

# Community Partner Assessment Summary

## Introduction

The Community Partners Assessment (CPA) is an assessment process that allows all the community partners involved in MAPP to critically look at 1) their own individual systems, processes, and capacities and 2) their collective capacity as a network/across all community partners to address health inequities.

### Specifically, the CPA seeks to:

- Describe why community partnerships are critical to community health improvement (CHI) and how to build or strengthen relationships with community partners and organizations.
- Name the specific roles of each community partner to support the local public health system and engage communities experiencing inequities produced by systems.
- Assess each MAPP partner’s capacities, skills, and strengths to improve community health, health equity, and advance MAPP goals.
- Document the landscape of MAPP community partners, including grassroots and community power building organizations, to summarize collective strengths and opportunities for improvement.
- Identify who else to involve in MAPP moving forward, along with ways to improve community partnerships, engagement, and community power-building.

## Major Activities

1. Prepare for the CPA
2. Host orientation meetings
3. Administer the CPA Survey
  - a. *Section 1: About Your Organization*
  - b. *Section 2: Organizational Capacities*
  - c. *Section 3: Specific Capacities to Support Community Health Improvement (CHI)*
4. Summarize survey findings and facilitate partner group learning and discussion meetings
5. Draft CPA report and share with partners before distributing final CPA report

## Resources and Skills Needed

Necessary resources will vary based on local context, number of partners and their relationships. See *Estimated Costs, Considerations, and Where Else to Seek Support in the CPA* for more information.

Recommended Roles	Potential Funding Needs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Coordination of assessment activities</li><li>• Translation and interpretation services</li><li>• Meeting facilitation</li><li>• Analysis of survey data</li><li>• Identifying and summarizing discussion themes</li><li>• Report writing</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Compensation of CPA staff (coordinators, outreach, translators/interpreters, childcare, facilitators, analysts)</li><li>• Compensation of participants</li><li>• Provision of snacks, meals, transportation</li><li>• Rental of meeting space</li><li>• Development of data collection, outreach, and report materials</li></ul>
<b>Strongly recommended (but not required) skills:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Facilitation experience with diverse communities</li><li>• Trusted community messenger/deep engagement</li><li>• Qualitative and quantitative data collection and analysis</li></ul>	

Note: This document includes a link to the CPA document. Follow the instructions on [naccho.org/mapp](http://naccho.org/mapp) to download the assessment materials.

