



SISTERS OF CHARITY FOUNDATION
of South Carolina

Learning Academy

2009 Partnerships and Sustainability Workshop

Philosophy

As good stewards, it is the desire of the Sisters of Charity Foundation of South Carolina to provide a diverse population of nonprofit organizations in South Carolina with the opportunity to expand their skills and knowledge and enhance educational access, while cultivating personal and organizational responsibility and capacity.

The purpose of the Foundation's Learning Academy is to leverage training and educational opportunities for the capacity building needs of multiple non-profit organizations in the state of South Carolina.

The Learning Academy strives to develop intentional individuals and organizations who are empowered, informed and responsible, provide learning environments that integrate emerging trends and innovation and promote continuous learning.

Who Should Apply?

Nonprofit leaders who have been told they need to collaborate to stay in business, executive directors who think it is time to collaborate but are not sure how to start and program directors who manage nonprofit partnership programs and want more information. Organizations' leaders should be accompanied by the partnership/programs chief implementer.

About the Workshop

Wednesday, July 15 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

(Registration begins at 9:30 a.m.)

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This workshop uses a variety of interactive techniques to help participants define partnerships and develop real plans to use them. During this workshop, participants will identify their organization's potential partners, plan how to initiate new and strengthen existing partnerships and define the concrete initial step(s) to implement their plans.

At the end of this course, participants should be able to understand how to use partnerships to build a stronger program, have a generic outline for establishing partnerships, have an analytic instrument to identify partners and know how to troubleshoot to identify and resolve typical partnership problems. This workshop is real-life, problem-centered and based on participants' experiences and situations.

About the Facilitator

Patricia E. Buckley

Patricia Buckley has 26 years creating, coordinating and leading community based programs in South Carolina and internationally. A firm believer that collaboration keeps organizations viable, she's worked on a range of partnerships from neighborhood collaborations on one issue to five nonprofit organizations partnering with the government and donor.

Ms. Buckley has built grassroots partnerships from the ground up and effectively led organizations into established collaborations. Her experiences include all stages of collaboration from the initial stages to deciding when and how to exit professionally. With over 22 years as a multinational executive director and field manager in the nonprofit industry, Ms. Buckley has successfully directed programs within culturally diverse communities in 11 countries.

To allow more interaction and learning opportunities, each workshop is limited in size. Participation in the workshop is determined by a selective process. The selection process requires the submission of a completed application form for each person seeking attendance.

Please mail, fax or e-mail your application to Katrina Spigner at the Sisters of Charity Foundation of South Carolina:

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Name _____

Current Position/Title _____ Years with Organization _____

Organization _____ Age of Organization _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

Does your organization a 501(c)3 nonprofit status? ___ Yes ___ No

How did you hear about this workshop? _____

Brief overview of the work of the organization _____

Organization's Mission _____

Operating Methods (A brief explanation of how the organization works.) _____

Annual Operating Budget _____

Funding (A description of where the organizational funding comes from, with percentage breakdowns where available.) _____

_____ Grants ___ Events ___ Annual Donors ___ Other ___

Governance (An explanation of how the organization is run, to whom it is answerable and how it forms policy.) _____

Geographical Spread (The counties in which the organization is active, the presence of regional offices, the number of staff employed and the headquarters location.) _____

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For this application, the terms partner/partnership(s) and collaborate/collaboration(s) are used interchangeably to define the working relationship between two or more organizations.

1. Have you/your organization collaborated/partnered with any other organization(s)? Yes or No

If you answered No, why not? _____

If you answered Yes, please answer the following questions:

a. What was the result? _____

b. Based on these collaborations, would you partner again? Yes or No

Why/Why not? _____

c. How do you select your partners?

Worked with them before Personal relationship

Referred by others (specify whom: _____) Other

d. What makes a successful partnership? _____

e. What hasn't worked? _____

2. What do you think are the benefits of building partnerships in your work? _____

3. What do you think are the struggles or constraints in building successful partnerships? _____

4. What do you think are the most important requirements for successful partnerships? (List no more than five.)

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