

STRATEGIES FOR COLLABORATION: PROGRAMMING INVENTORY¹

Every collaborative should gather the information needed to create a resource map of the community through provider surveys, association surveys, and individual capacity surveys. The completed resource map will help collaboratives identify both community needs and service gaps as well as potential partners and resources in crafting a new service provision system. In a collaborative, however, it is especially important to assess the resources of the collaborative members. This Programming Inventory can help collaboratives take stock of their members' programming and plan for future needs. Pass it out to all service-provider members, make copies of completed forms, and distribute them to all members. The first row of the table has been completed as an example.

Program/ Service	Current Capacity	Rate Your Success:	Barriers, Needs and Challenges				Comments
			Staff	Training	Funding	Other	
Resource Parents	3 (8 week) training classes per year	12/45		Need info on foster families	\$300	Foster parent education curriculum	We feel we have not responded to the specific needs of the many foster parents in our community.
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¹ Adapted from "Building Community Collaboratives," Family Resources Coalition of America, p. 31

