From Health Policy to Actuality: A Challenge for Engagement

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Engaging in Public Policy
Very low – Moderate – High – Very High

Test: How do you rate your pleasure with being at today’s conference?

1. How do you rate your conviction that each one of us can, and should, engage in public policy as a contributing resident of a democracy?
2. How do you rate your conviction that our youth can, and should, engage in public policy?
3. How do you rate your involvement in public policy over the course of your lifetime?
4. How do you rate your involvement in public policy within the past year?
5. How do you rate your involvement in public policy within the past year in relation to health policy?

Health Public Issues Evolution

1. Concern
2. Involvement of Some of the Public
3. Issue Defined
4. Identify Alternatives
5. Evaluate Consequences
6. Make Public Choices
7. Implement Rules & Regulations
8. Evaluate Policy

National Issues Forums

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Public Engagement

- Coming Together
- Looking for Answers
- Talking and Reasoning
- Deliberating Choices
- Taking Action

Democracy demands an on-going deliberative process.

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Low-Income Rural Mothers
Deliberate Physical Activity Options

Engaging Unheard Voices

Under what conditions can, and will, limited resource citizens engage in the deliberative public policy process?

An Experiment in Civic Engagement

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Concerned citizens identify potential impact of the Medicare Modernization Act and actions they could take.

We bring legislators, faculty, and students together to promote a family perspective in public policy.

The Maryland Family Policy Impact Seminar is a series of seminars, forums, briefing reports and follow-up activities to inform the decision making of state policy makers. The seminar promotes a family perspective in policy development, enactment, and implementation by connecting research to policymaking.

Given the growing realization that one effective way to help individuals is by strengthening their families, the Family Policy Impact Seminar analyzes the effects of policies and programs on families.

Rather than lobbying for a particular policy option, the Seminar provides policymakers with a neutral, nonpartisan forum for fostering dialogue and seeking common ground.

Activities of the Seminar include seminars, forums, briefing reports, roundtable discussions, and follow-up activities around specific issues that impact family well-being.

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