

CONNECT: What are “the moving trains” that could be harnessed?

Change horsepower can come in many forms. It is sometimes useful to look for the “moving trains” that have already taken on an issue, such as early childhood education, AIDS education, literacy, child abuse or even economic development or community safety. “Moving trains” are organizations, coalitions or initiatives with the capacity, motivation and resources to create change.

Directions: Think of two or three major “moving trains” in your community. Write them in the numbered boxes across the top of the chart below (starting with one you are actively engaged in). Quickly check off what you know about their focus on this page. On the back of this page, check off what you know about their primary stakeholders and strategies. As you work, refer back to the Big Picture Goals categories. This tool will help you create a database of the initiatives in your community and help you identify ways to link them.

MAPPING COALITIONS, NETWORKS & OTHER “MOVING TRAINS”				
	DESCRIPTORS	COALITIONS, NETWORKS, INITIATIVES		
		1.	2.	3.
Age Groups	Early Childhood			
	Elementary School			
	Middle School			
	High School			
	Young Adults			
	Young/New Parents			
	Mid-Career			
	Seniors			
Supports	Caring Connections			
	Safe Places			
	Healthy Supports			
	Effective Education			
	Opportunities to Help Others			
Settings	Families			
	Community Organizations			
	Schools/Colleges			
	Workplaces			
	Faith-Based Organizations			
	Community Places			
	Deep End Systems (e.g., Juvenile Justice)			
Goals	Protection/Problem-Reduction			
	Prevention			
	Preparation/Development			
	Participation/Leadership			
Outcomes	Learning			
	Working			
	Thriving			
	Connecting			
	Contributing/Leading			
Times	During School			
	Weekends			
	Before/After School			
	Summers			
	Evenings			
	Holidays			

BIG PICTURE GOALS



MAPPING COALITIONS, NETWORKS & OTHER “MOVING TRAINS” (CONTINUED)

	DESCRIPTORS	COALITIONS, NETWORKS, INITIATIVES			
		1.	2.	3.	
BIG TENT PARTNERS	Professional Roles	Public Policy Makers			
		Media/Communications/Public Opinion			
		Researchers			
		Advocates/Organizers			
		Practitioners			
		Philanthropists/Funders			
		Labor			
		Business			
	Community	Children & Youth			
		Families			
		Communities			
		Cultural Groups			
	Services & Systems	Early Care & Development			
		After-School & Youth Organizations			
		K-12 Education			
Higher Education					
Employment					
Health Care					
Prevention Programs					
Civil Rights					
Community Service					
Faith-Based Communities					
Libraries & Museums					
Parks & Recreation					
Social Services & Child Welfare					
Public Safety & Justice					
Other:					
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BIG IMPACT STRATEGIES	Improving Systems & Settings	Program/Services Coordination			
		Workforce Strengthening			
		Capacity Building & Technical Assistance			
		Improving Quality			
		Performance Measurement/Evaluation			
	Aligning Policies & Resources	Needs/Assets Inventories			
		Coordinating Policies & Practices			
		Establishing Funding Priorities			
		Exploring Funding Alternatives			
		Assessing, Changing & Creating Policies			
	Increasing Demand	Constituency Building			
		Public Awareness/Education			
		Opinion Polling			
		Collecting, Using & Sharing Data			
		Public Outreach			
Advocacy & Organizing					
Engaging Youth & Families	Skill/Leadership Development				
	Volunteer Service				
	Governance/Organizing/Advocacy				
	Philanthropy				
	Entrepreneurism				

CONNECT: Atlanta Partnership Structure

