The Community-Engaged Research Framework

Increasing levels of community involvement, communication, trust, and ownership

Community Informed
Community as advisor

Community Involved
Community as collaborator

Shared Leadership
Community as equal partner

Community Led
Community as leader

Community Informed:
Community members participate by advising on research questions, informing data collection approaches, and providing feedback on dissemination. Their advisory capacity ensures the research is well-informed and relevant.

Researchers ask, "What research questions are most important to your community?"

Community Involved:
Community members engage in various ways, such as subcontracting with organizations, serving as advisory partners for data collection, analysis, and interpretation, or co-authoring and co-presenting findings.

Researchers ask, "What specific roles are you interested in taking on?"

Shared Leadership:
Community members and researchers collaborate equally in developing the research, conducting analysis, and disseminating findings.

Researchers ask, "How can we balance our roles and responsibilities effectively and respectfully?"

Community Led:
Community members lead all aspects of a project, from developing research questions to determining how information is analyzed.

Researchers ask, "How can we support you?"

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