

SOME RESOURCES RELATED TO PARTICIPATORY ACTION RESEARCH AND HEALTH

Readings

Minkler, M & Wallerstein, N., eds. (2003). *Community Based Participatory Research for Health*. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass.

An edited volume with a nice overview of PAR and case studies of community-based research projects related to health.

http://depts.washington.edu/ccph/pdf_files/PH_219C_2002revised.pdf

Meredith Minkler's syllabus from her course, "Participatory Action Research in Public Health"—many great-looking sources for someone with the time to do some library work.

<http://www.ahrq.gov/downloads/pub/evidence/pdf/cbpr/cbpr.pdf>

Report by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality reviewing studies that have used community-based participatory research.

<http://www.ex.ac.uk/imm/Small%20voices.pdf>

Report that reviews health-related research involving lay people in the United Kingdom.

American Journal of Public Health, October 2001, Volume 91, No. 10.

Special issue on community-based participatory research and global health.

Online

<http://www.napcrg.org/exec.html>

Responsible Research with Communities: Participatory Research in Primary Care
Describes the process of creating collaborative research projects that include all parties: academics, physicians, community members, government agencies and other relevant players. Policy statement of the North American Primary Care Research Group. (NAPCRG) November, 1998.

<http://www.heart-health.org/resources/hpromo/level2/journey2.html>

A Guide to Process Evaluation in Community-Based Research – Journey To Heart Health
Practical information to help you through your research. British Columbia (BC) Heart Health, a partnership of the University of Victoria, BC Ministry of Health Planning, Heart and Stroke Foundation of BC, and Healthy Heart Society.

<http://www.sph.umich.edu/urc/index.html>

Home page of the Detroit Community-Academic Urban Research Center, a partnership of the University of Michigan, the Detroit Department of Health and Wellness Promotion, and several community-based organizations. Includes descriptions of several community-based research projects focused on health of Detroit residents, principles of conducting community-based research.

www.ccph.info

Community Campus Partnerships for Health, another organization that “promotes health through partnerships between communities and higher educational institutions.” Lots of links.

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www.fed-up-honeys.org

Website of the Fed Up Honeys, a participatory action research group that grew out of Caitlin Cahill's dissertation work. Among many other great things, includes links to health-related sites of interest to womyn.

www.cqi-mass.org

Website of Consumer Quality Initiatives, a Massachusetts-based nonprofit dedicated to increasing consumer involvement in evaluation and planning of mental and behavioral health services. Click on the link to their Participatory Action Resource Center.

<http://www.incommunityresearch.org/>

Institute for Community Research, which conducts research in collaboration with community partners in education, health, and culture, with an international program.

http://www.who.int/ethics/indigenous_peoples/en/index.html

A section of the World Health Organization's web site, entitled "Indigenous Peoples and Participatory Health Research," which seems to primarily provide a set of guiding principles for conducting research internationally.

Funding

W.K. Kellogg Foundation:

The father of Corn Flakes was a philanthropist who established this foundation with a tradition of funding health initiatives in developing nations and rural North America. Current projects seem to have a participatory approach. The Community Health Scholars Program supports post-doctoral training with a community-based focus.

California Endowment:

Supports projects that address health needs using a community-based approach, in California only.

Federal Funding:

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recently funded 25 community-based prevention research grants, and the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences committed funds for community-driven and action-oriented participatory research, according to an article by Minkler et al. (2003). However, the authors also point out that the funding is small and difficult to obtain, compared to more traditional kinds of research.¹

¹ Minkler, M., Glover Blackwell, A., Thompson, M., & Tamir, H. (2003). Community-based participatory research: Implications for public health funding. *American Journal of Public Health*, v. 93, pp. 1210-1213.

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