

Project ACCCES

Partnership Recommendations and Considerations

GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR ALL PARTNERS

- Each partnership is **unique**.
- Establish **guidelines** for your unique partnership as a 1st step.
- Have a **protocol** for handling conflict before it happens!
- Everyone's **time** should be valued **equally**.
- Develop a **leadership council** and/or **advisory board**.
- **Evaluate** the partnership & processes at multiple points.
- Understand that community-engaged research can often **take longer** than traditional research projects.
- **Get to know each other** as people!
- **Ask questions** and **learn** from each other.
- Practice **cultural humility**- consider having all partners attend a cultural humility/anti-racism training.
- **Clarify** what you can offer to the partnership and any constraints.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

- **Speak up!**
- You have the **right to say no**.
- Understand what is **required** of academics in the research process (requirements for tenure, publishing, & research).
- Identify how this partnership will **benefit** your community.
- You have the **right to review** and make suggestions for all research tools (surveys, activities, etc.).
- **Clarify** what you are being asked to do.
- **Participate** in as much of the process as you can/would like to.

ACADEMIC PARTNERS

- **Listen!**
- **Ask questions!**
- **Attend** community events!
- **Support** the community you will be working in- eat at local restaurants, buy supplies from community-run stores, etc.
- Be aware of the **power dynamics** you bring to the partnership.
- **Commit** to building community capacity through training, education, etc.
- **Work with community members** to develop research tools.
- **Explain** professional obligations (publication, reports, tenure requirements, etc.).
- **Be aware of burdens** your work may place on community members- consider compensation, childcare, timing, and location.
- Consider **involving community members** with more than just recruitment.



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