Sustainability Resource Guide

Sustainability has always been an issue for training programs, whether stretching a budget, or staff development capacity building is a continual process. Most programs know this fact, but don’t have the time or personnel to locate these resources; that is why Partners for Community Solutions has put together this Resource Guide.

The website resources mentioned in this guide include:

- Potential funders on the government level, the private sector;
- Professional Affiliations;
- Board Development;
- Statistical Information;
- Reports on Youth Services;

Partners will continue to update this guide with new and useful resources.

Government Funding

- **www.grants.gov** sign up to receive RFP announcements for youth from all government agencies.
- **www.hhs.gov** lists grants for substance abuse programs, adjudicated youth, young mother and fathers, and locate your state TANF office.
- **www.doj.gov** for grant posting for adjudicated youth, and manuals and “How To’s” on working with adjudicated youth.
- **www.doleta.gov** for grants, for training materials, WIA and WIB, One-Stop contact information.
- **www.usda.gov** grants for rural programs.
- **www.hud.gov** for grants, housing information, and state contacts.

AmeriCorp Funding

AmeriCorp funding is often provided by YouthBuild USA, but is also available in each state, to find your state contact information go to [www.americorps.org](http://www.americorps.org). For organizations who partner up with AmeriCorp get full access to members and volunteers who assist your agency in continuing the re-vitalization of your community. AmeriCorp is a great source for additional funding. AmeriCorp also has The Resource Center which is an online tool for trainings and tools.

Private Sector Funding

- [www.fconline.fdncenter.org](http://www.fconline.fdncenter.org), for private and corporate foundations. This is a fee service, 19.95 per month for basic search ability. The Foundation Center funder website is available for free at major libraries around the country.
- [www.se-alliance.org](http://www.se-alliance.org), for private funders and venture capital. The Social Enterprise Alliance also provides information on starting social enterprises, business plans, and trainings.

In-Kind Donations and Assistance

- [www.techsoup.org](http://www.techsoup.org), for software and hardware donations. Tech Soup offers Microsoft products, Adobe, Quicken, Norton, and many more. Fees range from $2 to $25 to $200
- [www.giftsinkind.org](http://www.giftsinkind.org). Gifts in Kind partners with many retail stores including Office Depot, HP, Home Depot, Bed Bath and Beyond for donated products and their RDP program.
- [www.charityadvantage.org](http://www.charityadvantage.org), for website design, and non-profit services.

Volunteers

- [www.volunteermatch.org](http://www.volunteermatch.org) for volunteers for tutoring and mentoring, development, and other staff positions.
- [www.idealist.org](http://www.idealist.org), for volunteers, and permanent staff positions.
www.verizon.com, for volunteers. Staff and retirees become volunteers at Verizon and many other corporations. Verizon also offers small grants of $2500 for programs their employees and retirees are involved in.

**Board and Staff Development**

www.boardsource.org  Board Source increases the effectiveness of nonprofit organizations by strengthening boards of directors through our highly acclaimed consulting practice, publications, tools, and membership program. The website has several books and tools to be used, a calendar of events, and a very helpful knowledge center.

www.foundationcenter.org  This website has it all it seems. Funding leads, full day training schedules, grant writing information, on-line trainings, and non-profit management are just a few of the valuable resources provided by this website.

www.guidestar.org  Encourages non-profits to share information about their organization completely and openly. Non-profits who are in the guide star database can update its report with information about its agency. This site is free but you have to register.

**Information and Report Resources**

www.mdrc.org, MDRC is a publication that reports on youth, employment, and may other initiatives.


www.philanthropy.com, The Chronicle of Philanthropy provides articles on fundraising, grant makers, and others involved in philanthropic enterprises

www.census.gov, The U.S. Census provides demographic information broken down by state, county, and zip code.

www.harvarddiversity.org, The website Harvard Diversity.org was created by Harvard University, like the U.S. Census demographic information can be easily obtained. Both websites are useful in grant writing.

www.foundationcenter.org, The Foundation Center offer information on grant makers, reports on giving, and products for organizational and board development.


www.careervoyages.gov, Career Voyages offer information broken down by state on high growth industries and projections future employment openings.

**Professional Affiliations**

*National Association of Workforce Development Professionals*, NAWDP is a national organization whose mission is to be the national voice for the profession and meet the individual professional development needs of the membership.  [www.nawdp.org](http://www.nawdp.org)

*National Council for Non-Profit Associations*, NCNA is a network of state and regional non-profit associations serving over 20,000 members in 41 states and the District of Columbia. NCNA links local organizations to a national audience through state associations and helps small and mid-size non-profits: manage and lead more effectively; collaborate and exchange solutions; engage in critical policy issues affecting the sector, and achieve greater impact in their communities.  [www.ncna.org](http://www.ncna.org)

*Association for Fundraising Professionals*, AFP the Association of Fundraising Professionals represents nearly 28,000 members in more than 190 chapters throughout the world, working to advance philanthropy through advocacy, research, education and certification programs. The association fosters development and growth of fundraising professionals and promotes high ethical standards in the fundraising profession.  [www.afpnet.org](http://www.afpnet.org)

*Alliance for Non-Profit Management*, The Alliance for Nonprofit Management is the professional association of individuals and organizations devoted to improving the management and governance capacity of nonprofits - to assist nonprofits in fulfilling their mission.
The Alliance is a learning community that promotes quality in nonprofit capacity building. The Alliance convenes a major annual conference, networks colleagues year-round online, and provides member discounts on books and other publications. The Alliance provides visibility to its members in the online “Find a Consultant or Service Provider” directory, the People of Color Roster, Alliance Insights eNewsletter, Member Spotlights and membership directory. www.allianceonline.org

Youth Resources

Youth Today, a monthly print publication with 24/7/365 online access, is the only independent, nationally distributed newspaper that is read by thousands of professionals in the youth service field. www.youthtoday.org

The National Youth Violence Prevention Resource Center, NYVPRC is a Federal resource for communities working to prevent violence committed by and against young people.

The mission of the NYVPRC is to provide key leaders in communities—city managers/leaders and community leaders—with dynamic resources to help support their efforts to plan, develop, implement, and evaluate effective youth violence prevention efforts. See About Us for more complete details about the NYVPRC. www.safeyouth.org


National Youth Employment Coalition, improves the effectiveness of organizations that seek to help youth become productive citizens. www.nyec.org

Public-Private Ventures, conducts programs that seek effective policies and programs for the country’s disadvantaged youth www.ppv.org

Jobs for the Future, formerly the Illinois Facilities Fund, is the Midwest’s largest Community Development Financial Institution, serving nonprofits in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Missouri and Wisconsin. This organization provides below-market rate real estate and equipment loans and real estate consulting for nonprofits serving low-income and special-needs communities. IFF conducts research to guide and improve public policy. Special initiatives include IFF Housing, a finance and development program, and the Charter Schools Capital Program. www.iff.org

Youth Policy Action Center, is a Web site that engages young people (and adults) in democracy: changing policies that change young people’s lives. www.youthpolicyactioncenter.org

American Youth Policy Forum, AYPF’s mission is to broaden the awareness and understanding of policymakers and to strengthen the youth policymaking process by bridging policy, practice, and research. We do this by identifying the most pertinent high-quality information on youth issues available and providing a forum for prominent leaders in government, programming, and research, as well as the youth themselves, to share their viewpoints and expertise about the policies and practices that improve outcomes for all youth. www.aypf.org

The Forum for Youth Investment, is a nonprofit, nonpartisan "action tank" dedicated to helping communities and the nation make sure all young people are Ready by 21TM: ready for college, work and life. Informed by rigorous research and practical experience, the Forum forges innovative ideas, strategies and partners to strengthen solutions for young people and those who care about them. A trusted resource for policy makers, advocates, researchers and program professionals, the Forum provides youth and adult leaders with the information, connections and tools they need to create greater opportunities and outcomes for young people. http://www.forumforyouthinvestment.org/

The Youth Development and Research Fund, Inc. is solely dedicated to improving the lives of at-risk youth, and the policies and programs that serve them through research, training and the power of youth cultural competence (YCC). Their innovative research, training, products and information help policy
organizations, advocacy groups, foundations, community based organizations and educational institutions better meet the needs of today’s youth.  www.ydrf.com

The National Council on Economic Education (NCEE), is a nationwide network that leads in promoting economic literacy with students and their teachers.  www.ncee.net

Legal Action Center: National H.I.R.E. Network, established by the Legal Action Center, the National Helping Individuals with criminal records Re-enter through Employment Network is both a national clearinghouse for information and an advocate for policy change. The goal of the National H.I.R.E. Network is to increase the number and quality of job opportunities available to people with criminal records by changing public policies, employment practices and public opinion. The National H.I.R.E. Network also provides training and technical assistance to agencies working to improve the employment prospects for people with criminal records. www.hirenetwork.org