

## **UIC Great Cities Healthy City Collaborative Partnership Principles**

The UIC Great Cities Institute, Healthy City Collaborative strives for authenticity in its university/community partnerships. In this context authenticity is defined by attributes described in the following principles.

1. Authentic partnerships reflect an appreciation of the mission, values, and goals of all partners. The foundation of the partnership is based on the adoption of complementary and mutually determined goals and processes.
2. Authentic partnerships reflect a commitment to equity and provide opportunities for all partners to be involved in defining and, as necessary, redefining the terms and measures of equity.
3. Processes and products of authentic partnerships demonstrate respect and the integration of the knowledge and expertise of all partners.
4. All partners are committed to high quality, ethical initiatives and research which are guided by procedures to maintain confidentiality and to secure approval from the partnership to use data or publish findings.
5. The roles and functions in authentic partnerships are clearly defined and demonstrate a continuous effort to sustain trust and mutual respect.
6. An authentic partnership is supported by a universally known, clear and accessible process for communication, decision-making and change.
7. Authentic university/community research partnerships reflect joint exploration of research goals and evidence of efforts to create a mutually rewarding research agenda.
8. The operational design of authentic partnerships supports shared leadership, shared decision-making, conflict resolution and mutually beneficial resource management
9. Authentic partnerships have a documented plan to exchange knowledge, provide opportunities for shared learning and capacity building for all partners. There are visible efforts to maximize learning within the local community and associated organizations.
10. Authentic partnerships demonstrate a commitment and a plan for continuous self-assessment of purpose, processes, products and outcomes.
11. There is evidence of shared accountability, acknowledgements, celebration of successes and assessment of failures. Authentic partnerships provide opportunities for input in the development, implementation, evaluation and dissemination of information about the partnership.