

Setting the Stage

Each time a person stands up for an idea, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, (s)he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope, and crossing each other from a million different centers of energy and daring, those ripples build a current that can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance.

- Robert Kennedy

Welcome to your part of a journey that has come a long way. What is written on these pages, spoken and practiced through these days, is the product of the minds and hearts of many people from many walks of life. Sometime, check out the Thank You page to get an idea of just how many people have added their strand to this work.

The manual you hold is made just for you – it is a resource for both during and after your workshop. It will walk you through the Assets Framework and the Community Engagement Model, and describe important points about these concepts along the way.

Tips For Using This Manual

The Notes folder has more in-depth materials and resources.

This is YOUR MANUAL. Write on it, add your notes, make it a tool that you will use!

The Path We Will Take

The path of thought that we will take in this workshop follows a few simple statements:

We care about kids.

We want kids to be successful.

Successful kids must learn.

Kids learn through experience.

Some of those experiences can be difficult.

We want kids to have tools and resources to navigate through difficult times.

We want kids to do more than navigate through difficult times, we want them to grow from these experiences.

We also want to create opportunities for kids to have positive experiences.

These tools, resources and opportunities are developed through the support of caring adults and peers.

A network of supportive adults and peers increases the likelihood for success.

Building a network of caring people focused on youth success builds stronger communities.