#### Building Lasting Community Partnerships

#### How do you define a community?





Created by Adrien Coquet from the Noun Project

#### **Introduction to our organizations**



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#### What defines a partnership?







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### **Spectrum of Partnerships**

#### PARTNERSHIP CONTINUUM AND CHARACTERISTICS





### **Spectrum of Partnerships**

Five Levels of Collaboration within Partnerships				
1 Networking	2 Cooperation	3 Coordination	4 Coalition	5 Collaboration
-Aware of organization -Loosely defined roles -Little communication -All decisions are made independently	-Provide information to each other - Somewhat defined roles -Formal communication -All decisions are made independently	-Share information and resources -Defined roles -Frequent communication -Some shared decision making	-Share ideas -Share resources -Frequent and prioritized communication -All members have a vote in decision making	-Members belong to one system -Frequent communication is characterized by mutual trust -Consensus is reached on all decisions

Frey, B. B., Lohmeier, J. H., Lee, S. W., & Tollefson, N. (2006). Measuring collaboration among grant partners. American Journal of Evaluation, 27(3), 383-392.

### **SciNation on the Flathead Reservation**













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#### **Greater Ithaca Activities Center (GIAC)**

- Serves families in Ithaca through multicultural, education, and recreational programs
- Advocates for the rights and needs of youth, families, underrepresented and disenfranchised populations
- Provides own programming and partners with other organizations



#### **GIAC+Sciencenter Partnership**



#### **Sparking Interest in Hispanic Learners Nationwide through Meaningful Connections to NASA Explorations and Discoveries**











#### **MLS and Families Moving Forward**



**Science Together:** Co-Creating Meaningful Informal Science Education Experiences Between a Science Center and a Temporary Homeless Shelter – A Case Study



### **Your partnerships**

What do your partnerships look like? Where do they fall on the continuum? Where do you want them to be?

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NISENet Museum & Community Partnerships: Collaboration Guide and additional resources

#### Why do we partner with other organizations?



Share at least three responses from your table

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### What are lessons learned?

#### What questions did we miss?

#### What else is on your mind?

### **Reach out with questions!**

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