



# Balancing Partner Needs

## A Researcher's Guide

As a researcher, you generally enter into a project looking for an outcome or answer to a particular need or question. You must determine the community's level of readiness to participate in the study. Once readiness is evaluated, you can the input and opinions of the community to make it successful. The community can also help to recruit participants into the study. A researcher needs all of these components to help achieve the outcome they are searching to find.

Clinicians are involved in the process to give a healthcare prospective on various topics included in the research. Their needs center on interpreting research findings and determining ways of applying them to practice. Because they are caring for patients most of the day, it is necessary for the research to be as convenient and easy as possible. Plus, research findings need to be transferred into useful and efficient practices for patient care.

Community members participate in research in a variety of ways to help address priority health issues. Many communities suffer from disease or injury that can be prevented or managed to ensure a better quality of life. The community need to have trust in the researchers, clinicians, and organizers working on the project. They also need to have a voice in the research to offer your first-hand knowledge into the population. Lastly, the community needs to be empowered to enhance positive changes based on continued efforts in research discoveries the future.

