

FASTEN *Toolkits*

EQUIPMENT FOR
EFFECTIVE SERVICE

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FASTEN has tools to help you do what you do — better. Visit www.FASTENnetwork.org and download them for free.

Tools to Strengthen Your Organization

Toolkit on Effective Volunteer Practices

- informative articles, printable forms, and resource lists that help nonprofits to recruit, train, inform, and equip volunteers for successful volunteer work.

How Are We Doing? A Toolkit for Organizational Self-Assessment

- a commonsense, structured exercise that helps a staff or Board to evaluate whether the organization's programs are "on track" with its mission and core values, and how well those programs are incorporating principles of effective practice.

Outcome-Based Evaluation: A Training Toolkit for Programs of Faith

- step-by-step guidance for developing an outcome-based evaluation plan that includes setting goals, selecting measurement indicators, and gathering relevant data. Worksheets and downloadable forms are included.

Tools to Strengthen Your Programs

Tutoring Toolkit

- informative articles, program overviews, printable forms and resource lists to help the nonprofit tutoring program director recruit, train, inform and equip tutors.

Mentoring Programs Toolkit

- Mentoring programs can capitalize on a faith-based organization's ability to mobilize caring volunteers to forge supportive friendships with struggling families. Here are practical resources—assessment questionnaires, activities to complete with families, tips on recruiting, training, and matching mentors—that can be used to help start a new program or enhance a current one.

Youth Leadership Development Toolkit

- project development, implementation, and evaluation tools for faith leaders interested in launching new or enhancing current Youth Leadership Development programs.

Teen Vocational Development Toolkit

- helps FBO leaders understand the potential benefits of teen vocational development initiatives and assists them in launching such programs. Includes reviews of potential curricula, sample evaluation forms, and suggested activities/exercises to conduct with teens.

Youth Entrepreneurship Toolkit

- assists faith leaders in conceiving, designing, and implementing new youth entrepreneurship programs. A robust resources section lists relevant books and curricula and information on organizations that provide consulting and training services.

People of Faith Mentoring Children of Promise

- the "how-to" manual for operating an Amachi program, which focuses on recruiting church members to mentor children of prisoners. Offers detailed guidance on planning, recruitment, implementation, and monitoring and evaluation, and includes sample forms.

Tools to Strengthen Your Collaboration

Toolkit for Private Funders

- features excellent examples of how diverse foundations are partnering with faith-based organizations across the country. Includes guidance on evaluating the effectiveness of faith-based social services.

Building Effective Cross-Sector Collaborations: A Training Module

- developed from Harvard University's "Executive Session on Faith-Based and Community Approaches to Urban Revitalization," this module describes lessons learned from real-life collaborations and offers guidance for mayors and faith leaders about working together effectively.

Toolkit for Government-FBO Collaboration

- orients practitioners to the issue of financial collaboration between government and FBOs. It provides summaries of legal research on the state of the law as well as practical guidance on making collaboration with government fruitful.

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FASTEN (The Faith and Service Technical Education Network) equips faith-based organizations, philanthropic foundations, and government entities to work more effectively to improve lives in distressed communities.

Still More Toolkits!

Check out the latest toolkits on www.FASTENnetwork.org

Resource Kit for Hispanic Faith Leaders

- Contains program profiles of a variety of Hispanic church-based community programs as well as information on the leading Hispanic organizations, both Catholic and Protestant, engaged in community renewal.

Substance Abuse Prevention & Recovery Toolkit

- This toolkit features articles, information, curriculum reviews, and resource lists to help directors of prevention initiatives to develop, implement, and evaluate their programs.

And Coming Soon...

Toolkit on Ex-Offender Reentry Programs

- This toolkit is packed with background information to help practitioners prepare for launching an outreach to ex-offenders. It includes step-by-step guides, curriculum reviews, and sample forms to use in implementing and evaluating a prisoner aftercare program.

Additional Equipment for Practitioners, Private Philanthropies, and Public Administrators Available at www.FASTENnetwork.org

FASTEN is dedicated to getting relevant, practical information and resources into the hands of faith-based leaders, private philanthropists, and public administrators. But sometimes, how-to manuals, workbooks, or other tools can only get you so far. Sometimes, it's a personal connection that helps the most. That's why the "N" in FASTEN stands for "network." You can get connected at www.FASTENnetwork.org in a variety of ways:

- **FASTEN's Idea Exchange** provides space for swapping ideas that work with your peers;
- **Ask A Specialist** gives you the opportunity to receive advice from veteran practitioners; this on-line technical assistance initiative permits you to submit a question to our specialists and receive an answer on www.FASTENnetwork.org;
- **FASTEN's Find Others Doing This Work** tab links you to a geographically organized database of FBOs, private foundations, intermediary organizations, and public agencies engaged in faith-based initiatives. Through it you can locate organizations in your city or region that may share your mission and work focus.

Get equipped.
Get connected.
Get going.

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