

COMMUNITY-ENGAGED APPROACHES TO ADDRESS THE ETHICAL CONCERNS OF MATERNAL MENTAL HEALTH DISPARITIES RESEARCH, 2019

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"A segment of the population that is frequently ignored in research is affected by the stigmatized and delicate topic of maternal mental health."

PURPOSE

This article explains how a community-academic partnership uses the structure and principles of community-based participatory research to create a human subjects research protocol and alleviate ethical worries that local stakeholders had about maternal mental health research on Black women.

RESULTS

The Atlanta Healthy Start-Community Action Network (AHSI-CAN) was able to create rules and regulations that took into account community needs and concerns by using CBPR (Community-Based Participatory Research) techniques. It helped create a safe environment and encouraged community discussion of the study's ethical concerns in order to have an impact on the IRB (Institutional Review Board) procedure and the direction of the research. The steps outlined here should make it possible for those involved in CBPR to work alongside communities while taking ethical considerations into account.

Implication: This work and research should enable others involved in CBPR processes to consider ethical implications in collaboration with communities.

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