What is community engagement? What does community engagement mean to you?

- Constant communication with whatever community you’re working with,
- Focus groups to ask communities what they need instead of planning something to drop in their laps.
- Understanding what the community identifies as needs and assets and making funding decisions informed by that perspective.
- Decisions driven by those most effected.
- It starts with being there FOR the community, not the other way around.
- Working collaboratively with the people impacted by issues.
- Everyone coming together to make their “community” a place that fits everyone’s need.
- It starts with being there FOR the community, not the other way around.
- Working collaboratively with local members of the community to address community needs.
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- Meaningful communication with communities served, particularly disenfranchised or underserved communities. Engagement at every stage of a process is important, not just soliciting opinions.
- Collaboration with partners, inclusive of all members of the community
- active, meaningful participation in system change
- Community engagement is connecting with community members and leaders at various levels to work together to affect change.
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- Being engaged through a relationship of understanding, guided by the needs of those we have partner with
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- CE to have the input of people with lived experiences. CE means success for me
- Involving community members as equal partners in all decisions.
- Understanding your community and getting the right people to participate
- Making sure you’re "doing with" and not "doing for" a community
- Having a variety of stakeholders/people together and openly discuss a topic.
- "42019007 Grass roots level involvement by a wide variety of persons"
- Ensure success through community buy-in
- Working with community groups and community voices for a common goal or purpose.
- To me, community engagement is the equitable involvement of persons with lived experience and organizations representing persons with lived experience in design, implementation and evaluation of public health programs and policies. Hierarchy is flat
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- Establish shared, common spaces that are accessible
- Working collaboratively with those with lived experiences to make positive change where and when needed. Making sure the changes happen that are needed by families and individuals in the community.
- Involving community voices and representation in our work as they are the experts at the community level.
- It’s essential to have community engagement to truly understand needs, strengths, and to develop goals. It includes those with lived experience having the same amount of power and influence as professionals.
- Sharing power and lifting up the voices of communities.
- Assuring that programs are inclusive of the community they serve, from planning to implementation.
- Stakeholder engagement for planning, implementing and evaluating programs.
- Deliberately involving those most impacted by the work in the development and implementation of the work.
- Intentionally sharing power and sharing decision-making.
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Community-Based Organization (CBO)

A community-based organization is "a public or private nonprofit organization that is representative of a community or a significant segment of a community and works to meet community needs"
What community-rooted organizations do you partner with? How are you engaging with CBOs?

The NH Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, and 12 SV Crisis Centers to deliver primary SV/DV prevention education.

Food Banks, United Way, Women's Violence Shelters

Cultural breastfeeding coalitions - ensuring that funds are earmarked to compensate local community members for attending meetings and participating in projects.

Through local public health staff, and their relationships.

some local, BIPOC led community based organizations, some coalitions of local leaders, community health worker associations

Working with the Consumer Product Safety Commission and NH Safe Kids to deliver pool safety and drowning prevention messaging at community events.

Honesty, we're not great at it. We make it difficult and burdensome for truly community-based organizations to meaningfully engage.

bazillions. It depends on which program and what we're doing. For example, home visiting family resource center or a community health center that must have over half of its board members as patients.
What community-rooted organizations do you partner with? How are you engaging with CBOs?

- Refugee organizations, workforce, faith based, safe sleep, black doula, parent organizations
  - I don’t think you can judge like that. Our staff are community members with lived experiences.

- I am a CBO actively engaged with Title VI
  - “Family voicesLocal universities”

- Local Public Health Agencies
  - Being at the state-level, this is where we struggle. We do partner with our LHDs, who then partner with CBOs.
What community-rooted organizations do you partner with? How are you engaging with CBOs?

Various New American organizations.

Engage with our UCEDD, our Parent Information Center, and the Dept of Education

Grass root level community orgs

Daycare providers and medical providers

Sharing power and lifting up the voices of communities

Family advocacy non-profits; housing authorities; refugee resettlement

Family organizations, disability advocacy orgs, schools, tribal organizations,

We have close ties with family and peer-to-peer organisations and work as partners in many areas. Representatives from these organisations and those with lived experiences are part of many of our advisory groups.

We work with community-based organizations which represent families of children with special health care needs
What community-rooted organizations do you partner with? How are you engaging with CBOs?

PTI/F2F/PTP/KYEA (youth organization), AAP, Providers across the state, Infant Toddler programs

Hard to put a number to this. Have many formal and informal engagements with CBOs. We contract with them to do the work directly with the community because they already have deep connections and trust with those who we are wanting to work with.

Sickle cell CBOs

Our family partnership organization, several local teen pregnancy prevention collaborations

Hospitals, medical non-profits and mental health educational groups, and an LGBTQ+ org

I engage with CBOs related to maternal mental health as "subject matter expertise" on a stakeholder committee for a grant project

Local public health agencies, child care providers, organizations that benefit children and child care providers

Several local community CBOs in the Chicago Land Area and CPS, CDPH. We are a thought partner at strategic planning tables, share resources when possible, a referral network

We engage with a number of CBOs like Arizona Family Health Partnership, Chicanos por la Causa, etc. But I do worry that we 1) engage much more with larger CBOs and 2) engage much more with entities that aren't CBOs (academic institutions, other gov't)
Find community partners who:

- Are reflective of people served — in lived experience, culture, etc.
  - Who have the trust of community being served
  - Who are presently working to dismantle systemic inequities
- Who are intersectional in their approach (addressing housing and food security, safety, a full range of SDoH)
What are the barriers to your CBO engagement?

- Time
- Our bureaucracy, power dynamics, funding, lack of wisdom, lack of trust
- The resources it takes. Public health in our state is decentralized, and we depend on Counties for the hands-on work.
- Unproductive past relationships, time, bandwidth, and resources.
- Trust
- Time, building relationships and trust. Moving to virtual options as the norm has actually helped with engagement.
- Return responses
- Funding to sustain projects and overall coalition work.
- Lack of ongoing/continued engagement from state. (We harvest the data and go about our work without closing the loop.)
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- As a state level entity, it's harder to know and understand the community and access CBOs.
- feeling like participation is token
- funding, leadership understanding of importance of this engagement, trust
- Lack of authentic support from leadership.
- Leadership lacking a desire to gain an understanding of the need.
- time, knowledge of potential partners, funding if they require it to engage
- High turnover rates at the state level. No time to build relationships
- Feel like this is a bit of an easy way out, but funding for sure is a barrier.
- time, finances and trust! Devoting enough time to developing trust, and really digging into the relationships and their meaning, and compensating folks for their expertise has paid off big dividends
What are the barriers to your CBO engagement?

- Finding the “right” organization to work with can be difficult sometimes.
- Identifying new partners, internal resistance to changing approaches, trust.
- Trust, time/resources, funding, red tape.
- Working for the State it can often be difficult for CBO’s to trust the motivate for wanting to partner with the State because past traumatic experiences make many communities wary.
- Having the time to do relationship building ahead of time so you have connections already in place when you need to work together.
- Time and staff turnover.
- COVID, (not being able to travel), staffing, funding.
- Lack of collaboration with BIPOC led CBOs.
- “Our own Procurement and contracting processes–The type of services that we need to procure contractually (e.g., statewide provision of X service)–Just being “off the ground” → just not knowing that certain CBOs exist.”
What are the barriers to your CBO engagement?

- Being a state agency, sometimes people don't trust we will collaborate, due to past experiences/history

- We have agreements in place that commit almost all of our MCH funding to county public health and tribes. To fund CBOs we need to either take funding away from traditional public health providers or find new funding.

- CBOs own decision not to engage with state health department because reporting/administrative burden is not worth funding received

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