

Community Assessments: The Heart and Foundation of VISTA Service

Additional Resources

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| Community Assessment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Resource Center, “Conducting a Community Assessment” (guidebook): https://rootcause.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Conducting-a-Community-Assessment.pdf • Community Toolbox, “Chapter 3. Assessing Community Needs and Resources”: https://ctb.ku.edu/en/table-of-contents/assessment/assessing-community-needs-and-resources |
| Community Engagement | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VISTA Campus, “Using Volunteers for Project Planning” (tutorial): https://staging.vistacampus.gov/welcome-2 • VISTA Campus, “Demystifying Stakeholder Engagement”(webinar): https://staging.vistacampus.gov/resources/demystifying-stakeholder-engagement |
| Gathering Data-Statistics and Community Indicators | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • United States Census Bureau, “Quick Facts”: https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/US/PST045219 • Community Toolbox, “Section 9. Gathering and Using Community-Level Indicators”: https://ctb.ku.edu/en/table-of-contents/evaluate/evaluate-community-initiatives/community-level-indicators/main • Headwaters Economics, “Neighborhoods at Risk Tool”: https://headwaterseconomics.org/apps/neighborhoods-at-risk/ |
| Gathering Input from Community Members | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Toolbox, “Section 12: Conducting Interviews”: https://ctb.ku.edu/en/table-of-contents/assessment/assessing-community-needs-and-resources/conduct-interviews/main • Community Action Partnership, “Community Assessment Tips During COVID-19”: https://communityactionpartnership.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Community-Assessment-Tip-Sheet_COVID19.pdf |
| Identifying Priorities and Next Steps | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Toolbox, “Section 14: SWOT Analysis: Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats”: https://ctb.ku.edu/en/table-of-contents/assessment/assessing-community-needs-and-resources/swot-analysis/main • Mindtools, “SWOT Analysis”: https://www.mindtools.com/pages/article/newTMC_05.htm |