

*Research Investigator Spring Learning Series on Engagement, Communication and Education*

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## “WHAT IS COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IN RESEARCH?”

**Speaker:** Ashley M. Butler, PhD, Associate Professor, Baylor College of Medicine, Licensed Clinical Psychologist, Texas Children’s Hospital

### **Benefits of Community Engagement:**

- Diversity of research participants
- Funding success with inclusion of community engagement in proposals
- Improved translation/implementation of research findings
- Promote equity in research and outcomes for communities

### **Community Stakeholders may include:**

Patients, researchers, clinicians, payors, industry, hospital and health systems, policy makers, training institutions

### **Community Engaged Research is on a continuum:**

Stakeholders may be involved in community outreach and education, consultants, collaborators and/or involved in dissemination of findings

### **Challenges:**

- Time to establish relationships with stakeholders
- Negotiate differences among community stakeholders and researchers
- Funding requirement needs

### **Infrastructure needed:**

- Personnel
- Discretionary funds
- Meeting space
- Communication channels
- Capacity/skill building training materials

To learn more about Dr. Butler, her work and her team, click here:

- [Ashley Butler, Ph.D. – Baylor College of Medicine Faculty Profile](#)
- [Health Disparities Laboratory in Pediatric Psychology](#)

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