

Guidance on what to include in paragraph to support making NU research or community connections

- Sentence or 2 about who's making the request- you/your org (or dept)- what you focus on, who you serve, etc.
- Sentence or two about what you're interested in focusing on for the research or partnership
- Sentence or two about what you are seeking in potential academic (or community) partners- type of experience/expertise/representation, roles/responsibilities, timeline? Who people should contact if interest, etc?

Below are a few examples. All of these led to connections with Northwestern faculty and two led to successful ARCC Partnership Development Seed Grant applications. Please don't share these outside of your team.

SEXpectations is an interactive, youth-led workshop designed for youth who are sexually active or sexually curious, ages 16 to 26. We believe that sex should be safe and enjoyable for everyone involved. Our team of trusted young adults developed SEXpectations to help participants understand the importance of communication, consent, and practicing safer sex. We are seeking a faculty member that has an interest in researching best practices for promoting safer sex in youth and young adults; how communication promotes safer sex practices (and possibly reducing unplanned pregnancy, HIV/STI rates). A faculty member with expertise in public/community health and sexual health is a plus! We are focusing on youth of color in the city of Chicago, primarily in the West Side and Southside neighborhoods.

The Englewood Asthma Coalition: Teamwork Englewood is the lead organization for the Englewood Quality of Life Plan. The mission of Teamwork Englewood is to improve the quality of life of the residents and stakeholders of Englewood by facilitating economic, educational, and social opportunities. Its vision is to build community capacity by collaborating with local and potential stakeholders to create an environment that fosters the tenants for a healthy and vibrant Englewood. EQLP has five taskforces that include Health and Wellness, and Education and Youth. Childhood asthma is a health issue that continues to affect the communities of Englewood and West Englewood. Increased school absenteeism and emergency room visits are associated with poor asthma management and awareness. The EQLP seek to address these issues by forming a coalition of health providers, Chicago Public School officials, and local community organizations to decrease the affects of a disease that can be managed with the proper engagement. An ideal research partner would be one who has had experience improving the health outcome of children diagnosed with asthma in low-income areas using community-based participation methods of engagement.

Northern Illinois Recovery Community Organization (NIRCO) is an independent grassroot 501 (c) 3 located in Waukegan, Illinois with membership in the national recovery advocacy organization Faces and Voices of Recovery, Association of Recovery Community Organization.

NIRCO's mission is to promote recovery principles for individuals, families and communities in Northern Lake County through peer to peer engagement, recovery education, recovery advocacy and community collaboration. The goal is to reduce the stigma of addiction and mental health and promote a healthy lifestyle by engaging individuals in recovery management to access and sustain long term recovery. NIRCO is interested in learning through research the significance of engaging communities of color in addressing the impact of the opioid epidemic on individuals, families and communities. Historically, communities of color have been ravaged by substance use, including heroin, cocaine, alcohol and opioids. Sadly, communities of color voices have failed to ring loudly in the discussion. NIRCO is interested in a community partnership with researchers to explore engaging recovery management to improve health equity. NIRCO is looking to connect with a qualitative researcher who has similar interest and passion, as NIRCO, for this community phenomenon.