

# **Examining Community- Institutional Partnerships for Prevention Research**



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# Project Goal



⌘ To build the capacity of communities and institutions\* to engage in participatory approaches to prevention research

\* colleges, universities, health departments

# Project Partners



- ⌘ APHA Caucus on Community-Based Public Health
- ⌘ CDC Prevention Research Centers - Michigan, New York, Yale-Griffin
- ⌘ CDC Prevention Research Centers National Community Committee
- ⌘ CDC Urban Research Centers - Seattle, Detroit, New York
- ⌘ Community-Campus Partnerships for Health
- ⌘ Community Health Scholars Program

# Project Funders



- ⌘ The CDC Prevention Research Centers Program through a cooperative agreement with the Association of Schools of Public Health
- ⌘ Initial two year project, 10/1/02 - 9/30/04

# Project Opportunities



- ⌘ Expectations among funding agencies that prevention research embrace a community partnership approach
- ⌘ Interest in participatory models of prevention research among funding agencies
- ⌘ Interest in “nuts and bolts” of community partnerships for prevention research
- ⌘ Recent Institute of Medicine report recommendations in support of CBPR

# Project Objectives - Year 1



- ⌘ Identify and synthesize lessons learned about developing successful community-institutional collaborations in prevention research
- ⌘ Identify key factors that can facilitate and impede successful community-institutional relationships and outcomes
- ⌘ Develop recommendations to foster community and institutional capacity for participatory approaches to prevention research at national and local levels

# Findings - Successful Partnerships



- ⌘ Trusting relationships
- ⌘ Equitable processes and procedures
- ⌘ Diverse partners
- ⌘ Leadership
- ⌘ All partners benefit
- ⌘ Supportive reward structures
- ⌘ Science enhanced by community involvement
- ⌘ Balancing process and action
- ⌘ Ongoing partner development
- ⌘ Sustainable impact
- ⌘ Collaborative dissemination
- ⌘ Ongoing assessment, improvement and celebration

# Findings - Barriers to Successful Partnerships



- ⌘ When characteristics on the previous page are absent
- ⌘ Funding mechanisms, policies and procedures (e.g., expectations of research productivity with little or no time allowed for partnership-building)

# Recommendations



## ⌘ Partnership-focused recommendations

- ☑ \*At the level of the partnership

- ☑ \*At the collective level across partnerships

## ⌘ Institution-focused recommendations

## ⌘ Community-focused recommendations

- ☑ At the level of the community partner

- ☑ At the collective level across partners

## ⌘ Funding agency-focused recommendations

\* highlighted in this presentation

# Recommendations - at the level of the partnership



- ⌘ Pay close attention to membership issues
- ⌘ Develop structures and processes that help develop trust and sharing of influence and control among partners
- ⌘ Provide training and technical assistance to partners
- ⌘ Plan ahead for sustainability
- ⌘ Pay close attention to the balance of activities within the partnership
- ⌘ Be strategic about dissemination
- ⌘ Invest in ongoing assessment, improvement and celebration

# Recommendations - partnerships collectively



- ⌘ Facilitate implementation of partnership-level recommendations (e.g., through training, case studies of best practices)
- ⌘ Increase funding for partnerships for prevention research (e.g., by working with funding agencies, cultivating supporters)
- ⌘ Facilitate linkages among organizations that support or are involved in partnerships for prevention research
- ⌘ Work to integrate principles and methods of partnerships for prevention research into core activities of health professional schools and health departments

# Project Objective - Year 2



- ⌘ To implement and evaluate one or more strategies to foster community and institutional capacity for participatory approaches to prevention research at national and local levels

# Year 2 Capacity-Building Activities



- ⌘ Priority issue: building and sustaining community-institutional partnerships for prevention research
  - ☑ Objective: Develop and test an evidence-based training curriculum for emerging and established partnerships
  - ☑ Develop curriculum modules that can be used in a variety of formats and settings
  - ☑ 90 minute workshop planned for CDC Chronic Disease conference in February 2004

# Year 2 Capacity-Building Activities



- ⌘ Priority issue: policies that support partnership planning & infrastructure
  - ☑ Objective: Facilitate ability of funding agencies to support partnership infrastructure and assess evidence of authentic partnerships in proposals
  - ☑ Work with funding agencies to develop reviewer guidelines, reviewer training, sample RFP language, etc.
  - ☑ Meeting with Federal Interagency Working Group on CBPR in January 2004

# How you can get involved



- ⌘ Send us your contact information to be kept informed and to get involved:  
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- ⌘ Share relevant resources
- ⌘ Contribute cases for the training curriculum
- ⌘ Review and/or pilot-test the training curriculum

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