

# Technocratic and Democratic Community Engagement

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## GUIDES FOR TRANSFORMATIVE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

1. Introduction to Community Engagement
2. Technocratic Engagement
  - For the public
  - Deficit-based
  - Unidirectional flow of knowledge
  - Disseminates knowledge to the community
  - Views others as 'clients' in need of problem solving
3. Democratic Engagement
  - With the public
  - Asset-based
  - Shared authority
  - Co-creation of knowledge
  - Inclusive
  - Collaborative
  - Emphasis is on community change
  - Focus on integrating various expertise from various sources
4. Applying the Principles Activity
5. Transformative Partnerships
  - Definition
  - Essential characteristics
  - Outcomes
  - Conditions
6. Servant Leadership
  - Key characteristics
  - Fundamental behaviors
7. Discussion Activity
8. Conclusion



Community Partnerships are essential.

Technocratic and Democratic Community Engagement approaches serve as guides on how to form community partnerships.

Both approaches are very different and can be applied in different situations, depending on goal and need.

Transformative Partnerships are generally most effective and are emphasized.

Servant Leadership can serve as a further guide for community partnerships, particularly democratic community engagement.



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## Notes

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