

Figure 2.1 Models of Community Practice in 21st Century Contexts

Comparative Characteristics	Neighborhood & Community Organizing	Organizing Functional Communities	Social, Economic & Sustainable Development	Inclusive Program Development	Social Planning	Coalitions	Political & Social Action	Movements for Progressive Change
Desired Outcome	Develop capacity of members to organize; Direct and/or moderate the impact of regional planning and external development	Action for social justice focused on advocacy and on changing behaviors and attitudes; may also provide service	Promote grassroots plans; prepare citizens to use social and economic resources without harming environments; Open livelihood opportunities	Expansion, redirection and new development of programs to improve service effectiveness using participatory engagement methods	Neighborhood, citywide or regional proposals for action by (a) neighborhood groups (b) elected body, and/or (c) planning councils	Build a multi-organizational power base to advocate for standards and programs, to influence program direction and draw down resources	Action for social justice focused on changing policies or policy makers	Action for social, economic & environmental justice that provides new paradigms for the healthy development of people and the planet
Systems targeted for change	Municipal/ regional government; external developers; local leadership	General public; government institutions	Banks; foundations; external developers; laws that govern wealth creation	Financial donors & volunteers to programs; beneficiaries of agency services	Perspectives of (a) neighborhood planning groups (b) elected leaders (c) human services leaders	Elected officials; foundations; government policy and service organizations	Voting public; Elected officials; Inactive/potential participants in public debates and elections	General public; Political, social and economic systems that are oppressive and destructive
Primary constituency	Residents of neighborhood, parish, rural community, village	Like-minded people in a community, region, nation, or across the globe	Low-wealth, marginalized, or oppressed population groups in a city or region	Agency board & administrators; community representatives	(a) neighborhood groups (b) elected leaders (c) social agencies and interagency organizations	Organizations and citizens that have a stake in the particular issue	Citizens in a particular political jurisdiction	Leaders, citizens, and organizations able to create new visions and social structures
Scope of Concern	Quality of life in geographic area; Increased ability of grassroots leaders & organizations to improve social, economic & environmental conditions	Advocacy for particular issue or population (examples: environmental protection; women's participation in decision making)	Improve social, economic and environmental wellbeing; Employ equality, opportunity and responsibility to guide human behavior	Service development for a specific population (examples: children's access to health care; security against domestic violence)	(a) neighborhood level planning (b) integration of social, economic & environmental needs into public planning arena; (c) human services coordination	Organizational partners joining in a collaborative relationship to improve social, economic & environmental conditions and human rights	Building the level of participation in political activity; Ensuring that elections are fair and not controlled by wealth	Social, economic and environmental justice within society (examples: basic human needs; basic human rights)
Social work/ Community Practice roles	Organizer Facilitator Educator Coach Trainer Bridge Builder	Organizer Advocate Writer/Speaker Facilitator	Negotiator Bridge Builder Promoter Planner, Educator Manager Researcher Evaluator	Spokesperson Planner/Evaluator Manager/Director Proposal Writer Trainer Bridge Builder Visionary	Researcher Proposal writer Communicator Planner Manager Evaluator	Mediator Negotiator Spokesperson Organizer Bridge Builder Leader	Advocate Organizer Researcher Candidate Leader	Advocate Facilitator Leader