

## Assessing Readiness To Collaborate Interview Questions for Prospective Partners

As you consider collaborating with an organization on chronic disease prevention, the following questions may be useful to pose to the organization's leaders. If you are forming a collaboration with a number of groups, you may wish to compile the results and report them anonymously at a meeting of all the prospective partners.

1. What issues related to chronic disease do your clients and community face?
2. How is your agency involved in chronic disease prevention at present?
3. What education or assessment in the area of chronic disease or other health issues do you offer? If so, who are the staff members and what are their specific roles?
4. What chronic disease issues do you or your staff wish you could address more effectively? Would it be possible to add any into existing efforts?
5. What information or skills would your staff need to carry out this work?
6. How does your staff receive continuing education or training?
7. Would you be interested in working with others to prevent chronic disease? How might your group benefit?
8. Do you anticipate any obstacles to collaboration? If so, what are they?