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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