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Mentor Areas of Expertise

- Facilitating multi-sector partnerships to create a shared vision and strategic plan
- Community engagement and community-driven approaches
- Selecting community health indicators and performance measures
- Embedding equity throughout processes to achieve sustainable progress on inequities
- Leveraging multi-sector data for policy and systems change

The Civic Canopy is a community-based nonprofit focused on transforming the way we solve society’s big issues. The Canopy brings over a decade of experience convening and facilitating multi-sector partnerships that are positioned to bring shared visions to life. The Civic Canopy will expose Mentees to their research-based Community Learning Model (CLM). The CLM puts results at the center to create meaningful, measurable change on social issues. Those results are achieved through a continuous learning process of including relevant and diverse stakeholders, engaging in thoughtful dialogue, developing action plans, and learning from efforts to achieve results--all within a culture of trust and collaboration.



Proposed Key Learnings / Objectives

During the course of this mentorship, Mentees will learn:

1. Effective strategies for multi-sector stakeholder engagement, generating buy-in to work collectively, and partnership building that lays the groundwork for successful data sharing initiatives.
2. A four-meeting sequence to engage cross-sector collaborations in building consensus around a shared vision and data-driven approach to improving community health.
3. How to engage in dialogue and deliberation that promotes action and ongoing learning toward achieving their shared goals.
4. How to make data accessible and usable by diverse community members. A specific emphasis will be placed on strategies for engaging with people affected by health disparities in telling the story behind the data and in participatory research.

Mentee Eligibility and Fit

Mentees best suited for this Mentorship will likely be in the earlier stages of their projects, focusing on engaging diverse stakeholders in the process—including community residents and “unusual suspects”—and setting the right conditions for effective collaboration. Potential Mentees may already be using or evaluating a set of community, state, or national indicator sets but want to engage those affected by inequities in the process. While the Canopy has experience with establishing data-sharing systems, our focus is more on the collaborative end of the continuum—e.g. helping data partners develop trust and effective working relationships—than on the more technical side of things in terms of setting up the actual data sharing platforms, data sharing agreements, and ensuring the smooth exchange of data.

Mentors will work with their Mentee cohorts to narrow the focus of program activities from the list of potential topics. At the end of the mentorship, each group will have the opportunity to share tools and resources developed throughout the program with the All In network.