

Looking for innovative solutions to manage your organization in challenging times?

Understanding the Options: Collaboration Models for Community Organizations



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A Timely Resource...

Is your organization facing funding cutbacks, increased service demands, or government contract restructuring? Have you considered collaboration as a strategy for adapting to change?

Understanding the Options is a vital collaboration guide for all community organizations across Canada. It provides practical advice on how your group can:

- choose the most appropriate type of collaboration for your needs
- structure and manage your partnerships effectively and efficiently
- combine and enhance your services to meet growing demands
- operate more cost-effectively in an era of fiscal restraint

A Continuum of Collaboration Models

Understanding the Options fills the current gap in information regarding collaborative governance and administrative options. Focusing on a continuum of seven models of organizational collaboration ranging from joint programs and cooperatives to co-location and merger, the guide examines each model in terms of:

- governance
- advantages and disadvantages
- potential benefits
- possible challenges and pitfalls
- risks and liability
- potential cost savings
- time to implement
- cost to implement
- organizational autonomy

"..easy to follow, covers all the important questions, and the case studies make it much more real. And I love the tips - great stuff!"

Patricia Woroch,
Executive Director
Immigrant Services Society of BC

"..really valuable. It brings to the fore issues that I had not really thought about and ideas for alternative partnerships."

Marijke Olson
Coordinator, Refugee Assistance Program
Mennonite Central Committee of BC

Inside You'll Find

Advice From The Front Line – 13 case studies describing the real-life and sometimes surprising experiences of other organizations with each collaboration model

30 Innovative Suggestions – for how community groups can work together and save money without sharing office space

Answers to Your Questions About Collaboration – such as, "Should we form an umbrella society to represent our collaboration?" and, "What should we know before we share our office space with another organization?"

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