Enhancing Community Capacity through Action Research

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Abstract

To enhance the community capacity is one of the core missions for the community workers. But how to do remains a question in practical community work. The principles of community work had been operated in this action research in two communities by the authors. During six months, a community program combining a forum was designed for each community based on community characteristics to enhance community cohesion, discussion and action. In this practical action, people' enthusiasm are encouraged, a positive community discussion are experienced, and the imagination community are encouraged. Three proposes are made as research conclusion, providing resource for community workers to help community, a longer period needed for community workers in providing help to community, and community capacity evaluating are necessary in community program designed.

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