



At the same time, this “unconditional positive regard” should not hinder the CAB’s ability to unite parties in working toward a common goal—ideally, a “big issue” that spans sectors, organizations, and community members. The CAB’s collaborative culture should break down silos while allowing participants to see their input reflected in the CAB’s work, which ought to have direct impact on and precipitate real change for community members.

A CAB with a collaborative culture that listens openly while making real progress toward tangible goals should also be resident-driven and, therefore, accessible. It should include a variety of voices across ages and sectors and should be able to accommodate diverse scheduling needs like work calendars and childcare concerns.

Further considerations

The workshop exposed long-standing questions about the difficult historical relationship between the University of Illinois and the residents of Champaign-Urbana, about barriers to inter-agency collaboration, and about the nature and importance of “true” community representation in the CAB’s makeup. FRC remains committed to not repeating exclusionary practices of the past and to ensuring that we give back. We look forward to being part of the response to these questions, whether acting as a voice to elevate these concerns, incorporating them into the CAB itself, or responding in other ways.

FRC wants to hear your voice!

If you would like to be part of future FRC activities—participating in next steps for the CAB, joining the Collaboratory, or receiving the FRC newsletter—email familyresiliency@illinois.edu or explore familyresiliency.illinois.edu to find out how to get involved with family, child, youth, and community-based initiatives as we work to Make Thriving the Norm™.

FRC is immensely grateful to all workshop participants for taking time to offer their valuable perspectives at this workshop. The 36 participants represent the following 29 agencies, organizations, and service providers:

- Business Elevator
- Carle Health System
- Champaign County Community Coalition
- Champaign County Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Boards
- Champaign Park District
- Champaign Unit 4 School District
- Champaign-Urbana Public Health District

- Champaign-Urbana Trauma & Resilience Initiative
- Child Development Lab
- City of Champaign Equity & Engagement Department
- Community Foundation of East Central Illinois
- Community Learning Lab
- Developmental Services Center
- Don Moyer Boys & Girls Club
- Driven to Reach Excellence & Academic Achievement for Males (DREAAM)
- Eastern Illinois Foodbank
- Family and Community Engaged STEAMM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math, & Medicine)

- Feeding Our Kids
- H3 Harm Healing Hope
- Habitat for Humanity of Champaign County
- Helping Our Youth Change Everyday (HOYCE) Center
- Housing Authority of Champaign County
- Illinois Extension
- Interdisciplinary Health Sciences Institute
- Rosecrance Behavioral Health
- Stephens Family YMCA
- The Autism Program & Illinois Neurodiversity Initiative
- United Way of Champaign County
- Urbana Park District