



Your Community Asset Map

What to do: Use this tool to create an asset map specific to your community: (1) See pages 2 and 3 for examples of urban/suburban and rural community asset maps. (2) Use the checkboxes to select the assets represented in your community. (3) Use the graphic organizer on the last page to add and categorize the names of local organizations, programs, people, and resources indicated on your map — or others not illustrated there. (4) Add notations about which assets could help your program address its needs assessment findings. (5) Determine next steps.

Why it matters: Mapping specific community assets can lead to fresh ideas, resources, practical support, and new opportunities for students and families.

Use This List of Potential Assets to Help You Brainstorm

Here’s a list of potential assets or partners. Consider asking any individuals or organizations you contact to help identify additional community assets you might not think of on your own.

Businesses	Education	Government	Health & Safety	Neighborhood	Service Orgs.
Airport	Afterschool org. or network	Agriculture department	Clinic	Artisan or artist	4H or Boys & Girls Club
Bakery	Childcare center	City council	Fire department	Chef	American Legion
Bank	College or university	Chamber of commerce	Health department	Concert venue or music group	Animal shelter
Construction company	Educator	Conservation district	Homeless shelter	Farmers market	Charity
Factory or plant	Homeschool program	County commissioner	Hospital	Historical or other landmark	Faith-based (e.g., church, temple)
Farm, orchard, or ranch	Parent-teacher organization	Fish and wildlife department	Juvenile justice center	Lake or other body of water	Food pantry
Grocery store	Private or public school	Forest service	Mobile health unit	Lawyer	Lions Club
Mechanic	School administrator	Mayor or political leader	Other health facility	Long-term resident	Rotary Club
Museum or planetarium	School board	Military facility	Police or sheriff department	Philanthropist	STEM initiative
Restaurant	State education agency	Nature preserve	Public health office	Recreation or hobby group	Trade group or union
Utility company	Tribal education agency	Public library, park, or pool	Search and rescue	Religious leader	TV or radio station
Zoo	Tutoring center	Transportation department	Substance abuse center	Retirement home	YMCA



What's in Your Urban/Suburban Community Asset Map?



What's in Your Rural Community Asset Map?





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