

Appendix B: Small group discussion leader guide

EPA Community Involvement Training Conference Session: Transdisciplinary Collaborations to Enhance Interactions with Communities at Contaminated Sites

Small group discussions (40 minutes per respondent)

World Café introduction: ATSDR presenter will explain the World Café activity to session participants. Presenters will serve as discussion leaders. Attendees will count off to form small groups and then spend 10 minutes discussing each of the sets of questions below. After each 10 minute discussion attendees will move to a new discussion table.

Consent: Before beginning the small group discussions, ATSDR presenter will explain that participation is voluntary, that discussion leaders will be taking notes on participant responses to the discussion questions, and that ATSDR and the University of Arizona will collect this information to improve their work at sites.

Facilitated discussions

Discussion 1:

Discussion leaders will pose the following questions to their small groups and take notes on their responses.

- What are your/your organization's goals at the site/community (big picture and specific to community involvement)?
- Who do you work with currently?

[Attendees move to a new discussion group]

Discussion 2:

Discussion leaders will pose the following questions to their small groups and take notes on their responses.

- What resources, skills, relationships, and areas of expertise do you/your organization bring to the table?
- Do you/your organization have any challenges meeting community needs/expectations? What are you missing?

[Attendees move to a new discussion group]

Discussion 3:

Discussion leaders will pose the following questions to their small groups and take notes on their responses.

- Could transdisciplinary collaboration further your organization's goals at the site? How might it benefit the community?
- If so, what specific steps could you take to encourage more communication, coordination, and collaboration at your site/community?

Report back

Each discussion leader reports back to the full group on key themes and ideas that emerged over the course of the discussions