 2024. 10 more currently under review. 22 Presentations

**STAFFING UPDATES.** Recent New Hires: Ian Spens, Research Assistant and Helena Sanchez, Research Assistant