

ILLINOIS IMAGINES: Collaboration in Action Focus on Results

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Collaboration

What's your experience been?



Collaboration Assessment

- Communication
- Sustainability
- Research & Evaluation
- Political Climate
- Resources

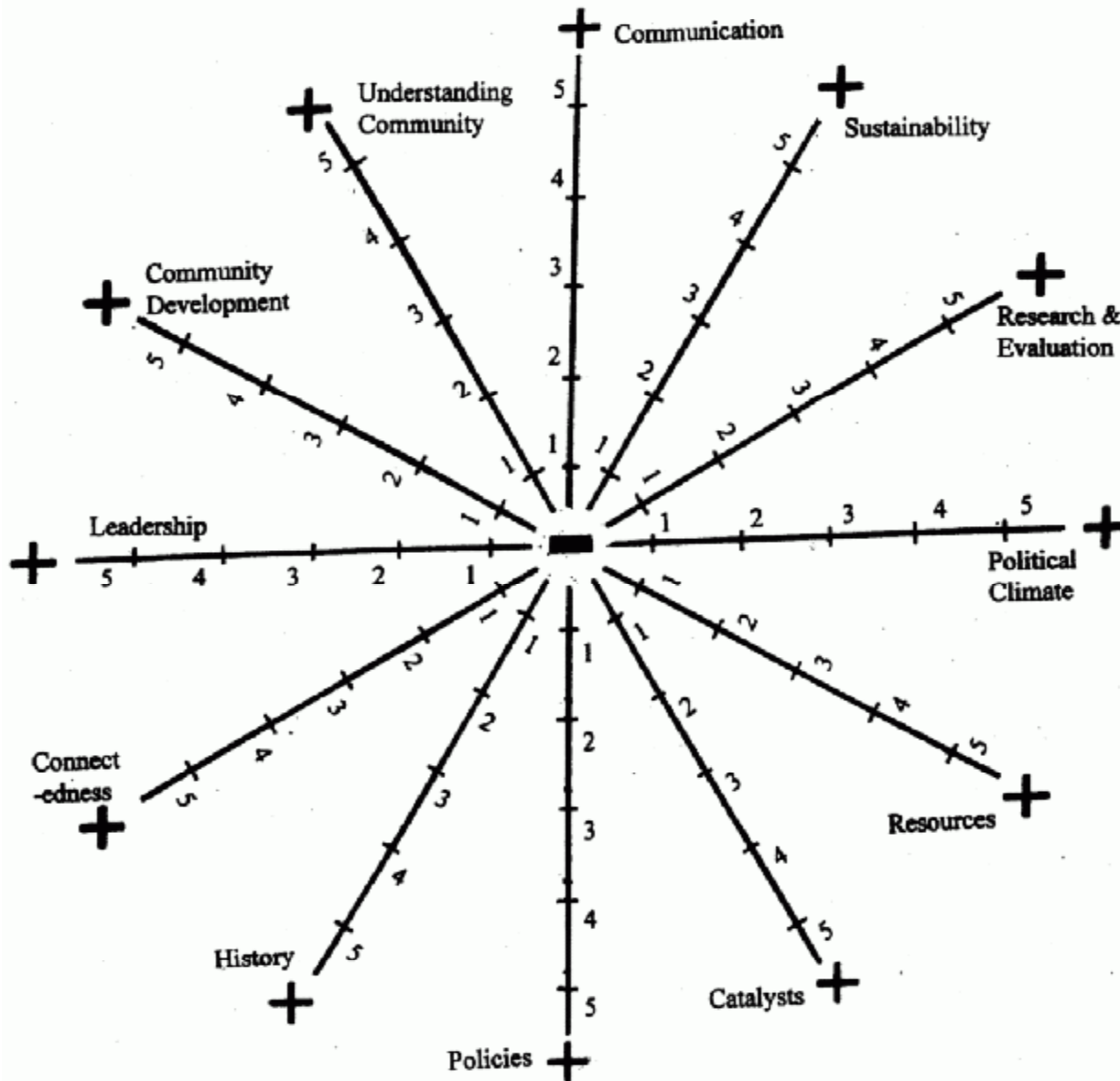
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Collaboration Assessment

- Catalysts
- Policies/Laws/Regulations
- History
- Leadership
- Community Development
- Understanding Community





Self-Assessment Resource

Collaboration Self-Assessment Tool
St. Cloud State University
Teacher Quality Enhancement Center

[http://www.stcloudstate.edu/oce/teaching/
documents/Collaborationtool-CSAT.pdf](http://www.stcloudstate.edu/oce/teaching/documents/Collaborationtool-CSAT.pdf)



Collaboration

Why Collaborate?



Illinois Imagines Project Partners

- Illinois Department of Human Services
- Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault
- Illinois Network for Centers of Independent Living



Illinois Imagines Project Partners

- Illinois Family Violence Coordinating Council
- The Alliance
- Blue Tower Training



Core Components

- Collaborative Model
- Responsiveness
- Outreach
- Administrative Supports



Collaborative Model

- Local teams:
 - Self-advocates
 - Rape Crisis Centers
 - Developmental Disability providers
 - Community Mental Health Centers
 - Centers for Independent Living
 - DRS Offices



Responsiveness

- Disability responsiveness
- Trauma responsiveness
- Key Components:
 - Connections & readiness
 - Policy & practices



Outreach

- Disability providers
- Rape Crisis Centers
- Educational materials



Administrative Supports

- Public Policy Committee:
 - Self-advocates
 - DHS Program Divisions
 - ICASA & local RCCs
 - Guardianship & Advocacy
 - Equip for Equality





Keys to Collaboration

- Good Timing
- Strong Stakeholder Group
- Broad-based Involvement

Adapted from Chrislip and Larson





Keys to Collaboration

- Overcoming Mistrust
- Clear Need
- Credibility

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Keys to Collaboration

- Open Process
- Commitment/involvement of high-level, visible leaders
- Support and respect of established system

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Keys to Collaboration

- Strong leaders of the process
- Interim success & reflection
- Action-oriented

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Challenges

- Pacing
- Process vs product people – finding authentic tasks
- System differences



Challenges

- Loss of confidence in system
- Natural tensions
- Budget



Success Factors

- Relationships
- Team Composition
- Women with Disabilities
- Internal/External blend



Success Factors

- Authentic Tasks
- Staying Grounded
- Resources



Lessons Learned

- Takes more time
- Less is more
- Logistics are important
- Think long-term



Lessons Learned

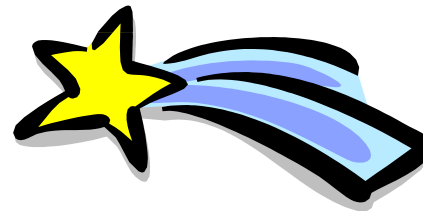
- The journey is as important as the final destination
- There is no substitution for relationships



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the possibilities



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