

INTRODUCTORY ICE BREAKER

This is a true ice breaker, as it accomplishes the following things.

1. It introduces people to each other.
2. It helps to make people comfortable at the beginning of the class.
3. It relates to the topic of the class.
4. It forces people to get up and move around, and meet more people than just those on either side of their seats.
5. It allows for some humor to enter the atmosphere, and for the trainer to bring out information beyond the answers to the ice breaker questions.

The questions should be changed to fit the group. On the back of this page you will find a different version, one that is used successfully in the UAB/UPIU Awareness Level Train-the-Trainer program. The author has used a similar ice breaker, with different questions, for almost every opening class she has taught since she learned this technique.

Credit for introducing me to the ice breaker goes to Terri Gardner, a member of the UPIU local at Union Camp Corporation in Halsey, Oregon. Terri is a long-time paperworker who now holds a full-time hourly position as a Mill Safety Resource. She entered the safety field after a serious on-the-job injury, and was so well fitted to the task she never left.

FIND SOMEONE WHO . . .

Has been involved in a chemical-related accident.

Is on a joint safety committee.

Can tell you his/her respirator size.

Is hazmat trained above the awareness level.

Has been involved in safety for 20 years or more.

Has been involved in safety for 1 year or less.

Is a trained accident investigator.

Always works safety.

Has no hazardous chemicals in his/her workplace.

Has read his/her company's written emergency plan.

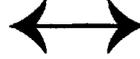
THE RULES:

- 1. Different person for each question**
- 2. First and last name (facility and/or company optional)**

BUILDING COMMUNITY / UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIPS



Quarterly Meetings



■ Political Organizing

■ Advocacy

■ Informal Relationships



COMMUNITY GRASSROOTS ORGANIZATION

- 88 organizations
- diverse languages and cultures
- geographically spread out over Southwest region
- collaborate on project proposals

■ Professional Services

■ Research

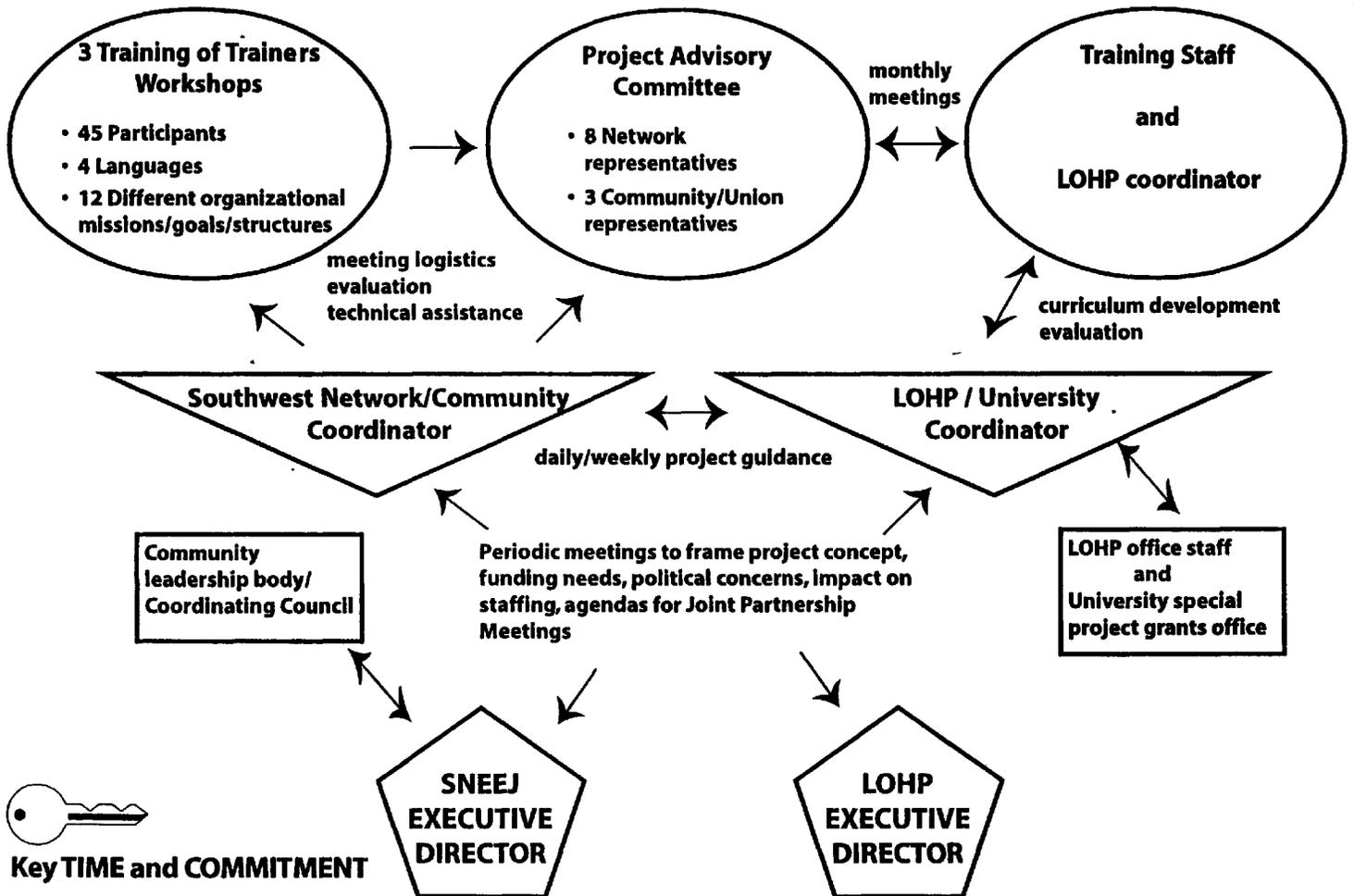
■ Bureaucratic Relationships



UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

- meet needs of community
- handle University rules and regulations
- write grant proposal

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