Community Resource Mapping: Passport to Independent Living
What is Community Resource Mapping?

- Focuses on what communities have to offer by identifying assets and resources available to build a system of support.
- Formal and natural resources.
- Partnering of resources that defy programatic and geographic boundaries.
- Requires strong partnerships and clear goals that all parties understand and support.

Source: "Community Resource Mapping: A Strategy for Promoting Successful Transition for Youth With Disabilities"
Principles Unique to Mapping

- Focus on what is already available in the community.

- Relationship driven – key is partnerships.

- To realize vision and attain goals, forget program and geographic boundaries.

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Benefits of Mapping

• Gain in-depth information about policies, procedures, funding streams, and collaborative processes
• Identify opportunities and challenges for meeting transition needs
• Provide comprehensive set of recommendations across agency supports
• Provides opportunities for collaboration between agencies and natural supports

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Benefits of Mapping

- Identify new resources to develop, enhance and sustain goals.
- Determine if existing resources are being used effectively to achieve desired outcomes.
- Improves alignment and coordination of resources.
- Develops new policies and goals to better meet goals and objectives.

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Steps in Process

- **Step 1 – Pre-Mapping Assessment**
  - **Visioning**
    - Scan the future
    - Develop consensus
    - Identify benefits of action
  - **Goal Setting**
    - Identify desired results, set measurable objectives
    - Think creatively
  - **Build partnerships**

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Step in Process

- Step 2: Select a process
  - Select process to gather data, identify partners, identify sources of formal support and funding, identify obstacles
  - Identify and collect data on resources – stay focused on goals, not funding
  - Develop the “products” – goals to be addressed and outcomes desired

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Steps in Process

• Step 3 – Implement the Map for Strategic Results
  • Design a strategic plan that aligns the resources
  • Create and implement the partnerships
  • Maintain communication channels open
  • Support the plan – encourage creativity, innovation, quality and accountability

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Steps in Process

- Step 4: Evaluate and Mid Course Correction
  - Keep the map up to date and update the vision.
  - Gauge progress and impact – record benefits achieved
  - Maintain MOMENTUM
    - Retool and expand partnerships
    - Encourage innovation and welcome change
    - Deal with unexpected challenges

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So Where Do We Begin?
Identify Formal Partners/Supports

- Vocational Rehab.
- CAP – NC Innovations (Area Mental Health Agency)
- Transportation – TAB
- Local Hospitals – Mission is a great resource
- Community Colleges
- UP Program
- Social Services
- Social Security Administration – PASS program
- HUD – Rural Development - USDA - Housing

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Identify Natural Supports

- Meals on Wheels – Someone can monitor and make sure a meal is served and check on them
- Church members for recreation and transportation
- Family
- Social Groups – kids social group for persons with disabilities
- Friends – in our own social group
- Employment support

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Identify Goals – What creates a meaningful life?

- Work and Vocational
- Home Life/Residential
- Recreation/Social
- Spiritual
- Educational

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Linkages to Resources

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Plan a Community Mapping Party!

How?