

Our Growing Understanding of Community Engagement

The Community Engagement Continuum

We found a community engagement continuum that illustrates the different levels of engagement. It shows how engagement can move through passive approaches such as community consultation to proactive approaches such as community development.



Source: Effective Interventions Unit (2002)

We found this engagement continuum helpful because it showed us how our approach to community engagement fits in context with other types of approaches.

Using this continuum we are able to understand that Tamarack's approach to community engagement is proactive. This helped up to realize our niche in community engagement work. Understanding this enables us to focus our research on finding examples and tools for fostering community empowerment.



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