

## Collaboration/Partnership Resources

There is no one “best” resource to support the work of individuals and groups in community based and inter-organizational collaborative work. The following is intended to provide the reader with as many useful resources that the writers of this document are aware of.

### Web Based

**Collaboration Framework ... Addressing Community Capacity:** designed to help individuals and practitioners who are starting or need help strengthening a collaboration to achieve clearly defined outcomes. <http://crs.uvm.edu/nnco/collab/framework.html>

**Community-Based Collaboration: Community Wellness Multiplied:** a resource which explores and explains the process by which citizens, agencies, organizations and businesses make formal sustained commitments to collaborate to accomplish a shared vision or purpose. <http://crs.uvm.edu/nnco/collab/wellness.html>

**Building Coalitions:** a series of fact sheets on coalition formation and maintenance. <http://ohioline.osu.edu/lines/COALI>

**Makesfive:** "Provision of partnership development and strategic thinking services to private and public sector organizations". <http://www.makesfive.com/>

**Collaboration:** Harnessing the Power of Collaboration. Website with links to additional resources. <http://www.albrycht-mcclure.com/thering/ringzine12.html>

**Community-Based Collaboratives Research Consortium:** The CBCRC is a network of researchers, community collaborative groups, agencies, facilitators and environmental organizations interested in learning about collaborative approaches to natural resources management. <http://www.cbrc.org/index.html>

**CollabTools:** Collection of sites with vendors of collaboration tools (mostly electronic). <http://www.voght.com/cgi-bin/pywiki?CollabTools>

**Collaborative Communities:** The website will serve as a resource for civic leaders who are working to build a more collaborative, more inclusive and more effective civic culture in their community. <http://www.collaborativecommunities.org/>

**Collaboratory for Community Support:** a national collaboratory that fosters local community support for holistic, community-wide solutions to social problems. Our work is founded on the premise that communities today are challenged to create systemic, locally-based solutions to complex problems by working across organizations and sectors. <http://comnet.org/collaboratorycs/>

**The Center for the Advancement of Collaborative Strategies in Health** at The New York Academy of Medicine helps partnerships, funders, and policy makers realize the full potential of collaboration to solve complex problems related to health or any other area. <http://www.cacsh.org>. Their project Pathways to Collaboration is about "cutting edge" partnerships: <http://www.pathwaystocollaboration.net>

**3CE (Coalition for Cooperative Community Economics):** This is the initial phase of a possible project to develop an encyclopedia of social innovation that empower people at the grassroots and promote community self-reliance and solidarity. <http://www.bee-leaf.com/Directory.html>

**The Institute for Community Research (ICR)** uses the tools of research to build community capacity and foster collaborative community-based partnerships. By gathering information in partnership with residents, we are helping communities locally and globally to ask better questions and get better answers about the complex problems they face. <http://www.incommunityresearch.org/>

**Community Toolbox:** The Tool Box provides over 6,000 pages of practical skill-building information on over 250 different topics. Topic sections include step-by-step instruction, examples, check-lists, and related resources. <http://ctb.ku.edu/index.jsp>

**International Association for Public Participation** is an association of members who promote and improve the practice of public participation decisions that affect public interests in nations throughout the world. <http://www.iap2.org/>

**Partnership Assessment Tool: Assessing Strategic Partnerships** - a Partnership Assessment Tool. The purpose of this tool is to provide a simple, quick and cost-effective way of assessing the effectiveness of partnership working. [http://www.integratedcarenetwork.gov.uk/inthelp\\_theme.php?id=1](http://www.integratedcarenetwork.gov.uk/inthelp_theme.php?id=1)

**Building Effective Partnerships: Lessons from the Adult & Community Learning Fund.** Briefing Sheet 14. National Institute of Adult Continuing Education (NIACE). October, 2000. [http://www.niace.org.uk/information/Briefing\\_sheets/default.htm](http://www.niace.org.uk/information/Briefing_sheets/default.htm)

**Partnership Self-Assessment Toolkit: A Practical Guide to Creating and Maintaining Successful Partnerships.** East Leeds Primary Care Trust (UK). [http://www.haznet.org.uk/hazs/hazmap/leeds\\_partner-tool.pdf](http://www.haznet.org.uk/hazs/hazmap/leeds_partner-tool.pdf)

**Effective Partnership Working.** Michael Frye and Sir Adrian Webb. Public Services Productivity Panel, HM Treasury (UK). April, 2002. <http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/media//E6EF0/PSPP%20partnerships%20report.pdf>

**From Chaos to Community: A Guide to Helping Friends and Neighbors Recover and Rebuild After a Major Disaster.** Published by Community Partners as part of the 2003 Fire Recovery Initiative, offers a road map for citizens who find themselves facing

the long journey to recovery that inevitably follows a major natural disaster.  
[http://www.communitypartners.org/pub/documents/from\\_chaos\\_to\\_community.pdf](http://www.communitypartners.org/pub/documents/from_chaos_to_community.pdf)

## **Publications**

**Collaboration.** (Barbara Gray). Describes why collaboration is effective, the nature of collaborative problems, the emergent nature of collaborative processes and how they are distinct from coordination and cooperation and the benefits and realities of collaboration. Jossey-Bass is the publisher. 1989 ISBN 1-55542-159-8

**Effective Collaboration (2nd ed.) Strategies for Pursuing Common Goals.** (scroll about  $\frac{3}{4}$  way down the page). This is a practical resource with guided exercises to assist groups in thinking and working through the multiple issues that successful partnerships must address. <http://www.rmleadership.com/books.cfm>. RMLeadership is now out of business. If interested in this resource, contact the author of this list at: [info@innovativeleadership.cc](mailto:info@innovativeleadership.cc)

**In Pursuit of Inter-Agency Collaboration in the Public Sector: What is the contribution of theory and research?** Hudson, B., Hardy, B., Henwood, M., and Wistow, G. (1999). *Public Management* 1(2) 235-260.

**Connective Leadership: Managing in a Changing World** (Jean Lipman-Blumen). A solid work of research that documents the styles of leadership that are necessary in successful collaborative works. ISBN: 0195134699. Oxford University Press. (1996, 2000). <http://www.achievingstyles.com/>

**Leadership for the Common Good Fieldbook: Tools for Working in a Shared-Power World.** (Barbara C. Crosby, John M. Bryson and Sharon R. Anderson). Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs and the University of Minnesota Extension Service. Packaged on a CD, this is a collection of tools, exercises, Power Point presentations and handout masters.  
<http://www.extension.umn.edu/distribution/citizenship/DH8118.html>

**Radical Collaboration: Five Essential Skills to Overcome Defensiveness and Build Successful Relationships.** (James W. Tamm and Ronald J. Luyet). HarperBusiness (2004). ISBN: 006074250X

From the Wilder Foundation: **Collaboration Handbook, Collaboration: What Makes It Work, 2nd Edition, The Wilder Collaboration Factors Inventory, Community Visions, Community Solutions: Grantmaking for Comprehensive Impact, The Nimble Collaboration.** <https://www.wilderpubs.org/index.cfm>

**Targeted Community Action Planning Toolkit.** Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP). The "Toolkit" guides community planners through a process that includes mobilization, assessment, planning, and implementation. It

includes worksheets and other tools designed to help community planners collect data, analyze information regarding resources, develop responses targeted to critical issues, and implement action plans that impact the community's most pressing problems.  
<http://www.ojjdp.ncjrs.org/tcap/203300.pdf>

**Changing Roles, Changing Relationships: The New Challenge for Business, Nonprofit Organizations, and Government.** Independent Sector, et. al. (2000). The contributions of the three sectors to public purposes have been changing. Businesses and nonprofit organizations are managing hospitals, prisons, and public schools. All three sectors have a keen interest in human investment that will yield productive workers and responsible citizens. This requires investing in child care, education, health care, and jobs. But who is responsible for which pieces of the human investment mosaic?  
[http://www.independentsector.org/programs/leadership/3sector\\_background.html](http://www.independentsector.org/programs/leadership/3sector_background.html)