



“Engage for Equity (E2): Advancing Community Engaged Partnerships” seeks to extend the science of Community-Based Participatory Research (CBPR) and Community-Engaged Research (CEnR) by developing measures and tools to strengthen partnering and engagement processes.

We built on previous pilot funding (NIMHD, 2006-2009) that developed the CBPR Conceptual Model; and NIH/NARCH “Research for Improved Health” (RIH) funding (2009-2013) that tested & psychometrically-validated measures of engagement and outcomes from 200 federally-funded research partnerships from the 2009 RePORTER data base (<http://cpr.unm.edu/research-projects/cbpr-project/index.html>). Seven in-depth case studies enriched our exploration of partnering practices and outcomes.

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Phase One of E2 Study: Data Collection and Analysis

In Phase 1, we refined measures, translated them into Spanish, and have collected data using two internet surveys from 179 CBPR and community-engaged 2015 federally-funded research projects across diverse communities and health issues in the U.S. 59% of the projects were intervention studies, serving 57% African-American, 43% white, 45% Hispanic/Latino, and 17% Asian communities, with many serving multi-racial/ethnic populations. Partnerships that completed the Key Informant Survey (KIS) and at least two Community Engaged Surveys (CES) have been randomly allocated to be invited to our Partnership Reflection Workshops in the fall of 2017. In early 2018, we will conduct surveys with 50 newer CBPR/CEnR projects. From the total 379 federally-funded partnerships from E2 and previous RIH studies, we have identified promising practices associated with and contributing to a range of intermediate capacity/system, and long-term health and health equity outcomes.

Phase Two of E2 Study: Workshops and Web Intervention

In September and October 2017, Phase 2 launches our Partnership Reflection Workshops and our E2 Website of reflection and evaluation tools for partnerships who completed at least two Community Engaged Surveys in phase one. All projects will receive access to resources in workshops or on the web, including: the Partnership River of Life/Historical Timeline, use of the CBPR Model as a visioning guide for planning or evaluation, Partnership Data Reports, and the Promising Practices Guide, among other tools to strengthen partnering. The E2 website will become open to the public in the future, hosted by our partner, Community Campus Partnerships for Health.

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