CIROP MEASURE

A Tool to Measure the <u>C</u>ommunity <u>I</u>mpacts of <u>R</u>esearch <u>O</u>riented <u>P</u>artnerships

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Description:

The CIROP Measure is a 33-item, generic tool designed to measure the impact of research partnerships (in the social and health service sectors) from the perspective of community members (i.e., those receiving information or services from the partnership…**you**). Community members also have important influences on research partnerships by contributing their skills, knowledge, and insights. For the purpose of this questionnaire, however, the focus is on how, and to what extent, a specific research partnership has had an influence on **you**, **your organization or group**, and **your community**.

The CIROP Measure informs research partnerships about the extent of their impact they have had on their target audiences in the areas of 1) Personal Knowledge Development, 2) Personal Research Skill Development, 3) Organizational/Group Access To and Use of Information, and 4) Community and Organizational Development.

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INSTRUCTIONS

The purpose of this tool is to gather information on how a specific research partnership may have influenced or benefited you, your organization, and/or your community.

The CIROP Measure consists of a list of statements about the possible benefits of a research partnership. For each item, please respond by checking a circle above one number from 1 (Not at All) to 7 (To a Very Great Extent) **that best fits your experiences**.

Please **complete all questions**. If a question does not apply, you should indicate this by checking the corresponding circle. If you do not know the answer to a question, you should indicate this by checking the "Don't Know" option.

Please <u>fill in the blank</u> or check (e.g., ☒ ☑ ▣) the most appropriate option for each question.

Respondent's Information

Your Unique Identifying Number is:

Date You Completed this Form:

Day   Month   Year

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Identifying the Research Partnership	The **name of the research partnership** that you will keep in mind while completing this form is _____ _____.	How long have you **known about/been aware of** this Partnership?	Years	Months

OVER THE PAST YEAR, to what extent has your experience with the partnership…	To a Very Great Extent 7	To a Great Extent 6	To a Fairly Great Extent 5	To a Moderate Extent 4	To a Small Extent 3	To a Very Small Extent 2	Not at All 1	Don't Know	Not Applicable
Personal Knowledge Development									
1 …**increased or changed your personal knowledge or understanding about a topic** (e.g., exposed you to different areas of expertise and new knowledge about the current research and thinking in a field; raised awareness of different issues, perspectives, and needs)**?**	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	DK	N/A
2 …**changed your beliefs/understandings with respect to an intervention or approach, a topic, or a group of people** (e.g., led to a new way of thinking or to a broader or new perspective, altered ideas about how to best deliver service or programs)**?**	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	DK	N/A
3 …**confirmed your feelings about the importance of particular issues** (i.e., confirmed a viewpoint that you previously had)**?**	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	DK	N/A
4 …**increased your confidence in your professional or daily practice or day-to-day activities?**	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	DK	N/A
5 …**improved your access to up-to-date information** (e.g., current research and thinking in the field)**?**	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	DK	N/A
Personal Research Skill Development									
6 …**helped you to become better at raising questions to be examined in research** (e.g., led to more comfort and **confidence** in asking questions; fostered your desire to critically appraise what you're doing yourself)**?**	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	DK	N/A
7 …**increased your receptiveness to new ideas or evidence?**	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	DK	N/A
8 …**improved your ability to know how to find or access relevant research information?**	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	DK	N/A
9 …**enhanced your personal ability or confidence to conduct a research or program evaluation study?**	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	DK	N/A
10 …**provided you with an opportunity for professional or personal development** (e.g., building your research skills or enhancing your statistical ability)**?**	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	DK	N/A
11 …**led you to pursue different activities to develop your research skills** (e.g., going back to school or attending a course)**?**	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	DK	N/A

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<tr><td rowspan="2">Identifying Your Organization or Group</td><td rowspan="2">For the next set of questions you need to think about the ORGANIZATION or GROUP about which you have the best first-hand knowledge. This organization/group may be the place at which you work or volunteer (such as a service delivery organization, a university department or faculty, a community-based advocacy group, or a self-help group).</td></tr>
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OVER THE PAST YEAR, to what extent has your organization's or group's experience with the partnership…	To a Very Great Extent 7	To a Great Extent 6	To a Fairly Great Extent 5	To a Moderate Extent 4	To a Small Extent 3	To a Very Small Extent 2	Not at All 1	Don't Know	Not Applicable
12…increased or changed your organization's or group's knowledge or understanding about a topic (e.g., exposed your organization or group to different areas of expertise and new knowledge; raised awareness of different issues, perspectives, and needs)**?**	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	DK	N/A
13…changed your organization's or group's beliefs/understandings with respect to an intervention or approach, a topic, or a group of people (e.g., led to a new way of thinking or to a broader or new perspective, altered ideas about how to best deliver service or programs)**?**	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	DK	N/A
14…confirmed your organization's or group's feelings about the importance of particular issues (i.e., provided information that what your organization or group is doing is effective)**?**	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	DK	N/A
15…increased your organization's or group's confidence in being able to use the knowledge in practice or day-to-day activities?	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	DK	N/A
16…improved your organization's or group's access to up-to-date information (e.g., current research and thinking in the field)**?**	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	DK	N/A
17…enhanced the importance of evidence in the eyes of people in your organization or group?	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	DK	N/A

OVER THE PAST YEAR, to what extent has your organization or group used information and materials provided by the partnership to…

	To a Very Great Extent 7	To a Great Extent 6	To a Fairly Great Extent 5	To a Moderate Extent 4	To a Small Extent 3	To a Very Small Extent 2	Not at All 1	Don't Know	Not Applicable
18…improve the types or nature of the activities, services, programs, or courses offered by your organization or group?	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	DK	N/A
19…provide affirmation of the organization's or group's existence and purpose?	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	DK	N/A
20…provide information resources for people receiving services from your organization or group?	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	DK	N/A
21…provide a stronger platform for further growth and development (i.e., help your organization or group to jump start planning activities)**?**	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	DK	N/A

Organizational/Group Access To and Use of Information

Identifying Your Community	In some of the next questions you need to think about the **COMMUNITY** about which you have the **best first-hand knowledge**. Select the broadest or largest community about which you have first-hand knowledge (i.e., knowledge that you have a reasonable amount of confidence in). A community refers to either (1) a geographical area (such as a city, province, or state), or (2) a group, association, or network of people who share a common interest (such as a network of people interested in aging).

OVER THE PAST YEAR, to what extent has the partnership…	To a Very Great Extent 7	To a Great Extent 6	To a Fairly Great Extent 5	To a Moderate Extent 4	To a Small Extent 3	To a Very Small Extent 2	Not at All 1	Don't Know	Not Applicable
22…generated more research opportunities for members of your organization or group?	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	DK	N/A
23…improved/developed your organization's or group's capacity to undertake research (e.g., provided money, resources, skills, tools, products, or knowledge about a particular topic area)**?**	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	DK	N/A
24…increased the amount of research being conducted in your community?	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	DK	N/A
25…enhanced the importance of evidence in the eyes of people in your community?	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	DK	N/A
26…generated increased research opportunities for the community?	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	DK	N/A
27…improved/developed your community's capacity to undertake research (e.g., provided money, resources, skills, tools, products, or knowledge in a particular topic area)**?**	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	DK	N/A
28…enhanced your community's ability to utilize outside knowledge more effectively?	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	DK	N/A
29…helped to generate stronger research connections within your community?	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	DK	N/A

OVER THE PAST YEAR, to what extent has your community used information and materials provided by the partnership to…

	To a Very Great Extent 7	To a Great Extent 6	To a Fairly Great Extent 5	To a Moderate Extent 4	To a Small Extent 3	To a Very Small Extent 2	Not at All 1	Don't Know	Not Applicable
30…generate a stronger local community (i.e., make it a better place to live)**?**	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	DK	N/A
31…enhance community awareness or more positive community attitudes?	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	DK	N/A
32…promote interagency collaboration or strong cross-agency working relationships (e.g., increase networking and the exchange of information about meetings, conferences, and training opportunities)**?**	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	DK	N/A
33…strengthen or support community action or advocacy efforts (e.g., improve community willingness to tackle an issue)?	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	DK	N/A

Community and Organizational Development

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Respondent's Comments	Please share your thoughts about the areas in which the research partnership has had its most and least impact.

Partnership's Major Areas of Impact?

In the space provided below, please list 3 areas in which you think the partnership has had the most impact.

1. _____
   _____
2. _____
   _____
3. _____
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Partnership's Areas of Least Impact?

In the space provided below, please list 3 areas in which you think the partnership has had relatively less impact.

1. _____
   _____
2. _____
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3. _____
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General Comments?

In the space provided below, please feel free to provide any general comments you have about this questionnaire and/or the impact of research partnerships.

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Thank you for completing the CIROP Measure!