

Blueprint for Building Community Capacity

A Tool For Community Capacity Building



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- 8 Stories**
 - Capture the essence of asset-based community development – one-on-ones; meetings, articles, conferences, etc.
 - Sharing and building on successes and failures
- 7 New Way of Doing Things**
 - Communities build their own independent structures and organizations
- 6 New Roles for Professionals & Institutions**
 - They become a resource focused on gifts and capacities
 - They are accountable to the community
 - The focus moves away from power and control
- 5 Relationships within Communities**
 - Community building is based on the development and enhancement of personal relationships
 - Differences between people are bridged by their strengths and capacities
- 4 Community Control**
 - Community members are active in the community's decision-making
 - Programs and services are developed within the community that serve the community
- 3 Valuing People**
 - Dealing with people as individuals
 - Working face to face and personally
- 2 Gifts**
 - The community shares its skills, talents and abilities
 - All community members have gifts to share
 - The assets, skills and abilities of individuals and organizations in the community are the foundation to community capacity building
- 1 Grassroots**
 - It's "inside-out" work
 - People can best develop their own vision and plans and control the process

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