

Building Community Capacity to Address Health Equity in Tacoma WA: Lessons Learned from an Academic Public Health Community-Based Participatory Research Partnership

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Learning Objectives:

- 1. Describe the development of an academic-public health partnership based on CBPR principles.
- 2. Discuss two examples of applying CBPR principles to build community capacity. Describe the lessons learned engaging community stakeholders in CBPR.
- 3. Discuss the impact of the CBPR Partnership Academy on collaborative learning/practice between a local health department and an urban serving university.

Our Goals...

Build Partnership Capacity

Address Health Equity Build Community Capacity







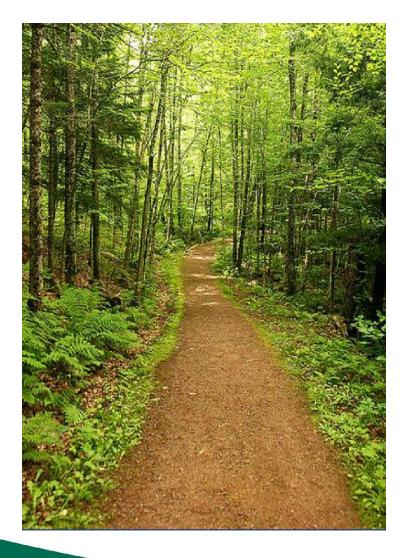
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...unite and inspire neighbors, youth and businesses to build safe, healthy, thriving communities.

Creating Paths to Healthier Neighborhoods...



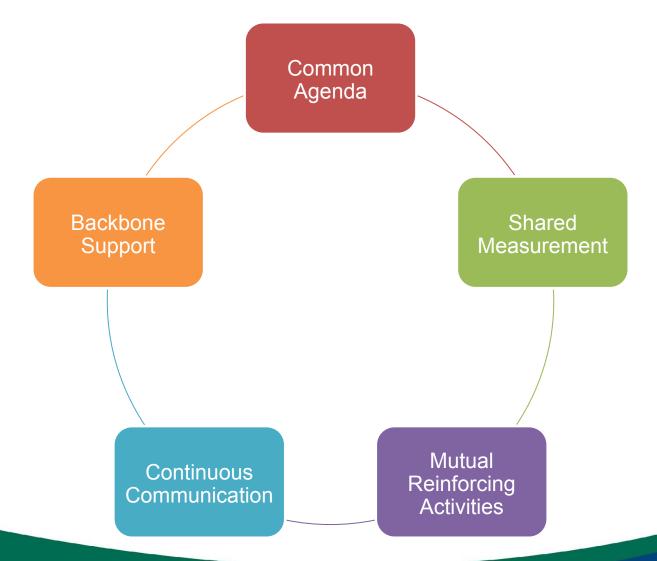
Livable Neighborhood Checklist

Neighborhood
Boundaries
Neighborhood contact

Does your neighborhood have?
⇒Sidewalks that are safe places to walk, push a stroller, or wheelchair?
⇒Connections with public transit, and bike lanes that encourage car-free living?
⇒Places for people to gather, play, share, socialize and celebrate?
⇒Maintained trees, green space and vegetation for all to enjoy?
⇒Well maintained streetlights?
⇒Acceptance of wide variety of residents: ages, cultural and ethnic backgrounds?

East Tacoma Collective Impact Collaborative

A safe, healthy, thriving & equitable East Tacoma



Community Capacity Building & Engagement

Project Goals...

- 1. Collaboratively address health inequities in East Tacoma.
- 2. Build capacity around collection and use of data.
- 3. Facilitate community collaboration through the collection, use and sharing of locally relevant data.



Community Indicators Consortium



Sharing Health Equity Data with Community



Lincoln High School Football Team



"...we have a lot to say about where we live...we see into the future and we want to come back here after college." - Participant

Salishan Senior Apartments



"...involving residents in doing work like this - building on skills that we already have - builds relationships and trust..."

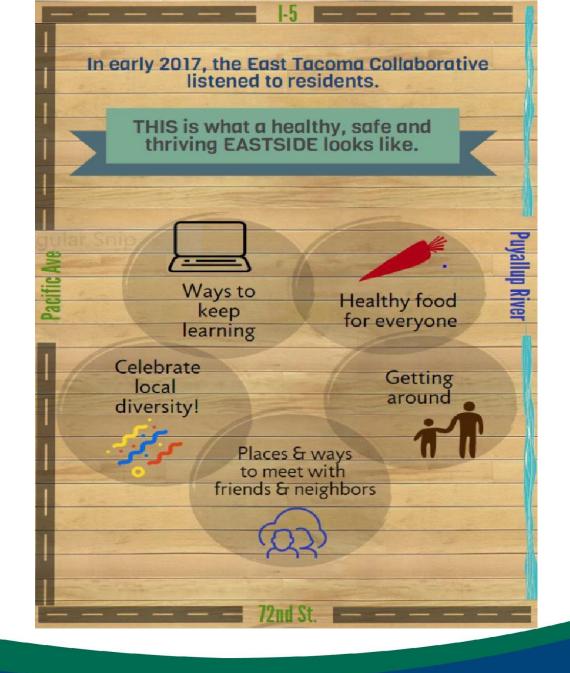
- Lisa, Community Facilitator

Samoan Church



"...many won't talk with agencies for a variety of reasons...small groups led by neighbors help people share honestly."

- Theresa, Facilitator Preliminary results are drafted in a "user friendly" infographic.



Results of community conversations are shared with East Tacoma residents.



Conclusions & Lessons Learned...

- Importance of readiness: Assessing community and/or organizational readiness is key for successful partnership and engagement
- Involving residents in assessment: Developing community residents as facilitators is of high impact and high intensity work
- Valuable opportunity for professional development and organization capacity building

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Questions?

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