

# Equality State Research Network (ESRN)

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A Community and Practice Based Research Network – works closely with partners across Wyoming to develop and answer research questions that are relevant to patient-centered outcomes.

1. To identify actionable community health and education challenges
2. To develop and conduct innovative research that address those challenges
3. Improve community outcomes

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**



**SCIENTIFIC INQUIRY**



**QUALITY IMPROVEMENT**

# Community Based Participatory Research

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*“A collaborative approach to research that equitably involves all partners in the research process and recognizes the unique strengths that each brings.”*

--W.K. Kellogg Foundation (2001)

# Community Based Participatory Research

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## Key Characteristics:

1. Collaborative, equitable partnership in all phases of research
2. Community is the unit of identity
3. CBPR builds on strengths and resources of community
4. CBPR fosters co-learning and capacity building
5. Balance between knowledge generation and benefit for community partners
6. CBPR focuses on problems of local relevance
7. CBPR disseminates results to all partners & involves all partners in wider dissemination
8. CBPR involves a long-term process and commitment to sustainability

Israel, Eng, Schulz, & Parker (2005). Introduction to Methods in Community-Based Participatory Research for Health. In Methods in Community-Based Participatory Research for Health.

# Why is this important?!

Traditional  
(On)

Community- Engaged  
Research  
(In)

Community Based  
Participatory  
Research (CBPR)  
(With)

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❖ Community Organizations

❖ Patients

❖ Families

❖ Advocates

❖ Healthcare Professionals

❖ Research

❖ Academic Educators

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# Core Values

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- ❖ All partners are equal in their contribution
- ❖ No one entity will drive the approach of the network
- ❖ Foster collaborative relationships between partners

# Partnerships

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## **COMMUNITY PARTNER(S)**

- ❖ Learn and have an active participation in research
- ❖ Assist in identifying research priorities
- ❖ Connect the researcher and the community

## **RESEARCHER(S)**

- ❖ Responsive to community needs / priorities
- ❖ Dedicated to the long-term outcomes
- ❖ Assist in identifying, and researching priorities

## **EQUALITY STATE RESEARCH NETWORK**

- ❖ Training for all partners on core values and practices of community-practice based research
- ❖ Facilitation of relationships between community partner(s) + researcher(s)
- ❖ Increase awareness of ESRN priorities
- ❖ Dissemination of findings



# Resources offered by the ESRN

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- ❖ Community-based participatory training for all partners
- ❖ Research Support
  - ❖ Access to survey database (Redcap)
  - ❖ Statistics support
  - ❖ CBPR methods support
  - ❖ Recruitment
- ❖ Community engagement and outreach
- ❖ Letters of support for grants, research, etc.

# Current Studies

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- ❖ Tele-Rehabilitation
- ❖ Telehealth Provider Perception
- ❖ Development Screening Card

As of January 2020

# Next Steps

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- ❖ Community Engagement
- ❖ Establishing Scope / Roles of Network
- ❖ Identifying Key Priorities/Theme that will guide research agenda
- ❖ Establishing Network Advisory Committee

# Health Priorities Across Wyoming

The **Equality State Research Network** wants to work with you to identify health priorities and concerns in your community, family, or place of work.

**Share your topics of priority:**

The Equality State Research Network (ESRN) is a statewide network committed to engaging in community-based research to improve the overall health of Wyoming residents. The ESRN relies on community engagement, quality improvement, and scientific inquiry from a collaborative network of community members, healthcare providers, educators, physicians, patients, families and anyone interested in healthcare.



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