Welcome

Webinar on Planning and Design of Community Focused Gatherings

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There **really is no wrong way to interact**.

**Please share**, because we want to hear from you!
Meet the Health Equity Partnership (HEP) team

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About Conveners.org

A 501 (c)3 that develops industry resources for conveners and accelerators to break down organizational silos and unlock the collective potential of the Impact Ecosystem.

We build powerful communities of practice for mission-driven leaders to connect, learn, and collaborate with each other.

We also build the capacity of organizations to convene in ways that are participant-driven, effective, and advance positive change.

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Join Us for Our Next Webinar: 11/30 Calling in Nature as Our Teacher: How Nature Works (11am ET/9am MT/8am PT)
Welcome Participants

Poll Question:
From where are you broadcasting today?
Planning & Design of Community Focused Gatherings

Agenda

About HEP

Challenges to Convening

The HEP Approach to Convening

Outcomes: What the HEP approach has made possible

Discussion

Wrap Up
About Us

Health Equity Partnership founded in 2012

Purpose: Committed to building healthy communities and creating better living conditions.

Role: Serve as a convener and connector

Approach: Create spaces where community members come together to develop solutions.

Accomplishment: Designed and planned over 30 gatherings in the past four years in 11 places with over 1,250 participants.
Webinar Purpose

We will explore how to effectively design community-focused gatherings that are strength-based.

2014 NE Regional Health Council & Community Gathering in Santa Rosa, NM

2016 Statewide Health Equity Gathering in Albuquerque, NM
HEP’s approach to convening is:

• Aligned and reflective of our core values
• Promotes strength-based thinking
Challenges to Convening

• Meetings in the same location.
• Presenter in the front of the room talking at the group.
• Participants aren’t representative of the communities.
• Solutions don’t come from communities.
• Framing is deficit focused and/or stigmatizes participants.
As a participant, what challenges or frustrations have you experienced at gatherings?
The HEP Approach to Convening

Planning & Content Design: Lifting up Community Knowledge

• Community members are the experts.
• Community representatives serve on planning committees.
• Peer learning and sharing our lived experiences is essential.
• Create opportunities and safe spaces for first time presenters.
• Provide diverse activities to support various learning styles.
• Be creative, flexible and adaptable with the agenda flow.
The HEP Approach to Convening

2013 NE Health Council and Community Gathering – Santa Clara, NM
Activity led by Strong Families – New Mexico.
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2015 Southwest Regional Health Councils and Community Gathering
Socorro, NM

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2015 Action-Oriented Small Group Gathering Las Vegas, NM
Cross community learning with folks from Las Cruces, NM

2015 NE Health Council and Community Gathering in Portales, NM
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Logistics: Lifting up Community Assets

• Meeting in person is key to relationship building.
• The venue for each gathering is community-based and accessible.
• We strive to provide food from community-based organizations and work with local vendors.
• Cultural traditions, the arts, sharing of histories and narratives, and visits to community sites are deeply valued.
The HEP Approach to Convening

2014 Statewide Place Matters/Health Impact Assessment Gathering McKinley County, NM
What the HEP approach has made possible

- Community engagement and trust building.
- Authentic dialogue around critical issues.
- Learning, inspiration, and innovation.
- Collaboration and coordination.
- Strengthened leadership.

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...the leadership saw deep into our needs and strengths, had great trust, showed great care and incredible wisdom .... EXCELLENT WORK! - 2016 Statewide Gathering Participant
What practices or strategies have you used to ensure your gatherings are rooted in community strengths?
Wrap Up

What happens next?
We will send participants the slides, recording, an overview of how HEP can support with gatherings, and a follow up survey.

Where can you find us?
Sign up to be a HEP member and/or for our newsletter at [www.nmhep.org](http://www.nmhep.org).
What other effective planning and design of gathering resources would you like others to be aware of?
Thank you!