

Community Practice Bulletin:

Taking Action in the Community

Purpose

The Community Practice Bulletins, initiated by the SCRA Practice Council, are intended to provide examples of new community practice within the field of community psychology.

Description

The Bulletins are short pieces, produced monthly, and devoted to the experiences, techniques, and reflections of practice. They might include programs addressing a particular issue, an interview with a practitioner, a new tool or technique, the use of an existing technique in a new context, creative efforts to address community problems, the role of community psychologists in practice, or any number of topics related to our work with communities. In general, the Bulletins showcase novel practice in our field to help us inform and advance our work and deepen our impact within our communities.

Guidelines

- ❖ Between 750-1000 words
- ❖ Submitted as Word document or shared Google document
- ❖ Must have a focus on both community psychology and community practice
- ❖ Should showcase an innovative or novel program, project, or practice, with lessons learned that can apply in other community settings
- ❖ Written and formatted in APA Style
- ❖ Include references if cited within text

Writing Timeline

7th of the month

Draft due from writer to Coordinator

14th of the month

Reviews due from reviewers to Coordinator and writer

21st of the month

Final revised draft completed by writer and sent to Coordinator

25th of the month

Bulletin distributed by Coordinator

Process

Each Bulletin is reviewed and edited by the Bulletin's editorial team of writers and community practitioners. Bulletins are not blinded for review and writers are included in the email chain of reviews. Writers sign up in advance, designating a month to write an article on a community practice topic of their choice. The writer's draft is sent to the Coordinator, who then sends it to the team. Once revisions are made, the final version is distributed by the Coordinator.

Writing Tips

The bulletins are meant to be short pieces that can be read quickly to obtain the general gist and how it impacts community psychology practice.

Writers aren't required to be community psychologists but the bulletins should be relevant to the field of community psychology.

Writers should keep the level of readership in mind. These bulletins are meant to be distributed widely both within and outside community psychology circles, including to those constituents outside of academia.

Bulletins do not need to be written from an academic standpoint but should be rigorous.

Past issues are housed on the SCRA website and should be accessed to see examples:

<http://www.scra27.org/what-we-do/practice/practice-council-initatives/theory-action-bulletin/>

If writers want the coordinator to review a piece to determine whether it's appropriate for submission or ask specific questions about the writing, the piece should be submitted to the coordinator at least a month before it is due.

Reviewers

We rely on volunteers to review each bulletin. If you would like to serve as a reviewer, simply notify the coordinator. Writers are automatically added to the reviewer list for the month that they submit; however, they will be removed from the reviewer list for subsequent month unless notifying the coordinator that they would like to remain part of the reviewer group.

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