The Working Together Model captures the flow of activities in building research partnerships where shared and equal decision making are the goals and where the findings are brought back into the community to create change and improve community conditions. The Working Together Model is intended to be used with worksheets, templates, and other supporting materials created by Lawrence leaders.

Steps to Building Successful Research Partnerships in Lawrence

**Pre-Research Stage: Find Common Ground & Take Steps to Work Together**
- Either party (community or researchers) contacts the other about emerging community problems or research question
- Both Community & Researchers make clear ways they hope to use the research results to understand where goals match
- Community and researchers educate each other form their own perspectives
  - Community shares concerns that could be helped through research
  - Researchers share recent research findings or practices
- Community & Researchers decide:
  - Who should be at table
  - How funding will be shared
  - Whether to proceed or not
- Community & Researchers arrive at:
  - Initial agreement to work together on a community problem that needs research

**Research Design Stage:**
- Community & Researchers discuss what they hope will take place at application & sharing stage (decisions and products)
- As the design progresses, Community & Researchers look at their respective emerging community dynamics, research design learning needs
- Community & Researchers provide training to each other as needed
- Community & Researchers decide:
  - On research question or problem to be addressed
  - On research design
  - On process for recruiting participants
- Community & Researchers arrive at:
  - Research question and hypotheses
  - Research plan
  - Instruments
  - Institutional Review Board applications
  - Plan for Sharing and Disseminating results

**Research Conduct Stage: Intervention(s) and Data Collection**
- Community & Researchers jointly identify unexpected problems (e.g., too few participants) and develop plan to address
- Community & Researchers hold regular meetings to see that the research design agreed upon is being followed
- Researchers educate the Community regarding monitoring procedures as research progresses
- Community & Researchers note potential changes needed regarding negative outcomes or other issues to protect participants
- Community & Researchers decide:
  - To modify research
  - To proceed or not
- Community & Researchers arrive at:
  - Research question and hypotheses
  - Research modifications
  - Analysis of Data
  - Results
  - Sharing results

**Application & Sharing Stage: Sharing Results and Using for Change**
- Coordination of plans for sharing results
- Reviews of content of various products
- Community & Researchers discuss ways this work will continue in the community after researchers leave.
- Community may need to help researchers understand which channels and messages work for community & have clear application potential for community
- Researchers may need to assist community in understanding how results might enable other researchers to learn from previous Lawrence partnerships
- Community & Researchers decide:
  - On plan for sharing research
  - How data generated will be stored &/or shared
- Community & Researchers oversee:
  - Press releases, community meetings, conferences, academic journal articles in ways that satisfy need of community & researchers