

The Development of a Collaborative Self-Evaluation Process for Community-Based Participatory Research Partnerships Using the Community-Based Participatory Research Conceptual Model and Other Adaptable Tools

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What Is the Purpose of this Study/Review?

- To pilot an approach to self-evaluation and collective reflection for established community-based participatory research (CBPR) partnerships.
- To assess the adaptability of existing self-evaluation and collective reflection tools for partnerships to guide their own self-evaluation process.

What Is the Problem?

- A growing number of CBPR partnerships have formed with increasing success in achieving outcomes, but the evaluation of processes and outcomes has lagged behind.
- There is an increasing need, therefore, for collective reflection tools to assist partnerships to maintain and strengthen their partnering practices to be the most effective at achieving desired outcomes over time.
- Partnerships need a process that is relevant to their unique combination of histories, needs, and partners, and can facilitate decisions about which partnering practices would benefit from focused attention.

What Are the Findings?

- Collective reflection is empowering for members of established partnerships.
- Self-evaluation is a critical strategy for CBPR partnerships to improve partnering practices, confirm alignment of principles, and conduct strategic planning toward the goal of health equity.
- The CBPR conceptual model and other available tools may be adapted to help CBPR partnerships engage in collective reflection and self-evaluation.

Who Should Care Most?

- Members of established CBPR partnerships with or without a history of self-evaluation.
- Partnerships at any stage of development with an interest in evaluating practices and outcomes.

Recommendations for Action

- Consider incorporating collective reflection and self-evaluation into the practices and work plans of your partnership.
- Consider adapting your own version the CBPR conceptual model. Resources are available at: https://cpr.unm.edu/research-projects/cbpr-project/facilitation_tools.html.
- Review additional tools, guides and examples that may be adapted for your own process: <https://engageforequity.org/>.