



## Community Engagement and Community-Based Social Work Practices and Evaluations

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Dear Colleagues,

Every society contains pockets of communities, and the people in these communities want mutual care, want their history honored and their stories told, want to feel seen and see their spiritual journeys documented, and want their relationships championed. In response to these needs, Social Work and its related fields emphasize strengths-based symbolic interaction perspectives and often excel at capturing the holistic nature of these communities in practice and evaluation. Thus, this Special Issue seeks to tell authentic community engagement stories of partnerships that occur through practice, research, or evaluation, and special focus on history, storytelling, mutual care, spirituality, relationships, and community-based work will be emphasized.





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