



BUILDING SUCCESSFUL PARTNERSHIPS

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PRINCIPLES

Authentic Relationship-building: community and university scholars are equal partners

Support: safety, cultural competence, training and education to achieve results

Co-build research: work together as partners from the beginning

Mutual respect: acknowledging each other's expertise and experiential knowledge as evidence (Value lived-living experience)

Additional concrete supports: offers to empower inclusion (i.e. child-Elder care, transportation, food, etc)

CO-CREATING RESEARCH ENGAGEMENT

Researcher:

- Try to educate yourself on organization (history, org hierarchy, programs)
- Authentic, respectful, interested
- Co-create research from the beginning
- Adapt your expectations and timelines
- Figure out tangible ways to “give back” to organization
- Attend community events, volunteer
- Be available (listen, share the floor, and engage)
- Create opportunities to compensate community researchers, patient partners & provide for expenses (childcare, travel, etc)
- Equity, diversity and inclusion: How will you ensure safety for your research team members and participants?
- Communicate, and communicate some more!

Community Organization/Citizen:

- Try to educate yourself on research (the processes of research, how is data used, what is “KT”)
- Engaged, interested
- Ask questions/ Be brave/ Be honest
- Request to see terms of reference, guiding principles or compensation policy
- Co-create the research from beginning
- Lived experience is a value, not to be tokenized
- Expect “Nothing about us without us!”



COMMUNITY EXPECTATIONS OF ACADEMIA

- Recognition of community organization's presence, reputation
- Recognition of community organization's limitations (i.e. capacity to oversee student placements, research participant recruitment)
- Community expects to be engaged in research process (involvement in the question development and methods; engagement with the process and offering feedback to findings, analysis and knowledge translation)
- Recognition of community organization EVERY STEP OF THE WAY (authorship, invitation to present)

SPECTRUM OF ENGAGEMENT



Inform

Consult

Involve

Collaborate

Empower

To provide with
information

To obtain
feedback

To work with to
develop
alternatives

To partner in each
aspect of
decision- making

To decide

*Adapted from International Association of Public Participation
(IAP2)*

AVOIDING DISAPPOINTMENT

- Early communication is key
- Clarity of roles: who is responsible for what?
- Guiding principles
- Engagement 101: successful partnering
- Allow for extra time and funding (if possible)
- Assume the best of intentions