

Building the Partnerships ~ Environment

- 1 Meet in places and at times convenient for all
- 2 Listen, LISTEN!!, LISTEN!!! LISTEN!!!!
- 3 Suspend judgment
- 4 Honor ALL perspectives
- 5 Respect and value diversity
- 6 Provide opportunities for learning
- 7 Foster autonomy while sharing responsibility
- 8 Encourage curiosity and creativity

Supporting the Partnerships ~ Information

- 9 Must be shared
- 10 Must be understandable to all
- 11 Accommodate diverse learning styles
- 12 Include data to help stay focused and keep "personalities" out of the work
- 13 Translate written materials and provide simultaneous interpretation when necessary
- 14 Must be relevant and current
- 15 Process must be inclusive

Supporting the Partnerships ~ Develop Trust

- 16 Recognize conflicts of interest
- 17 Discard personal or agency agendas that get in the way
- 18 Understand the external environment(s)
- 19 Promote accountability
- 20 Respect the community's cultural practices (such as approaching elders or other key leaders)

Preserving the Partnerships ~Strategies to Keep It Going

- 21 Co-sponsor activities
- 22 Present at one another's conferences
- 23 Offer win-win solutions and create incentives for their adoption
- 24 Develop strategic alliances
- 25 Follow through with commitments
- 26 Regularly revisit shared values & principles to maintain focus and drive collaborative work
- 27 Celebrate accomplishments!