

Resources

Fact sheet- Creating effective partnerships: issues and considerations, Number 5.13, Drug Info Clearinghouse, Victoria, Melbourne, February 2008- Simple, clear fact sheet that discusses some of the issues in setting up a partnership. It suggests partnerships as one way rural and remote communities can integrate services and responses to the challenges of alcohol related problems.

Available at:

http://www.druginfo.adf.org.au/downloads/fact_sheets/FS_5.13_Partnerships_workers.pdf

NCOSS Formalising Partnerships Kit, Council of Social Service of New South Wales (NCOSS) in partnership with DoCS & Tim Childs Consulting, June 2007

The Kit can be used by small to medium organisations in a workshop context with other organisations, or within their own organisations (e.g. in discussion between Management Committee and staff) to resource a step by step planning process to form a partnership. The format is such that it can be updated and added to and can be used by NGOs on an ongoing basis. It includes resources, information, checklists and case studies to help organisations' work through the process of forming a partnership.

Available at:

<http://www.ncoss.org.au/resources/080801-formalising-partnerships-resource-kit.pdf>

Partnership Self-Assessment Toolkit-A practical guide to creating and maintaining successful partnerships, Anna Frearson, Health Partnership Manager, East Leeds Primary Care Trust, United Kingdom- This toolkit provides a basic overview of best practice in partnership working. It contains useful templates for a partnership self-assessment tool and a sample partnership agreement.

Available at:

www.neighbourhood.gov.uk/displaypagedoc.asp?id=876

The Partnership Analysis Tool- for partners in health promotion, Victorian Health Promotion Foundation, Victoria, Australia- A resource for establishing, developing and maintaining productive partnerships for organisations involved in health promotion projects. The tool is divided into three activities which can be completed by participating partners as a group. It also includes an extensive checklist which describes the key features of a successful partnership.

Available at:

http://www.vichealth.vic.gov.au/assets/contentFiles/VHP%20part.%20tool_low%20res.pdf

The Partnership Toolkit- Tools for building and sustaining partnerships, prepared by The Collaboration Roundtable, Spring 2001, Australia- Provides an excellent range of tools and strategies to assist organisations to build and sustain partnerships, by helping them meet the challenges and achieve the benefits associated with partnering. A very practical guide.

Available at:

http://www.gpqld.com.au/content/Document/3%20Programs/02_Chronic%20Disease%20Management%20and%20Prevention/CLPI/ThePartnershipToolkit_Tips%20for%20Building%20and%20Sustaining.pdf

Workforce Development Resource Kit- A guide to workforce development for Alcohol and Other Drugs Agencies, Network of Alcohol and Other Drugs Agencies (NADA), Australia- A comprehensive workforce development guide specific to the Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD) sector. Includes a section on strategic planning and partnerships, and a step-by step process for building a partnership.

Available at:

http://www.nada.org.au/training/WorkforceDevelopment_ResourceKit.pdf

Working in partnership- A Sourcebook, SQW Ltd, United Kingdom.

This sourcebook draws together established good practice, academic research and new research to show the 'lifecycle' of partnerships. It provides case studies which give examples of good practice and the experiences, both positive and negative, of real partnerships in action. At the end of each chapter there is a checklist for managers/organisations/partners to use to review where they are up to in the partnership process. The sections in the guide are- choosing to work in partnership, setting up- the early stages, planning and delivery, evaluating process, and moving on. This is a very practical, user-friendly guide for managers and organisations.

Available at:

http://www.havcohariney.org.uk/images/uploads/Working_In_Partnership_-_Source_Booklet.pdf

Websites

Community Door- Collaborative Practices, Queensland Government- The web page includes sections on the benefits and applications, assessing the potential for collaboration, effective interagency relationships, negotiating collaborative ventures and partnerships, developing interagency protocols and service agreements, co-location and other resource sharing arrangements, and mapping collaborative relationships.

Available at:

<http://www.communitydoor.qld.gov.au/networks/collaboration/benefits-and-applications.html>

Partnerships online- Tools and guides to creating effective partnerships and participation in communities of interest

Available at:

www.partnerships.org.uk

Rural Health Education Foundation- This website provides evidence-based educational programs around a range of health issues, including mental health, for people working in rural or remote Australia. This network provides a "lifeline" to people in rural/remote regions to enable them to maintain continued professional development and to keep up-to-date with important information, rather than having to leave their communities or find locum support.

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