



# PARTNERSHIP CAPACITY

Does the partnership has the foundational resources necessary to achieve project aims?

Partnership capacity is the foundation for long-term project success. When partnerships have skills, diverse membership, legitimacy, and connections to relevant stakeholders this facilitates commitment to culture-centeredness, which leads to stronger relationships, synergy, and community in research contributing to outcomes.

## Recommendations

1. Assess current level of partnership capacity to work with external decision-makers and other stakeholders (See survey questions below).
2. Develop vision of capacities you would like to achieve and strategies to reach them.
3. Develop plan for reflection on progress and determine if there are ways to build your capacities such as including new members or trainings.

## Survey Questions

Measured on a 5-point Likert scale (5 = strongly agree to 1 = strongly disagree):

Does the partnership have the following resources to achieve its project aims?

1. Skills and expertise
2. Diverse membership
3. Legitimacy and credibility
4. Ability to bring people together for meetings and activities
5. Connections to political decision makers, government agencies, other organizations/groups
6. Connections to relevant stakeholders

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