

CIRTification: Community Involvement in Research Training in Human Research Protections

UNIQUE FEATURES

Relevant to Community-Engaged Research

- All examples and case studies involve community-engaged research projects
- Discussion of why academic researchers engage communities and the additional protections that community engagement provides

Addresses Unique Ethical Issues that Arise in Community-Engaged Research

- Group harms
- Ethical issues in recruiting individuals who receive community agency services or are otherwise known to community partners
- Privacy/confidentiality issues when individuals conduct research in their own communities
- Informed consent challenges in vulnerable populations (e.g., illiteracy, limited access to services)

Simplified Language, Targeted Concepts

- All materials written in lay language
- Glossary of key research terms
- Some introduction to research basics (e.g., How Does Human Research Happen?, What is Research? Is it Research?)
- Unit on research integrity and good research practices

Interactive format

- Discussion-based activities
- Focus on skills-building, especially obtaining informed consent (e.g., role play “Informed Consent in Action”)

“Train-the-trainer” Model

- Provides resources and materials for investigators (with limited training in human research protections) as well as HRP educators (with little knowledge of community-engaged research) that can be adapted to a variety of community research partners
- Facilitator manual includes 3 pages of guidance on how to use the manual , addressing the intended audience, formats/timelines, and fidelity to key concepts
- Facilitator materials include additional background materials with references, discussion and activity guides, and presentation notes
- Materials to help investigators demonstrate suitability of CIRTification to HRP administrators

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