

## **Center for Health and Risk Communication Commitment Statement**

The Center for Health and Risk Communication (CHRC) provides an important organizational framework for stimulating innovative research collaborations, health promotion intervention projects, and community interventions to reduce serious health risks and to promote public health. The mission of the Center is to provide an evidence-base to improve health and risk communication. Health communication encompasses the many ways individuals deliver health care and promote health. Risk communication examines best strategies for communicating about serious health and safety risks to relevant publics, government officials, and first-responders. The CHRC fosters connections between George Mason University researchers and government agencies, private foundations, and national as well as international research centers. Scholars from the CHRC are committed to addressing important public health issues, such as the opioid epidemic, with evidence-based strategic health communication programs, policies, and technologies.