OUR MISSION

Promoting community health and development through collaborative research, teaching, and service.

The KU Work Group provides support and evaluation services for local and national initiatives. We work with partners to promote community and public health, child/youth health and development, and community development. Our overall aim is to help understand and assure conditions that affect community health and development for all.

Established in 1975, the KU Work Group is affiliated with the Department of Applied Behavioral Science and the Schiefelbusch Institute for Life Span Studies at the University of Kansas.

PRIMARY CAPABILITIES

- Community Research: Participatory methods for studying how communities effect change and improvement.
- Capacity Building: Tools and training for building competencies for community work.

RESEARCH AND EVALUATION

- We seek to understand how communities bring about change and improvement.
- We help groups use data to understand and improve their efforts.

TEACHING

- We offer undergraduate and graduate training in community health and development, and a Joint M.P.H. - Ph.D. degree program

PUBLIC SERVICE

- Through the Community Tool Box, http://ctb.ku.edu, we provide free, online resources for learning community-building skills to millions of people around the world.

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Evaluation Services: Using participatory approaches, we work with partners to better understand, document, and improve their efforts.

Online Documentation and Support Systems (ODSS): Online tools enable users to graph and display data, reflect on efforts, and report results and success stories to funders and stakeholders.

Community WorkStations: Customized web platforms support online collaboration, including through sharing materials, announcements, and customized tools and guidance.

Training Curriculum and Capacity-Building: Field-tested training modules cover core competencies such as planning and evaluation. Each module includes a participant’s workbook, facilitator’s outline, and customizable PowerPoints.

ILLUSTRATIVE FUNDERS AND PARTNERS

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