

Assessment of Community and Academic Leaders to Inform the Facilitation of Community-Engaged Translational Research in the State of Georgia

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- Background
 - Community-academic partnerships have been a priority of the Georgia CTSA
 - Georgia CTSA Community Engagement team administered community and academic surveys and inquired about interest in participating in key informant interviews
 - Goals of key informant interviews:
 - identify both the community engaged translation research collaboration experience and collaboration interests of academic researchers or faculty at partnership institutions.
 - develop responsive technical assistance, partnership facilitation and capacity building.

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- Methods
 - Conducted key informant interviews with academic and community partners in Georgia
 - Questions aimed to assess:
 - Contributions to successful community-academic partnerships
 - Contributions to unsuccessful community-academic partnerships
 - Ways the Georgia CTSA can support partnerships/collaborations
 - Areas of interest for collaboration
 - Areas of research
 - Interest in committee service

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- Results
 - N=31 interviews (22 academic, 9 community (interviews ongoing))
 - Contributions to successful community—academic partnerships
 - Mutual interest and goals
 - Commitment to building a relationship
 - Strong communication
 - Cultural responsiveness
 - Breadth of resources
 - Trust and support between partners
 - Low turnover

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- Results continued...
 - Contributions to unsuccessful community-academic partnerships
 - Lack of commitment
 - Lack of buy-in/common interests
 - Lack/mismatch of experience
 - Limited resources/high turnover
 - Lack of relationship/common understanding
 - Poor communication
 - Ways Georgia CTSA can support partnerships
 - Engagement with community members in specific professions/areas
 - Resources for creating/facilitating partnerships
 - Knowledge/tangible resources
 - Resources for clinical research
 - Directory/repository

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- Conclusion
 - We will develop a revised or expanded version of the model for building collaborative research capacity previously proposed by the Georgia CTSA CE
 - Georgia CTSA CE Partner Database:
<https://georgiactsa.org/community/partner-database/index.html>