



# Partnering with School and Community



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# *Forging Effective Partnerships*



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# Effective Strategies and Challenges



- ◆ Creating collaborations that support learning and strengthen partnership among all stakeholders



# Effective Strategies and Challenges



- ◆ Reaching out to better serve children and youth so that the needs of the whole child can be met
  - Physical
  - Cognitive
  - Social
  - Emotional
  - Moral



# Effective Strategies and Challenges



- ◆ Addressing social and emotional learning
- ◆ Educating an increasingly diverse population of students
- ◆ Extending children's learning opportunities past the traditional school day



**Strategic Opportunities  
are at the intersection of  
Need and Capacity**

# Strategic Opportunities



- ◆ What are the main issues that currently concern your community regarding youth?





# Strategic Opportunities




- ◆ Identify how partners could address these concerns.



# Partnership – Key Areas to Assess



**Readiness** – fertile ground to build partnership

**Readiness**

**Partnerships in 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC Programs**

**A Readiness Assessment Tool for Community Based Organizations**

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>To Some Extent</b>	<b>Not Yet</b>	<b>Don't Know</b>
1. Is our CBO leadership informed about current trends in public education in our community?				
2. Does our CBO have <u>informal</u> working relationships with key school leaders in our community?				
3. Does our CBO have <u>formal</u> working relationships with key school leaders in the community (i.e., memorandum of understanding, written contract)?				
4. Does our CBO have school leaders on our board of directors and/or advisory groups?				



# Partnership – Key Areas to Assess



**Capacity** – ability to do; what you bring to the partnership

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Capacity

Assessing Your CBO's Core Competencies Worksheet

	Yes	To Some Extent	Not Yet	Don't Know
1. Is our Agency competent at facilities management?				
2. Is our Agency competent at fundraising?				
3. Is our Agency competent at promoting children's learning and development?				
4. Is our Agency competent at educational enhancement?				
5. Is our Agency competent at developing the knowledge				



*Coming together is a beginning.  
Keeping together is progress.  
Working together is success.*

*Henry Ford*

# Effective Partnership Principles



- ◆ Plan together from the start
- ◆ Clarify the vision
- ◆ Take time to get to know one another



# Effective Partnership Principles



- ◆ Set ground rules
- ◆ Start small and build gradually
- ◆ Involve parents as partners



# Effective Partnership Principles



- ◆ Clarify roles and responsibilities
- ◆ Share decision making
- ◆ Prepare team members to work together



# Effective Partnership Principles



- ◆ Stay flexible
- ◆ Keep tending the relationships
- ◆ Be strategic







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