

Meera Kumanan (00:00):

The common thread running through all of their answers was at the essence of community engagement, meeting people where they are,

Qua'Tavia White (00:08):

Meet people, where they are really has just gotta meet people and families where they are.

Molly Brown (00:12):

Exclamation point, exclamation point.

Meera Kumanan (00:15):

Part of meeting people where they are is so that we can progress through the spectrum of community engagement to ownership. First developed by Rosa Gonzalez of Facilitating Power, this model recognizes that closing gaps in equity and catalyzing systems change requires direct participation and ownership by the impacted community in developing and implementing solutions. The ultimate goal is for 100% of decisions to be community-led. How have you seen the progression through the spectrum in your site, and where do you hope to see it moving forward?

Qua'Tavia White (00:50):

The past year we've really focused on building up that ownership of the program with our providers and partnering agency leaders. Looking forward, I would like to see that increase across our providers and for them to really take ownership of engaging the community. We've seen a few successes across the region. One of our hubs, they've been meeting about every month to every six weeks to really do some peer support. The idea involved of them actually taking Triple P to the community and now they're planning a community event center around raising the community using Triple P.

Molly Brown (01:27):

And with that particular hub, the standard was kind of to meet four times a year. They meet once a month. They didn't want, you know, to go that long without seeing each other being available. And they found that whatever it was, whatever challenge, they could mention it and then everyone could kind of chime in and share, Hey, did you think about this? Or, you know, how do we feel about this? And very action oriented. So it's really been nice to see that unity and, and energy blossom. So to watch this hub say, No, we wanna meet more, yes, we wanna plan an event, they would find a way. They're that concerned about their community, their families, they want to make a difference. They, they're very passionate, they truly care

Meera Kumanan (02:17):

Back to Will. When we take a step back and look at implementation practice as a whole, how does the field and the impact center work to progress through that spectrum from community engagement to ownership?

Will Aldridge (02:32):

This is a way that implementation practice itself is really trying to push itself. We're trying to play a hand in that and what we do at the Impact Center at FPG because even as we try to move science to practice, my observation is more often than not, we're still asking community to either come to us as the field of,

you know, scientific work or meet us somewhere along that pathway, whether that's halfway or a quarter of the way. So what we're really starting to think about is how do we really come fully to the community?

Meera Kumanan ([03:14](#)):

Once again, meeting people where they are,

Will Aldridge ([03:17](#)):

If this is really gonna work, and particularly if it's gonna sustain, it really has to be owned by the community.

Meera Kumanan ([03:25](#)):

It sounds like we need to approach community engagement with real humility, partnering with community so that they can be entirely self sustainable. Would you say that that is an appropriate mindset to enter this work with?

Molly Brown ([03:38](#)):

That's the ultimate goal. We want everything from grassroots all the way up to our county commissioners and our judges. We want every layer involved understanding what Triple P is and how it makes the community better.

Qua'Tavia White ([03:56](#)):

Once we had one success of this in our region, we will share this with other providers and they will duplicate it.