

Resource Mapping: Promoting Collaboration

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Team Work



Resource Mapping Defined:

A process used to link community resources to an agreed upon vision, goal, strategies, or outcomes

-Krane, 2003

Common Features of Resource Mapping Process:

- Focuses on the positive — assets & resources
- Builds relationships
- ‘Win/Win’ for all
- Works across system boundaries
- Aligns systems and services
- A work in progress — long term

Why Bother Mapping?

- Accomplish a specific task or goal (e.g., improve employment outcomes for all youth)
- Improve the situation for a specific population (e.g., youth ‘at risk’)
- Develop an integrated & coordinated service system
- Improve service delivery
- Identify new resources that address gaps in services

Why Map?

- Determine whether existing resources are used effectively
- Develop innovative interagency financing strategies (e.g., blending & braiding funds)
- Promote collaborative staff development across agencies & organizations
- Work smarter

Main Elements of Mapping

- Pre-mapping activities
- Set a clear vision
- Build partnerships
- Assessment of assets, duplication of resources, and gaps
- Action Planning
- Shared responsibility
- Evaluation and consistent updates — never really completed

**What does a resource map
look like?**