

# Community Blog #1

## Co-Design Meeting

### April 29, 2020



Thank you to all community partners who attended April's Co-Design Service Provider Working Group meeting! Over 20 community organization representatives, along with Department staff, came together to discuss strategies for the implementation of a Community Needs Assessment (CNA) while keeping in mind the unique challenges brought forth by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Various community service providers voiced their input and suggestions. Topics which emerged during this discussion included, but were not limited to:

- Being adaptable to changes as a result of COVID-19 and aware of barriers to direct community engagement
- Understanding the importance of outreach and engagement with priority populations, including Richmond and North Richmond families not involved in community organizations
- Incorporating incentives and ensuring community members are compensated for their participation (e.g. gift cards)
- Ensuring youth engagement strategies that are mindful of current barriers and platforms that youth utilize
- Understanding the importance of collaboration between community organizations and the City of Richmond to host focus groups and community events



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