

## ***Flathead Nonprofit Development Partnership (NpDP): Connections at the Local Level***

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## **Our Hopes for Today**

- Nonprofit Staff: Make Connections, Tell MNA, Funders
- Volunteers: Support Education and Capacity-Building
- Consultants and Trainers: Offer to help
- Funders: Look for Opportunities to Fund a Network in your scope

## What's the Problem We Were Trying To Address?

- Isolated staff
- Disconnected Organizations
- Cultural “transmittal”
- Training Inaccessible/Unaffordable
- “Meltdowns”

## Mission

Sustaining and Enhancing the Effectiveness  
of Nonprofit Organizations

Through Education and Capacity Building

In the Flathead Region of Northwest Montana

## What Do We Do?

### ■ Education

- Brown Bags
- Seminars
- Webinars
- Managers Forums, Other Affiinity Groups

### ■ Information

- Newsletter – training, funding, jobs, “resource corner”
- Website
- Social Networking

## What Do We Do?

### ■ Networking

- Summer, Holiday Parties
- Announcements
  - Senate Finance
  - Documentary Services
- Connection/Conduit (MNA, County, College, Job Service)

## Benefits

- Education
- Skill Building
- “Cultural Transmittal”

## Benefits

- Collaboration takes Relationships
- Cross Sectors
- Mutual Support/Nonprofits
- Forces For Good: Impact Beyond Your Walls
- Fun!!

## Building Blocks

- Founder/Spark
- Fiscal Sponsor/501c3
- Administrative/Finance
- Governance/Planning

## Building Blocks

- Personnel
- Communications
- Program, Speakers
- Fundraising
- “Sounding Board”

## Steps to Forming

- Assess Need
- Articulate Idea
- Assess Potential Partners
- Gather Advisors (Evangelists!)
- Refine
- ID Building Blocks

## Steps to Forming

- Governance Group
- Case Statement
- Seek Funding
- Patient, Persistent, Methodical, Hopeful



## Questions?

Please contact us for any help  
we can provide...

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Thank you!!