# The Dish: Participants as Partners

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*Mr. Dishman is sitting at a desk in an office.*

## Mr. Dishman:

I want to talk for a minute about participants as partners. This is one of the core values of our program.

There were surveys done throughout 2015, four different public workshops that brought stakeholders from all kinds and participant voices throughout all of that.

And it’s really sort of guided the philosophy that I inherited as I became the leader of the program and will continue to sort of pass that trait on through.

And that kind of philosophy of getting input from people around the country is going to be a philosophy that we continue to do as we build and grow this program, especially from the million or more participants who are going to join with us.

I’m excited: We’ve just brought some participant representatives onto the Steering Committee.

The Steering Committee is really your main forum for deciding the policies and direction that the program is going to go.

And these participant reps will have input and guidance, just like anybody else on that Steering Committee, really, to sort of lay out the future of the program.

And once we actually have participants when we’ve launched, we’ll bring more in to that forum as well.

We will do ongoing surveys and ongoing feedback with people who are participating in the program.

And we’re also engaging with different communities around the country.

We’ve already announced some community awards to help make sure that we’re bringing in the voices and concerns, and some of those will be announced soon, and that will be an ongoing process.

I feel like, as a user-centered design person, which is my own background, I don’t know any way to be successful without having participants driving everything that we’re doing.

I don’t think that we’ve invented all the ways that we’re going to do that yet.

And I hope you participants will help us invent what is, like, a way to be a shining beacon for the rest of the research community of a truly participant-driven program for the *All of Us* program.

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