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*Concepts, Tools, and Resources for Solving Ethical Problems in Human Research*

## Communities Develop Research Guidelines

Many communities are deluged with research from nearby universities. The investigators typically are unaware of one another's projects, fail to engage the community in the research process, and neglect to translate findings into community benefits. Increasingly community groups such as the Lawrence Research Initiative Working Group (LRIWG) are responding by developing processes that address this problem. LRIWG members include community residents, representatives from community-based organizations, and academic and government allies.

Because no local body or jurisdiction existed that could effectively control community-based research in Lawrence, Massachusetts, the LRIWG developed guiding documents for ethical research (rather than restrictive rules and regulations). These documents include 1) principles and questions for researchers and communities to consider before developing a research partnership, 2) a glossary of key terms and concepts, and 3) a Working Together Model that identifies four stages of research (pre-research, design, conduct, and application-sharing) and core activities to develop equitable research processes to change community conditions. Together these documents provide a framework for conducting ethical research in diverse communities.

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