Finding Community Partners: Who, What, Where, When, How

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It takes a village to raise a child,

or an FASD Affiliate.



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What?

Determine your specific needs:

- Support
- Services
- Awareness
- Education
- Policy

Who can help achieve your objectives?



State agencies

- Developmental disabilities
- Health
- Behavioral health
- Maternal and child health
- Child welfare
- Juvenile justice
- Corrections
- Education
- Medicaid



Disability organizations

 University Center for Excellence in DD/Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (LEND) https://www.aucd.org/template/index.cfm



- Council on Developmental Disabilities https://acl.gov/programs/aging-and-disability-networks/state-councils-developmental-disabilities (Go to State-Level Planning and Goal Implementation and click on State Councils on Developmental Disabilities: Program Contacts)
- Disability Rights https://www.ndrn.org/about/ndrn-member-agencies/

Disability Organizations

- Independent Living Centers https://acl.gov/programs/centers-independent-living/list-cils-and-spils
- Association on Higher Education and Disability
 https://www.ahead.org/about-ahead/about-overview/affiliates
- Family to Family Health Information Center https://familyvoices.org/lfpp/f2fs/
- Organizations for specific conditions



- Health/Mental Health Organizations
 NAMI https://www.nami.org/Home
 Medicaid Quality Improvement Partner

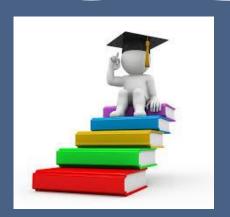


 Parent Training and Information Center For a description of centers

https://www.understood.org/en/articles/parent-training-centers-a-freeresource

To find the center(s) in your state https://www.parentcenterhub.org/findyour-center/

Local schools



Philanthropists

- Foundations
- Individuals
- Businesses



When?

- Develop short-term and long-term strategies
- Begin with most pressing needs and low-hanging fruit



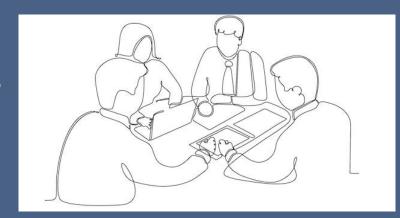
Where?

- Get on their turf
- Volunteer with the agencies and organizations



How?

- Keep a database that includes those you train or serve
- Identify trusted advisors who can make connections for you
- Join coalitions addressing common needs
- Think, "What is in it for the external agency?"
- Request a meeting
 Ask, "How can we help?"
- Volunteer with other organizations
- Maintain a menu of your volunteer needs
- Hold an agency fair (allows other agencies to reach their audience)



How?

Add your idea here.