

Community Level Summary Assessment

Rating Scale

1. Not a universal community practice
2. Efforts are underway to increase this community practice
3. This community practice is in place and we have evidence of its use
4. This is our community practice and we model it for others

Directions: Using the scale above, fill in the blanks with the number that best describes your community with the statements listed below.

___ Inclusive: Our community welcomes and celebrates diversity in all its forms

___ Inclusive: People of all backgrounds feel valued and respected and have a sense of belonging in the community

___ Fairness: Our community prioritizes fairness in the distribution of resources, services, and opportunities

___ Fairness: In our community everyone has access to quality education, healthcare, housing, transportation, and other essential services

___ Collaboration: Our community fosters collaboration among individuals, organizations, and institutions to create positive change

___ Collaboration: Community members work together to identify and address the needs of all members of the community

___ Empowerment: Our community empowers individuals and groups who have been historically marginalized or excluded from decision-making processes

___ Empowerment: Our community creates opportunities for all community members to participate in the decision-making process and have their voices heard

___ Sustainability: Our community is sustainable, built on principles that promote long-term social, economic, and environmental well-being

___ Sustainability: Our community prioritizes the needs of future generations and works to ensure that resources are used responsibly and efficiently

___ Safety: Our community prioritizes safety for all individuals. This includes physical safety as well as emotional and psychological safety

___ Safety: Community members work together to address issues such as crime, violence, and discrimination

___ Accessible: Our community is accessible to all individuals, regardless of physical or mental abilities

___ Accessible: Our community prioritizes the needs of individuals with disabilities and work to remove barriers to full participation in community life

Community Level Detailed Assessment

Equitable communities are those in which all individuals have access to the resources and opportunities necessary for a high quality of life, regardless of their race, ethnicity, gender, age, ability, or socio-economic status.

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1. Not a regular community practice
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3. This community practice is in place, and we have evidence of its use
4. This is our community practice, and we model it for others

Directions: Using the rating scale above, fill in the blanks with the number that best describes your community with the statements listed below.

Inclusivity: Ensuring that everyone has a voice and that no one is excluded from the decision-making process.

___ All residents are included in the civic space of our community

___ All residents are included in civic participation

___ Our community welcomes and celebrates diversity in all its forms

___ Community decision-making process includes diverse voices and perspectives from multiple community sectors.

___ Community and economic development initiatives include diverse voices and perspectives from multiple community sectors.

___ Barriers to participation in community and economic development initiatives are resolved

___ Each member of the community has an equal opportunity to participate in community and economic development initiatives

___ People of all backgrounds are valued and respected and have a sense of belonging in the community

___ Communication with diverse community members is transparent and culturally responsive

Collaboration: Working together with community members, organizations, and stakeholders to identify and address community needs.

___ The continuum from networking to coordinating to cooperating to collaborating to co-creating is understood and utilized

___ The decision-making process for community and economic development initiatives involves collaboration with diverse community members, organizations, and stakeholders, especially those experiencing issues of concern

___ Building trust and relationships with diverse community members is a priority

___ Collaborative efforts with diverse community members address systemic disparities and promote equity

___ Communication with diverse community members is transparent and culturally responsive

___ Community members, organizations, and stakeholders identify and prioritize community needs

___ Collaboration with historically marginalized communities and individuals is prioritized in community and economic development efforts

___ All community members, organizations and stakeholders have an equal opportunity to participate in community and economic development initiatives

___ Collaboration is continuously evaluated and improved

___ Community fosters collaboration among individuals, organizations, and institutions to create positive change

___ Community members work together to identify and address the needs of all members of the community

Equity: Striving to provide fair and equal opportunities for all members of the community, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, or socio-economic status.

___ Underserved neighborhoods and groups are prioritized in community and economic development initiatives

___ Bias and discrimination in the community and economic development process is actively addressed and eliminated

Physical resources

___ All residents have access to parks and playgrounds close to their neighborhoods

___ All residents have access to green spaces close to their neighborhoods

___ Affordable and safe housing is available to all our residents

___ Residents have access to program and services that help with home ownership

___ Public housing officials rely on resident input for public housing policies

___ We live in an environmentally clean community

___ The number and location of community centers in my community are sufficient

Services

___ Everyone has access to quality education, healthcare, housing, transportation, and other essential services

___ The community prioritizes fairness in the distribution of resources, services, and opportunities

___ Elderly and other vulnerable populations can easily access resources

___ Elderly and other vulnerable populations benefit from the resources available in the community

___ The community has ownership/control over areas of basic needs and services

Quality Education

___ Everyone has access to quality education

___ All school districts in our community have adequate resources

___ Teachers and school staffs are paid living wages

Quality Healthcare

___ Everyone has access to quality healthcare

___ Community health centers and hospitals in our community are available and easily accessed by residents

___ The number of health care professionals is sufficient (nurses, doctors, midwives, specialists, etc.).

___ Social determinants of health underpin health systems and services in our community

Quality Transportation

___ Residents in all neighborhoods have access to quality public transportation

___ Public transportation works during the weekdays

___ Public transportation works during the weekends

___ Public transportation is available after hours

___ The roads/ streets of all neighborhoods in my community are in a good condition

___ My community has sidewalks to walk in all neighborhoods

Quality Public Safety

___ Residents in all neighborhoods are safe in the community

___ Residents in all neighborhoods are safe at home

___ Police security cameras are use across the entire community

___ Our community prioritizes safety for all individuals and families. This includes physical safety as well as emotional and psychological safety

Quality Communication

___ All residents can easily access information related to quality-of-life issues

___ All residents have access to community / neighborhood news

___ Residents positively interact with their neighbors

___ All residents have access to high-speed internet infrastructure

Job/Employment:

___ Our community provides employment opportunities and treats everyone equally in the application process

___ Entrepreneurial resources, including loans and grants, are available to all residents

Sustainability: Developing strategies and solutions that are environmentally, socially, and economically sustainable over the long term.

___ Our community's economic development initiatives prioritize social equity and environmental sustainability

___ Our community is built on principles that promote long-term social, economic, and environmental well-being for all residents, in all neighborhoods

___ Our community is built on principles that promote local ownership/control of basic needs services and resources

___ Our community prioritizes the needs of future generations and works to ensure that resources are used responsibly and efficiently

Empowerment: Providing resources, support, and education to help community members build their skills, capacity, and leadership.

___ Our community empowers individuals and groups who have been historically marginalized or excluded from decision-making processes

___ Our community creates opportunities for all community members to participate in the decision-making process and have their voices heard

___ Our community is accessible to all individuals, regardless of physical or mental abilities

___ Our community prioritizes the needs of individuals with disabilities and work to remove barriers to full participation in community life

___ Resources and information about community and economic development initiatives are accessible to all members of the community