



Empowering at-Risk Roma Girls' Mattering through Reproductive Justice

Building Local Coalitions

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Overview: Local coalition for ROMOMATTER

Create alliances between multiple stakeholders: Build trust, exchange resources, establish communication, define common goal, mutual learning relationships, community-based needs, intersectoral approach, action-research agenda

Access to resources
Provide evidence-based knowledge
Identify and systemize good practices
Data analysis
Scientific dissemination

Knowledge of local policies and plans
Access to influential stakeholders



Entry into community setting
Access to key informants and networks
Experiential knowledge of issues
Understanding of cultural and contextual characteristics
Gain influence among silent rank

Experts of their realities
Real actors of the process
People radiating influence among their families and neighbors.
Mentors and models



Recruiting members

Who

The core group will identify between 5-15 members
Coalition members should be self-nominated
Individuals who are strongly motivated to advocate for Roma girls

How

Develop key message: What is ROMOMATTER?
Identify community resources
Start with people you know
Contact institutions and organizations most effected
Contact influential community members
Snowball sampling

Concrete actions

Face-to-face meetings and interviews
Semi-structured interviews to collect information about community readiness (see link) and useful for snowball sampling



http://dhss.alaska.gov/dbh/Documents/Prevention/publications/Community_Readiness_worksheet_primer.pdf

First coalition meeting and follow-up tasks

Introductions: Present each member and the project framework

Define the issue or problem: Why are we here?

Structure of the coalition: What will we do?

Agreeing on a shared vision: What is our common goal?

Preliminary planning: Develop shared short-term and long-term milestones and schedule

Commitments: Define the work to be done between meetings and who is responsible



Follow-up

Minutes: The minutes should include the logistics (who, when, where), content of the meeting and the commitments of each member or of the group

Keep looking for new coalition members: Process that continues throughout the project





Key actions for field work group and coalition

