



Community Engagement: Building Your Village For Success

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**Maternal, Child & Family
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Building Healthy Communities. Fostering Healthy Families.





Academia as Community?

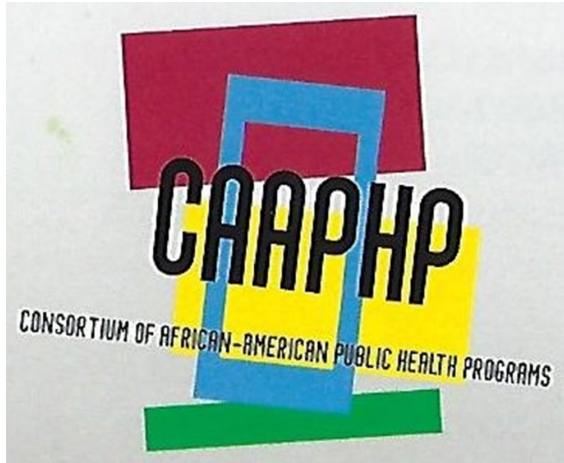
- A common definition of community is a group of people with diverse characteristics who are linked by social ties, share common perspectives, and engage in joint action in geographical locations or settings.

Kathleen M. MacQueen, Eleanor McLellan, David S. Metzger, Susan Kegeles, Ronald P. Strauss, Roseanne Scotti, Lynn Blanchard, and Robert T. Trotter, II, 2001:**What Is Community? An Evidence-Based Definition for Participatory Public Health**

American Journal of Public Health **91**, 1929_1938, <https://doi.org/10.2105/AJPH.91.12.1929>



Community-based participatory approach to working with HAT-MCH?



HRSA- Maternal &
Child Health Bureau

- **HBCU & PBI Alliance Team for Maternal Child & Family Health (HAT-MCH)**

1. Bethune-Cookman University
2. Chicago State University
3. Howard University
4. Jackson State University
5. Morehouse School of Medicine
6. Morgan State University
7. St. Augustine's University
8. Tennessee State University
9. Texas Southern University
10. Tuskegee University

Our Successes

IN THE SHORT TERM

- Building relationships
- Sharing resources and talents
- Collaboration on grant submissions
- ASPHN-HAT Fellowship
- THRIVE Summit

IN THE LONG TERM

- Minority Serving Institutions Co-ordinating Center Grant
- Minority Serving Institutions Research Center Grants
 - Morehouse School of Medicine
 - Morgan State University
 - Tennessee State University
 - Texas Southern University
 - Tuskegee University

The work is not done, but the future is bright

- MCH Academic Programs
- Sustainable MCH Research Centers
- Community-engaged innovative research focused on addressing MCH health issues.
- Steady production of high-quality MCH scholars, leaders and practitioners