OUR MISSION
Supporting community health and development through collaborative research and evaluation, teaching and training, and technical support and capacity building.

The KU Center for Community Health and Development provides support and evaluation services for local and national initiatives. We work with partners to promote community and public health, child/youth health and development, and community development. Our overall aim is to help understand and assure conditions that affect community health and development for all.

Established in 1975, the Center is affiliated with the Department of Applied Behavioral Science and the Schiefelbusch Institute for Life Span Studies at the University of Kansas.

PRIMARY CAPABILITIES
- Community Research: Participatory methods for studying how communities effect change and improvement.
- Capacity Building: Tools and training for building competencies for community work.

RESEARCH AND EVALUATION
- We seek to understand how communities bring about change and improvement.
- We help groups use data to understand and improve their efforts.

TEACHING
- We offer undergraduate and graduate training in community health and development, and a Joint M.P.H. - Ph.D. degree program

PUBLIC SERVICE
- Through the Community Tool Box, http://ctb.ku.edu, we provide free, online resources for learning community-building skills to millions of people around the world.

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Participatory Evaluation: We work with partners to use data to better understand, document, and improve their efforts.

Community Check Box: Online evaluation tools enable users to capture, graph, and display data, reflect on efforts, and report results and success stories to funders and stakeholders.

Community WorkStations: Customized web platforms support online collaboration, including through sharing materials, announcements, and customized tools and guidance.

Training Curriculum: Field-tested training covers core competencies such as assessment, planning, and evaluation. Each training module includes a participant’s workbook and a customizable PowerPoint with detailed facilitator notes.

Technical Assistance and Capacity-Building: We have decades of experience teaching and stimulating use of community competencies; online and in person through workshops, webinars, and classes.

ILLUSTRATIVE FUNDERS AND PARTNERS
- Local, state and national agencies
- National Institutes of Health
- U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
- Foundations

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