



Community Partnerships: Why, When & How

Bonnie Olsen, Ph.D.

Professor of Clinical Family Medicine

Keck School of Medicine of USC

September 15, 2016

Why: Partnerships with Community Agencies

- Recruitment sites
- Intervention sites
- Data retrieval

Who: Partnerships of interest in Elder Abuse work

- Adult Protective Services
- Ombudsman's Office
- Public Guardians
- Elder law practitioners
- Judiciary, Court system
- Financial Institutions
- Emergency Departments
- Community Health Clinics
- Skilled Nursing Facilities
- Assisted Living Facilities
- Social Service Agencies
- Adult Day Health/Care Centers
- Senior Centers
- Meals on Wheels
- Alzheimer's Association
- And many more....

How: Developing Commitment

- Identify key personnel
- Engage them in planning processes
- Foster passion for your work (Why are we doing this?)
- Identify where goals and interests align
- Keep them engaged

How: Facilitate a Culture of Collaboration

- Ask for their input and advice
- Understand their workflow
- Understand their limitations
- Identify motivators for their engagement

Lessons Learned

ACL/AIM (Abuse Intervention/Prevention Model) Study

- Primary care clinics
- APS

Archstone/Educating Caregivers

- Caregiver support groups

UniHealth/EA Telehealth

- LA County EA Forensic Center
- APS