

Assessing Community Needs & Readiness: Resource List

Child Welfare Information Gateway

www.childwelfare.gov/topics/systemwide/assessment/community/?hasBeenRedirected=1

 Offers information and resources devoted to understanding Community Needs Assessments.

Community Tool Box: Assessing Community Needs and Resources http://ctb.ku.edu/en/LearnMore.aspx

 Provides informational resources and tools to help people work together to build healthier communities. The Table of Contents section offers detailed guidance in community-building skills, while the Toolkits page provides quick start resources on core competencies in community work.

Communities that Care (CTC)

http://www.communitiesthatcare.net/how-ctc-works/

 Developed a 5-step community change process for reducing youth violence, alcohol & tobacco use, and delinquency. CTC Training documents are available for download and include Trainer's Guides, Powerpoint Presentations, and Participant's Guides.

Tri-Ethnic Center

http://triethniccenter.colostate.edu/communityReadiness_home.htm

 Developed a nine-stage Community Readiness Model designed to assist communities in determining their stage of readiness with addressing an issue. A handbook describing the model and strategies to increase community readiness is available for download.

Data Resources

- FedStats
 - o http://fedstats.sites.usa.gov/about/
- Office of Justice Programs Bureau of Justice Stats
 - o http://www.bjs.gov/latestreleases.cfm
- U.S. Census Bureau
 - o http://www.census.gov/
- Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System (YRBSS) at the Center for Disease Control (CDC)
 - o http://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/data/yrbs/overview.htm