



## Disadvantaged Community Outreach Evaluation Study (Paperback)

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Createspace, United States, 2013. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 279 x 216 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book \*\*\*\*\* Print on Demand \*\*\*\*\*.The Disadvantaged Community Outreach Evaluation study worked to unpack the assumptions embedded in previous Disadvantaged Community (DAC) outreach efforts. First, we asked if the system of identifying disadvantaged communities was effective. We found that US Census tracts, which are commonly used to designate the boundaries of DAC, are very poor at properly describing communities. Second, we considered the implications of the single-indicator system (median-household income) for identifying and understanding disadvantaged communities. We found that this system is not sufficient; additional indicators we determined are necessary to characterize a community include the size of each community, and the uniformity and intensity of the disadvantage experienced by members of each community. We developed a multi-indicator assessment tool that helps better describe each disadvantaged community so that engagement efforts can be properly designed. Using the tools we developed to identify and understand communities, we conducted needs assessments and targeted outreach to engage members of five disadvantaged communities. These efforts facilitated participation of community members in the integrated water management (IWM) process. The needs assessment and outreach resulted in twenty-two of project...



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