Photo Reflection

Take some photos of the community served by this project. Bring these photos to the next meeting. If this is not possible, imagine what the photos would look like and answer the following questions. If you don’t mind please let us know if we can make copies of your pictures.

1. What would you/did you photograph?

2. As you look at the photos (imagined or real) think about how the images shape your idea of community. What are some of the words you would use to describe the community?

3. Now show your pictures or share your mental images with various people in that community. Try to get five different perspectives: a resident or businessperson, a child or a parent, a lifelong resident or a newcomer. Seek people whose identity—for example, along lines of race, class, or immigrant status—differs from your own. Ask these key informants what they see in your photos and how it compares to what they would photograph if they were taking pictures of the community.

4. What do you see in common?