

# Building a Community of Support

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## **B**uilding Relationships Between the State and Non-Profits

The One Star Foundation was created by Executive Order by the Governor of Texas to build relationships between the state government and non-profits by:

- promoting service and volunteerism,
- forging effective public and private partnerships, and
- working to increase the performance of non-profit organizations.

More information on the Foundation's activities, such as their mentoring initiative, can be accessed through their web site at [www.onestarfoundation.org/site/PageServer?pagename=homepage](http://www.onestarfoundation.org/site/PageServer?pagename=homepage), through email at [onestar@onestarfoundation.org](mailto:onestar@onestarfoundation.org), or by calling 512.473.2140.

## **S**uccessful Program Snapshots

You can find information on successful models being used by faith-based organizations at [www.fastennetwork.org/Display.asp?Page=whats\\_working](http://www.fastennetwork.org/Display.asp?Page=whats_working). The following model categories are updated on a web site facilitated by the Faith and Service Technical Assistance Network.

- College prep,
- Crime,
- Domestic violence,
- Fatherhood,
- Food,
- Gangs,
- Healthcare,
- Housing,
- Jobs,
- Literacy,
- Long-term disaster recovery efforts,
- Pre-natal education,
- Youth entrepreneurialship,
- Youth mentoring, and
- Youth tutoring.

Checklists for promising practices can be accessed at [www.fastennetwork.org/Display.asp?Page=BestPractices](http://www.fastennetwork.org/Display.asp?Page=BestPractices).

## **R**esources from the Federal Centers for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives

**Bridging the Gap: Meeting the Challenges of Universal Access Through Faith-Based and Community Partnerships** (USDOL)  
[www.dol-tlc.org/pdf/DOL\\_CFBCI\\_Grantee\\_CaseStudy.pdf](http://www.dol-tlc.org/pdf/DOL_CFBCI_Grantee_CaseStudy.pdf)

**Building Bridges: Mental Health Consumers and Members of Faith-Based and Community Organizations in Dialogue** (USHHS)  
[www.mentalhealth.samhsa.gov/publications/allpubs/SMA04-3868/default.asp](http://www.mentalhealth.samhsa.gov/publications/allpubs/SMA04-3868/default.asp)

**Building Multiple Revenue Sources** (USHHS)  
[www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ccf/resources/gbk\\_pdf/rs\\_gbk.pdf](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ccf/resources/gbk_pdf/rs_gbk.pdf)

**Catalog of Grantees 2002-2003, Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, U.S. Department of Labor** (USDOL)  
[www.dol.gov/cfbci/2005CompleteCatalog.pdf](http://www.dol.gov/cfbci/2005CompleteCatalog.pdf)

**Collaboration with Faith-Based and Community Organizations** (USDOL)  
[www.dol.gov/cfbci/collaboration.htm](http://www.dol.gov/cfbci/collaboration.htm)

## **W**hite House Conference

The White House will be hosting a conference for faith-based and community organizations in Denver, Colorado on September 26, 2006. For more information visit [www.whitehouse.gov/government/fbci](http://www.whitehouse.gov/government/fbci).

## Funding Information

### Free Grant Writing Training

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development is providing a two-day grant writing workshop across the nation. To find the location nearest you, access [www.hud.gov/offices/fbci/4thtraining.cfm](http://www.hud.gov/offices/fbci/4thtraining.cfm).

### Funding from HUD

If you are interested in funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development you may find value in the data sets available at [www.huduser.org/datasets/pdrdatas.html](http://www.huduser.org/datasets/pdrdatas.html).

### Need Funding for Seniors?

The U.S. Department of Labor just released \$259,700,000 to 18 organizations. You can contact these organizations to see how you can either access this funding or make referrals to existing programs. For a list of organizations, access [www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta/eta20061302.htm](http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta/eta20061302.htm).

### Check Out These Funding Opportunities

**Name:** Fresh Ideas: Community-Based Approaches to Improve Care for Vulnerable Populations

**Deadline:** Rolling

**Contact:** [www.rwjf.org/files/applications/cfp/cfp-FreshIdeas2005.pdf](http://www.rwjf.org/files/applications/cfp/cfp-FreshIdeas2005.pdf)

**Description:** New community-based approaches to health and health care problems that intersect with inadequate housing, poor education, and poverty that serve hard-to-reach individuals and families, especially new immigrants and refugees, frail older adults, and at-risk adolescents.

**Name:** Youth Rising

**Deadline:** October 12, 2006

**Contact:** [www.ysa.org/Awards/doc/final.youthrisingaplaandguidelines.doc](http://www.ysa.org/Awards/doc/final.youthrisingaplaandguidelines.doc)

**Description:** Support projects that engage high-risk and/or gang-involved youth (ages 12-25) in service to their communities. The funders seek projects that are co-led by youth and adult allies such as parents, counselors, coaches, teachers, youth leaders, etc.

**Name:** Rural Community Development Initiative

**Deadline:** October 10, 2006

**Contact:** <http://257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20061800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2006/06-6150.htm>

**Description:** Provide financial and technical assistance to recipients to develop their capacity and ability to undertake projects related to housing, community facilities, or community and economic development.

### Need Procedures for Writing Grants? Templates?

Beginning September 30, 2006, Grant Writing Webinars will focus on helping you create or improve your grant writing procedures and templates. Checklists and templates will be shared for the following components of your proposal:

- Letter of Intent,
- Organizational Background,
- Resumes and Staff Credentials,
- Linkages,
- Needs Statement,
- Cover Letter,
- Letter of Support,
- Resources, and
- Budget Data.



### Smiley Family Pathfinders

*One-time car repair assistance for any participant with an emergency need is available.* Informant



#### **Program's Mission Statement or Primary Objective:**

The mission of the Runaway and Family Treatment Program, a program of Lutheran Social Services established in 1990, is to strengthen families, prevent family dissolution, assure permanent stable homes, and help youth develop independence and self-sufficiency skills. Whenever possible, the program seeks to reunite youth with their families.

#### **Program's Strategies for Success:**

- ✦ According to the informant, the best strategy for success has been working from the bottom up. In other words, a community needs assessment is done by surveying the community prior to offering the service in order to determine what, if any, service is needed.
- ✦ Staff are well trained and connected with the larger agency. They are involved in and connected to the community.
- ✦ Counseling is offered free of charge.
- ✦ Emergency foster placement is provided.
- ✦ Street outreach to runaway youth is provided.
- ✦ Group presentations in a variety of venues are conducted.
- ✦ A 24-hour crisis telephone hotline is operational.
- ✦ An outcome management model is used including customer satisfaction surveys and 30-, 60-, 90-day telephone follow-up.

#### **Issues & Resolutions:**

**Issue:** The most challenging issue at the time of this interview, according to the informant, was funding due to budget cuts from across the state and other sources.

**Resolution:** Two resolutions are being developed and attempted. The first is to find additional funding. The second is to do more with less by maximizing resources.

#### **Contact:**

Lutheran Social Services  
612 North Randall Avenue,  
Suite A  
Janesville, WI 53545  
608.752.7660, ext. 12

#### **Funding Sources:**

Lutheran Social Services,  
United Way  
Area church and  
individual donations  
Wisconsin Department  
of Human Services

#### **Outcomes & Data:**

The program was established in 1990. Nearly 2,900 youth and families were served through this program in 2001.

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## Centers for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives



### U.S. Department of Agriculture

The mission of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is to "... provide leadership on food, agriculture, natural resources, and related issues based on sound public policy, the best available science, and efficient management." (U.S. Department of Agriculture)

The Department is responsible for:

- the Food Stamp Program;
- School Lunch and Breakfast Programs;
- Women, Infants, and Children;
- 192 million acres of national forests and rangelands;
- housing, modern telecommunications, and safe drinking water to rural America;
- the safety of meat, poultry, and egg products;
- research in related areas; and
- helping to ensure open markets for U.S. agricultural products and the provision of food aid to people overseas.

Their mission is accomplished through seven agencies:

- Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services;
- Food Nutrition and Consumer Services;
- Food Safety;
- Marketing and Regulatory;
- Natural Resources and Environment;
- Research, Education, and Economics; and
- Rural Development.

The mission of each agency is available at [www.usda.gov/mission/miss-toc.htm](http://www.usda.gov/mission/miss-toc.htm).

Former Secretary Ann M. Veneman of the USDA introduces the relationship of the USDA with faith-based and community organizations by stating:

The U.S. Department of Agriculture [USDA] has a long history of working with faith-based organizations in some of our programs. A lot of people don't realize that the Department of Agriculture operates the school lunch program, the school breakfast program, the Food Stamp program, the TEFAP [The Emergency Food Assistance Program] program, the WIC [Woman, Infants, and Children] program. All of the feeding programs are operated from USDA. And in many of these programs we partner with faith-based and community organizations to deliver our services.

Two documents prepared for the initiative include the *Toolkit for Faith-Based and Community Organizations: Supporting the Summer Food Service Program*, available at [www.usda.gov/fbci/sfsp.html](http://www.usda.gov/fbci/sfsp.html), and the *Toolkit for Faith-Based and Community Organizations: Supporting the Child and Adult Care Food Program*, available at [www.usda.gov/fbci/cacfp.htm](http://www.usda.gov/fbci/cacfp.htm).

The USDA facilitates the Rural Information Center which can be accessed at [www.nal.usda.gov/ric/ricpubs/volunteerism.html](http://www.nal.usda.gov/ric/ricpubs/volunteerism.html).

Grant and loan announcements are available online at [www.usaid.gov](http://www.usaid.gov).

The USDA made regulatory changes to level the playing field for FBCOs, *Equal Opportunity for Religious Organizations*, accessible at [www.usda.gov/bci/finalrule.pdf](http://www.usda.gov/bci/finalrule.pdf).



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