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# ADVANCING SOCIAL JUSTICE AND HEALTH EQUITY THROUGH COMMUNITY-CAMPUS PARTNERSHIPS

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# Mission

To promote health equity & social justice through partnerships between communities & academic institutions





# Defining Community

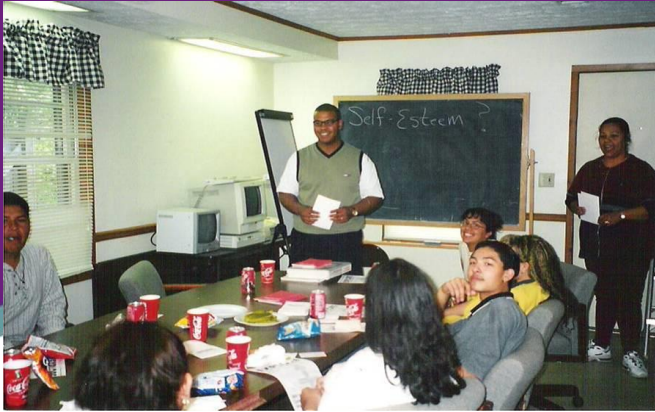
*CCPH board of directors, 2005*

There is no “one” definition of community

- Geography
- Age
- Ethnicity
- Gender
- Sexual orientation
- Disability, illness or health condition
- Common interest or cause
- Shared values or norms



Community-Campus  
Partnerships for Health  
Promoting Health Equity & Social Justice



# Defining Community

*CCPH board of directors, 2005*

Defining “community” in the context of community-academic partnerships and community-engaged research is more about the process of asking questions than about a strict definition of who “is” community or “represents” community:

- Are those most affected by the problem at the table?
- Are those who have a stake in the issue being addressed at the table?
- Are those with resources (e.g., knowledge, connections, funding) needed to address the issue at the table?
- Do they play decision making roles?



# Principles of Partnership

*CCPH Board of Directors, 1998, 2006 & 2013*

- Form to serve a specific purpose and may take on new goals over time.
- Agreed upon mission, values, goals, measurable outcomes and accountability for the partnership.
- Relationships of mutual trust, respect, genuineness, and commitment.
- Build on identified strengths and assets, but address needs and increase capacity of all partners.
- Balance power among partners and enables resources among partners to be shared.
- Make clear and open communication an ongoing priority.





# Principles of Partnership

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- Establish principles and processes with input and agreement of all partners, especially for decision-making and conflict resolution.
- Feedback among all stakeholders, with goal of continuously improving the partnership and its outcomes.
- Partners share benefits of partnership's accomplishments.
- Partnerships can dissolve and need to plan process for closure.
- Consider nature of their environment as a principle of their design, evaluation and sustainability.
- Partnership values multiple kinds of knowledge and life experience.

# Elements for an Authentic Partnership

*Citation: Achieving the Promise of Authentic Community-Higher Education Partnerships: Community Partners Speak Out!*  
CCPH, 2007



# What I Am Reading/ Viewing

- A Call to Action – President Jimmy Carter
- The New Jim Crow – Michelle Alexander
- The Dignity of Difference – Jonathan Sacks
- Changing Minds – Howard Gardner
- Diversity Explosion – William H. Frye
- Proud Shoes – Pauli Murray
- Selma – (The Movie)



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