

PARTICIPATORY RESEARCH with PEOPLE IMPACTED by INCARCERATION

START HERE

CULTIVATE RESEARCH WITH, by and FOR PEOPLE IMPACTED by INCARCERATION

DISRUPT HARMFUL RESEARCH PRACTICES

SET OF VALUES, NOT CHECKLIST

REFLECT on and GROUND IN:

POSITIONALITY

1. WHAT VOICES are MOST PRESENT on YOUR TEAM?
2. WHAT ARE OUR COMMITMENTS & VALUES in THIS WORK?

PROJECT FUNDING

IN PARTNERSHIP!

BUDGET FOR PAYING FOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS' TIME & WORK

EVALUATION

REGULARLY EVALUATE to STRENGTHEN & IMPROVE the WORK

ARE WE UPHOLDING OUR GROUP'S GUIDING PRINCIPLES? GOALS? AND RELATIONSHIPS?

RECRUITMENT

PROVIDE DIRECTION & LEADERSHIP

DIRECTLY IMPACTED COMMUNITY MEMBERS

COMMUNITY RESEARCH COUNCIL

MEET REGULARLY

ENGAGEMENT in RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

INVOLVE COMMUNITY in COLLECTING & ANALYZING DATA

ALLOW COMMUNITY PARTNERS to ENGAGE HOW THEY'D LIKE with PRISON/JAIL FACULTY & STAFF

CONSIDER CONFIDENTIALITY

LAUNCHING a COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD

WHAT are OUR GROUP'S GUIDING PRINCIPLES?

HOW DO WE BUILD RELATIONSHIPS?

ATTEND to COMMUNICATION BARRIERS & OFFER ACCESS

ACCESS to INTERNET

PRISON/JAIL SCHEDULING

DISSEMINATION

SHARE INFO WITH DIRECTLY IMPACTED COMMUNITIES, NOT JUST ACADEMICS

GET CREATIVE!

ART, ZINES, PODCASTS, etc.

NURTURING RELATIONSHIPS

RECIPROCAL RELATIONSHIPS ROOTED in TRUST

CHECK-IN REGULARLY

CELEBRATE PROJECT MILESTONES

TOKENS of APPRECIATION

CELEBRATE and HONOR TIME TOGETHER

MAINTAIN RELATIONSHIPS (DON'T JUST FLY IN & FLY OUT!)

SUNSETTING PROJECT

Participatory Research with People Impacted by Incarceration

1. Start Here

- **Mission:** Cultivate research with, by, and for people impacted by incarceration.
- **Goal:** Disrupt harmful research practices.
- **Approach:** Establish a set of values, not just a checklist.

2. Positionality

- **Reflect on and ground in positionality by asking:**
 1. What voices are most present on your team?
 2. What are our commitments and values in this work?

3. Project Funding

- **Partnership:** Maintain a budget specifically for paying community members for their time and work.

4. Recruitment

- **Community Research Council:** Involve directly impacted community members to provide direction and leadership.
- **Structure:** Ensure the council meets regularly.

5. Launching a Community Advisory Board

- **Key Questions:**
 - What are our group's guiding principles?
 - How do we build relationships?
- **Accessibility:** Attend to communication barriers and offer access, including internet access and navigation of prison/jail scheduling.

6. Engagement in Research Activities

- **Involvement:** Involve the community in collecting and analyzing data.
- **Agency:** Allow community partners to engage how they'd like with prison/jail faculty and staff.
- **Safety:** Always consider confidentiality.

7. Nurturing Relationships

- **Foundation:** Create reciprocal relationships rooted in trust.

- **Maintenance:**

- Check-in regularly.
- Celebrate project milestones.
- Provide tokens of appreciation.

8. Evaluation

- **Consistency:** Regularly evaluate to strengthen and improve the work.
- **Alignment:** Ask: "Are we upholding our group's guiding principles, goals, and relationships?"

9. Dissemination

- **Audience:** Share information with directly impacted communities, not just academics.
- **Creativity:** Use accessible formats like art, zines, podcasts, etc.

10. Sunsetting Project

- **Closure:** Celebrate and honor time spent together.
- **Longevity:** Maintain relationships (don't just "fly in and fly out").

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