



Indiana SNAC Dialogue Session Summary

Session Involvement

Total Number of Attendees:

263

Number of Unique Attendees:

130

Most Attended Session:
Structural Racism in the Built Environment

What common visions do we have?

- Collaboration and mutual understanding of programming, research, and advocacy activities between community members and leaders
- Taking a strengths-based, community-centered approach
- Services and information provided in one location (i.e. SNAP assistance, nutrition education, housing)
- Breaking down stigma
- Building and sustaining trust with both community members and fellow public health professionals
- Sustaining action-oriented community groups

What are our strengths?

- We recognize the value of cross-sectoral partnerships - we have a broad range of gifts that we bring to the table
- There is great work happening at the local level, especially around community partnerships and successful project implementation
- When community members see positive change, they are more willing to become advocates and champion for initiatives
- Students and interns help to jump-start helpful and impactful projects

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What are our opportunities for growth?

- The lack of coordination for needs assessments, data surveying, and understanding of other organizations' processes leads to uncoordinated community efforts and frustration with over-surveying
- Having the "savior complex" mindset of coming in and fixing all of the problems that communities have and not making sustainable changes
- Moderating difficult conversations and engaging members of the community in a representative way that will lead to more sustainable change
 - Language barriers make communication difficult
- Large amounts of turnover and low volunteer capacity make it difficult to earn trust and move forward on projects
- There are so many competing interests personally and professionally and making the case as to why your priority is more important is difficult and tiring when there is no support

Where can SNAC fit in?

- Lead advocacy efforts and form state agency partnerships, as possible
- Begin and promote social media campaigns/ Make a case for the cause
- Provide trainings on how to mediate hard conversations, leverage a volunteer base, and build and maintain coalitions
- Create a database of academic partners willing to work with communities
- Provide an open space to learn from other communities and statewide partners about many program areas
- Highlight successful collaboration among partners

Contact us to learn more about next steps!

Next Steps

Take these identified areas and design strategies, informational meetings, networking events, and webinars to address these topics and those identified in the 2023 SNAC Interest Survey!