

A Seat at the Table: Best Practices for Resident Engagement

Dornsife Center for Neighborhood Partnerships | Drexel University
3509 Spring Garden St., Philadelphia, PA 19104
Thursday, September 22, 2016 | 8:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.

8:30 a.m.–9:10 a.m. Participants board the bus at the Hilton Philadelphia at Penn's Landing

Bus will depart promptly at 8:40 a.m.

9:10 a.m.–9:30 a.m. Welcome

Andrew Frishkoff, Executive Director, Philadelphia Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC)

Overview of the Dornsife Center: Blending an Institution with the Neighborhood

Lucy Kerman, Vice Provost, University and Community Partnerships, Drexel University

9:30 a.m.–9:45 a.m. Examples of Community and Resident Engagement in West Philadelphia with Drexel University

Loretta Sweet Jemmott, Vice President, Health and Health Equity, Drexel University

9:45 a.m.–10:30 a.m. Four Perspectives on Resident Engagement

During this part of the session, participants will hear four examples of organizations that have incorporated resident engagement outreach and strategies into programs and organizational structure. Presenters will share why they engaged residents in their work, what actions they took to engage residents, and the result of their efforts.

Moderator: Jim Capraro, Principal, Capraro Consulting

Presenters:

- **Action for Early Learning Initiative — Philadelphia, PA**
Cassandra Green, Manager, Community Outreach and Partnerships, People's Emergency Center
- **Community Connectors Program — Philadelphia, PA**
James Wright, Manager, Commercial Corridor, People's Emergency Center
- **Community Planning — Somerville, MA**
Meridith Levy, Director, Community Organizing and Planning, Somerville Community Corporation
- **Immigrant Integration and Small Business Development — Minneapolis, MN**
Va-Megn Thoj, Founder and Executive Director, Asian Economic Development Association

10:30 a.m.–10:35 a.m. Break

10:35 a.m.–11:25 a.m. Small Group Breakouts

During this breakout session, participants will select one strategy in which to take a “deep dive” to explore the context, methods, and outcomes of the resident engagement work. Participants will discuss the challenges and opportunities they have in incorporating such strategies into their programs and organizations.

11:25 a.m.–11:30 a.m. Summary and Closing

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11:30 a.m. Adjourn to Hilton Philadelphia at Penn’s Landing

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