

**Deep-Dive into Community Partnerships**  
**Lincoln Community Learning Centers | Session II**



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**Building Partnerships Infographic:**

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Access full version:

[https://rockwoodleadership.org/how-to-build-awesome-partnerships-free-infographic/?gclid=CjwKCAiAp4KCBhB6EiwAxRxbpHW0z5zIffzxeFzpASJUmp7ktO8a81nXSiUCV9qFm4S2Edc30Cy0dBoC\\_jwQAvD\\_BwE](https://rockwoodleadership.org/how-to-build-awesome-partnerships-free-infographic/?gclid=CjwKCAiAp4KCBhB6EiwAxRxbpHW0z5zIffzxeFzpASJUmp7ktO8a81nXSiUCV9qFm4S2Edc30Cy0dBoC_jwQAvD_BwE)



### BUILD RELATIONSHIPS FIRST

Instead of beginning a partnership with a project in mind, focus on making connections, getting to know each other, and building trust. Not only will this make partnerships stronger, but it also allows for new ideas to develop.



### PARTNER OUTSIDE THE BOX

Seek out partners you think are interesting, even if you don't know how you might work together. This could mean finding partners across movements, or even connecting with scientists, teachers, engineers, and artists.



### USE TOOLS

Keeping everyone aligned and on track is important. Tools like **Purpose, Outcome, Process (POP)** make it easy to get everyone on the same page and avoid problems down the line. Check out **Rockwood's blog** and **stproject.org** for more partnership tools.



### GIVE FEEDBACK

Sharing feedback not only builds trust, but also keeps communication open so that when problems arise, they don't ruin the relationship you've worked hard to build. Positive feedback is just as *or more useful* than the constructive kind!



### ACCEPT FEEDBACK

Feedback helps us learn and become better leaders. Be open to receiving feedback from partners to strengthen yourself and your movement. Even if you don't ultimately use the feedback, just listening can create community.

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# Building Partnerships Map

\*\*\* Development Impact & You - <https://diytoolkit.org/tools/building-partnerships-map-2/> \*\*\*



I want to develop a clear plan  
for working with other groups that have the same vision as me.

## BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS MAP



## **Partnership Brainstorm and Discussion:**

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*Now that you have learned more about the importance of partnerships to building strong full-service community schools and strengthening families, take some time to discuss and reflect with your team / community.*

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1. What partnerships do we currently have and how are they going?
2. Who do we have strong partnerships with currently?
3. What have we done well when building and maintaining current partnerships?
4. What are areas in which we could improve moving forward?
5. What partnerships would we like to create within our community? Where are we lacking in partnerships (i.e., maybe we have a lot of club partnerships, but no partnerships when it comes to community and family engagement)?
6. Who needs to be at the table who is not already present?
7. What are our next steps as a team / community?