### Participatory Methods Matrix Worksheet

#### Action Step: Improve Data Access and Use

**Overview**

*Advance community engagement and equity through community-centered data collection methods.* This resource helps members learn about data collection methods that center on engaging the community and consider which may be most viable and useful for the partnership.

**Purpose**

This resource and activity will provide your public health and public safety partnership with examples of participatory data collection tools that can be used to promote community engagement and advance equity. Tools provided include accessible, culturally responsive, and low-cost options. This activity will help members learn about participatory methods and map their public health safety partnership's activities and resources to different tools. The resource also provides links to additional information on participatory methods to support skills-building.

**When to Use This Resource**

Repeat this activity periodically, particularly as new members join, or new partnerships are formed with stakeholders and community members.

#### Activity Details

**Who to Involve**

This activity should be completed by members (especially participating and committed members) of your public health and safety partnership.
Time Needed to Complete

30–45 minutes. Your public health and safety partnership may spend more time on this activity, depending on which methods you choose to learn more about and integrate into your work.

Format & Filetype

Guide and worksheet to be handed out.

Resources/Materials Needed

- Virtual facilitation: consider use of Zoom’s whiteboard feature or Google Jamboard and digital mind mapping tools
- In-person discussion: consider using worksheet handouts and flipcharts

Companion Resources:

- Data Literacy Activity

Included

- Detailed instructions
- Next steps

Not Included

- Facilitator notes
- Completed examples