Practical Approach to Academic and Community Partnerships

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Objectives

- Identify lessons learned from unique partnerships between an academic partner and neighborhood serving agencies

- Discuss the role and importance of leadership from the perspective of different partners (academic and community)

AGENDA

- About UNCOM
- UNCOM Partnering and Engagement Approaches
- About VPI partnership
- Review HWPP Partnership Model
- Group Discussion
- Summarize Lessons Learned
Mission

The mission of the United Neighborhood Centers of Milwaukee (UNCOM) is to strengthen city neighborhoods by combining and enhancing the assets of our partner agencies to improve the quality of life for urban families.
Partnering Approaches

- Effective Communication
- Accountability
- Safe Discussions
- Regular Contact
- Relational Sustainability
VPI Background

MCW Violence Prevention Initiative

- In 2008, specific HWPP monies were designated for a community-based violence prevention program
- The VPI has **two primary goals**:  
  - Decrease violence in Milwaukee  
  - Strengthen community capacity to prevent future violence

Healthier Wisconsin Partnership Program  
Community-Academic Partnership Model

- Understanding the environment for partnerships
- Commitment to partnership principles
- Partnership development
Group Activity

- Best practice

- Common lessons learned

Questions