Resource 8

Life-Long Learning and Community Education

Use this tool to assist in the identification of life-long learning opportunities.

Life-long learning includes adult education, continuing education and community education outside of what is typically considered K-16 school learning. Life-long learning serves as a community development strategy and can be of interest to local government and community development organizations. Many schools have incorporated life-long learning resources into their Parent Resource Centers. Life-long learning can be:

- Adult Basic Education (ABE) Classes
- General Equivalency Diploma (GED)
- Adult Education
- Vocational training
- Community literacy
- Community research (genealogy, oral history)
- Local book club
- Arts and crafts instruction
- Foreign and heritage language courses
- Web-based courses
- Dance classes
- Recreation and sports instruction

Possible collaborators to develop and provide learning opportunities could be:

- Private industry
- Professional organizations
- Faith-based organizations
- Trade unions
- Community colleges
- Government offices
- Cooperative extension services
- Health service agencies and hospitals
- Social work and human service organizations
- Media agencies
- Cooking schools
- Libraries, museums and archives