

COMMUNITY AGENCY COORDINATION OF AN INTERDISCIPLINARY HEALTH PROMOTION SERVICE-LEARNING - A MODEL FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Workshop ~ Partnerships for Service-Learning

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This workshop focused on skills needed to coordinate an interdisciplinary service-learning training using a packaged model. Participants learned components of an effective community-campus partnership and receive resource materials and training to conduct interdisciplinary team building activities, population-based health promotion, and to design and implement a service-learning training. The presenters emphasized how the community-based Western Maryland Area Health Education Center is a critical partner in developing strategies to bring students and faculty into rural community sites to provide population-based health promotion services. The eight-year partnership has changed the way faculty collaborates across departments and campuses and added community site representatives into curricula planning and implementation. It exemplifies the importance of linking student teams into small communities to provide services and learn about the community, its people, its needs and its resources. The partnership has designed and implemented several new and innovative interdisciplinary curricula.