Parent Empowerment: Actualizing Community Collaborative Methodologies

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Types of Partnership

Parent Advocates
Parent Caregivers
Mental Health Professionals
Policy Makers
NGO Administrators

Foundation of Collaborative Efforts (McKay et al., 2002)

- Researcher driven
- Researcher retains
- Research skills primary
- One-way/Unbalanced
- Continual suspicion

Goals

Power

Skills

Communication

Trust

- Shared, equal investment
- Fairly distributed
- Community experience valued
- Open opportunities to resolve conflict
- Relied on the good faith of partners, room for mistakes

Collaboration across the Research Process (McKay et al., 2002)

- Study Aims
- Design & sampling
- Measurement
- Procedures
- Implementation
- Evaluation
- Dissemination

- Defined collaboratively
- Shared
- Methods pre-determined
- Projects are co-directed
- Researchers train community members as co-facilitators
- Community fulfills co-author & co-presenter roles
- Researchers present at workshops & conferences