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*Get Engaged:  
An ECHO to Increase Skills for  
Community Engaged Research*

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## Series Learning Objectives

After participating in this activity, learners will be able to:

1. Describe key principles, values, and practices of community-engaged research.
2. Conduct community-engaged research that provides positive experiences for community members and improves research design and outcomes.
3. Identify resources, colleagues, and community members to enhance their community-engaged research.

# Series Sessions

<b>Date</b>	<b>Session Title</b>
4/2/2026	<a href="#"><u>Ethical Considerations in Working with Communities</u></a>
4/16/2026	Infrastructure for Working with Community Members
5/7/2026	Pre-research Engagement
5/21/2026	Research Implementation
6/4/2026	Analysis/Dissemination
6/18/2026	Spotlight on Methods

# Ethical Considerations in Working with Communities

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# Agenda

- Research Ethics
- Ethical Considerations in Working with Communities
- Key Principles of Community Engagement
- Community Engagement Tips



# Research Ethics

- Respect for people
  - Informed consent
  - Privacy
- Beneficence
  - Promote well-being and minimize potential harm
- Justice
  - Fair distribution of burdens and benefits
  - Equitable selection of participants
  - Protection of vulnerable populations

# Ethical Considerations in Working with Communities

- How do we know what may be harmful?
- How do we know what may be beneficial?
- How do we know what would be a fair distribution of burdens and benefits?
- How do we we know who is vulnerable?

# Key Principles of Community Engagement

- Focus on community perspectives
- Community input is vital
- Ongoing engagement/Partnership sustainability
- Co-learning, co-capacity building, co-benefit
- Build on community strengths and resources
- Facilitate collaborative, equitable partnership
- Involve all partners in dissemination
- Build and maintain trust

# Community Engagement Skills

- Listening
- Communication
- Sharing power
- Sharing control
- Sharing resources
- Being humble

# Community Engagement Tips for Everyone

- Be clear about motivation and expectation
  - Explicitly articulate motivation
  - Explicitly articulate goals
  - Discuss limitations, parameters, requirements
  - Identify investments
    - Time
    - People
    - Space
  - Talk timelines
  - Identify outputs/products

# Community Engagement Tips for Everyone

- Be clear about motivation and expectation
- Participate. Be involved. Stay in communication.
- Be generous. Be useful.
- Share: resources, decisions, credit
- Ask what is needed
- Build a relationship and stick with it

## Community Engagement Tips for Researchers

- Real people, real organizations, real communities
  - Offer real help
  - Commit to real action
- Don't over-promise and under-deliver
- Don't say “yes” if you mean “no”
- Understand processes **before** you start
  - Ask questions
  - Have contingency plans

Thank you

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