



New Orleans, LA
June 19 – 22, 2008

Building Community with Unity



NeighborWorks® America
Gulf Coast Community Leadership Institute

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NeighborWorks® America is honored to invite you to the Gulf Coast Community Leadership Institute (CLI) — June 19-22 in New Orleans, LA. At this event, community leaders from the Gulf Coast region will have an opportunity to come together and increase their leadership, and community building and organizational skills. They will also strengthen the peer network that supports CLI participants in their work of community rebuilding, and meet with other leaders from various communities.

The Gulf Coast region is still faced with the daunting challenges of rebuilding after the devastation of 2005. Many cities, towns and small communities throughout the region are struggling with a myriad of issues – from still vacant lots and devastated homes to rapidly changing demographics to street crime and substance abuse. Rebuilding has been slow, sometimes contentious. What is critical to the rebuilding success, however, is active resident engagement. While strategies and solutions will vary from community to community, strong community leadership will play a vital role in mobilizing residents, giving them a voice, and reshaping their communities.

The CLI offers a broad choice and a rich offering of quality workshops for you. These will help you develop new skills, enhance your experience, and will allow you to share ideas with other community leaders. Forums and networking sessions will provide you with new ideas through art, storytelling and discussion. There will be exciting onsite learning opportunities through several clinics and field visits to neighborhoods in New Orleans. Interpretation into Spanish and Vietnamese will be available during the opening and closing sessions, and the group dinner on Friday evening. This service is not available for workshops.

Join us in New Orleans to share lessons about successes—and those not so successful—to understand today's challenges and opportunities, and work with your CLI team to create an action plan for shaping your community for tomorrow.



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What is the CLI?



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The Gulf Coast Community Leadership Institute (CLI) is a training event that aims to strengthen the voices and skills of residents from neighborhoods and communities affected by the storms of 2005 in the Gulf Coast. The Institute is a collaborative effort among NeighborWorks® America district offices, the Training Division and the Community Building & Organizing Initiative.

Since 1995, over 28 CLIs have been conducted for resident and emerging leaders. The CLI provides a framework for learning and a forum for discussing community issues. It also provides opportunities for sharing best practices and solutions to the problems faced in these communities.

At the conclusion of the event, CLI Teams will have the opportunity to create an action plan to work with their organizations, and effectively bring the knowledge gained back to their communities and use it to effect sustainable positive change.

Agenda



THURSDAY, JUNE 19

5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Registration
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Welcome Reception <i>“Coming Together Celebration”</i> Dinner on Your Own

FRIDAY, JUNE 20

7:30 a.m. – 8:20 a.m.	Registration Continues
8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Opening Plenary
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch on Your Own
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Workshops
6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Group Dinner

SATURDAY, JUNE 21

7:30 a.m. – 8:20 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Full Day Workshops
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch on Your Own
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Full Day Workshops (continue)
4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Neighborhood Clinics (site visits) Dinner on Your Own

SUNDAY, JUNE 22

7:30 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.	Optional Interdenominational Worship Service
8:15 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Action Planning Sessions
10:30 a.m. – Noon	Closing Plenary

ATTENDANCE AND CERTIFICATE POLICY:

Workshops start promptly and end on time. A Certificate of Completion is awarded only to participants who complete 100 percent of the event. NeighborWorks® America's Training Division reserves the right to cancel any workshop at any time. If your workshop is canceled, you will be assigned to another session. Every attempt will be made for the substitute session to be comparable to the initial request. NeighborWorks® America is not liable to you for any damages, including, without limitation, any obligation to provide a refund for any travel and/or lodging costs associated with attending the NeighborWorks® Community Leadership Institute or other direct, indirect or consequential damages.

Community Leadership Institute Workshops At-A-Glance

Friday, June 20
1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Saturday, June 21
8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

BUILDING LEADERSHIP

CL105 Ready to Train? How to Design Successful Community Workshops

CL160 Building Your Capacity as a Board Member

CL106 Speaking With Confidence

CL101 Developing Your Leadership Potential

CL102 Keeping Your Balance

*CL112 Leading in Challenging Times, When Progress is Slow and People are Tired

WORKING TOGETHER

CL152 Growing in Grace and Wisdom

CL127 Building Bridges Across Lines of Race, Class, Age, Gender and Ethnicity

CL108 Transforming Conflict Into Action

CL124 Reaching Out to Emerging Populations and Working in Diverse Communities

CL128 Team-Building Skills and Working Together

CL125 Working With Faith-Based Organizations

CL199 Action Planning (for volunteers who will lead the action planning process for their team)

*CL115 Organizing Volunteers for Maximum Impact

MAKING COMMUNITIES STRONGER

CL400 Executive Directors Session
(For Executive Directors of the sponsoring organizations or their senior staff designee only)

CL145 Linking Home, School and Community

CL122 Adjusting to a Changing Neighborhood

CL142 Organizing for Neighborhood Safety

CL140 Planning and Implementing a Block-Based Project

CL153 Building Coalitions and Partnerships and Building on the Social Assets of Your Community

MAKING ORGANIZATIONS STRONGER

CL104 Developing Your Organization's Political Clout

CL144 Resident-Led Neighborhood Revitalization Strategies

CL130 How to Create a Community Group

CL166 Fundamentals of Community Organizing

CL163 Making Meetings Work

*CL168 Fundraising for Small Organizations

YOUTH WORKSHOP (for youth participants and volunteers working with youth)

CL149 Using Art as a Community-Building Tool

CL107 Young People as Leaders of Community Change—Adults and Youth Working Together

CL121 Adults and Youth Working Together

CL190 Youth Financial Literacy

*Every workshop will relate its content to the Gulf Coast's reality, and will respond to participants' specific issues. Many of the presenters are from the Gulf Coast or have experience working in the region. The workshop materials will be specifically relevant to the region. *These workshops were developed specifically for the Gulf CLI.*



Workshop Descriptions

CL101 DEVELOPING YOUR LEADERSHIP POTENTIAL

What does it mean to be a community leader? What responsibilities do they have and what challenges do they face today? This workshop will share some of the values, qualities, and skills of effective leaders. Then, we'll identify the personal strengths and skills you bring to your leadership role and ways to build upon them. Learn how best to use your assets to broaden your impact in your community.

Saturday, June 21

CL102 KEEPING YOUR BALANCE

How do you balance your life between your job, community work and family? Learn ways to accomplish the work you love and still have time for the people you love. Discuss how to set realistic goals and work plans that others in your organization will accept. Explore how to set limits, not take on too much, and when to say no when you have to. Develop skills that help you prioritize your work time and help you sustain yourself for the long haul.

Friday, June 20

CL104 DEVELOPING YOUR ORGANIZATION'S POLITICAL CLOUT

The political system can be a treacherous, mysterious and complicated maze to the uninitiated. Nonetheless, it is important to learn how to use politics and politicians in positive ways that can benefit your community. In this workshop, you will learn how to organize an issue campaign that targets key political figures and institutions. You will also strategize on methods to identify political targets, present your positions at public hearings, and hold press conferences to get your message out to the community and the media.

Friday, June 20

CL105 READY TO TRAIN? HOW TO DESIGN SUCCESSFUL WORKSHOPS

How often do we learn something valuable, and then find it difficult to pass on that knowledge to others? This session will help you determine how you learn best and how to pass on to others what you know. Practice various participatory teaching methods that help people develop critical thinking skills and learn by doing, including small-group exercises and role-plays. Includes tips in ice-breakers, visual aids, training plans, other elements of workshop design that get people actively involved and help them use new skills and information for the benefit of the community.

Friday, June 20

CL106 SPEAKING WITH CONFIDENCE

The way you express yourself can have a significant effect on your ability to get things done, particularly when you're dealing with politics and government. Explore ways to improve your communications with public agencies and figures. Get specific tips for advocating your position and keeping a group's attention. Practice speaking with confidence to help you become more self-assured and able to get your points across with more impact.

Friday, June 20

CL107 YOUNG PEOPLE AS LEADERS OF COMMUNITY CHANGE – ADULTS AND YOUTH WORKING TOGETHER

Young people CAN lead! This workshop is intended for both, young people and adults working with youth. We'll hear from young people about how they are effecting change in their communities, and getting young people mobilized to address issues that impact them. You will learn what inspires young adults to get involved in neighborhood issues and share ideas on ways to motivate and recruit youth to participate in your community. We'll examine programmatic approaches that build self-esteem as well as skills, involve youth in decision-making, and offer young people a meaningful and unlimited role in your community and organization.

Saturday, June 21

CL108 TRANSFORMING CONFLICT INTO ACTION

Conflict means different things to different people, and often it has a negative connotation. Many people think of conflict as damaging or divisive. Look at ways to use conflict as an opportunity to learn more about the issues and dynamics that divide groups and prevent progress. Through exercises, understanding of terms, and sharing of experiences learn ways to use conflict constructively to help bring individuals and groups in your community together in a way that effects positive change.

Friday, June 20



CL112 LEADING IN CHALLENGING TIMES, WHEN PROGRESS IS SLOW, AND PEOPLE ARE TIRED

This workshop is intended for participants in key leadership position. Community leadership is always tough. But, it is especially difficult in challenging times. Particularly when there seems to be no progress and volunteers are increasingly tired and nearly ready to give up. How does the community leader remain committed and energized to continue working for change? How does he/she inspire others not to give up; to go to that next meeting; to provide input to that new plan; to convene that next gathering? How do you move forward when so many are standing still? This workshop will be highly interactive, incorporating the participants' own situation and seeking individual solution to individual challenges.

Saturday, June 21

CL115 ORGANIZING VOLUNTEERS FOR MAXIMUM IMPACT

Getting folks to the meeting is the easy part. How do you ensure that volunteers have a tangible, meaningful role that constructively – and demonstrably – impacts a project or program? Identifying, recruiting, sustaining, evaluating, and rewarding volunteers are all important component of a comprehensive strategy to maximize their impact. Matching volunteer interest with tasks that advance the strategic goals of the community and organization is also critical. In this workshop you'll learn the tools and techniques that have proven successful in organizing volunteers for maximum impact.

Saturday, June 21

CL121 ADULTS AND YOUTH WORKING TOGETHER

For neighborhoods to work there must be strong bonds between all segments of the community, including adults and youth. Often adults insist in comparing things to how it was when they were younger. Conversely, youth often look at adults as being out of touch and not able to understand their generation. These and other attitudes make communication difficult between the generations. In this workshop ways to bridge the generation gap will be explored. Examples of situations where adults and youth have been able to work together collaboratively will be shared and examined, highlighting replicable successful methodologies.

Friday, June 20

CL122 ADJUSTING TO A CHANGING NEIGHBORHOOD

Our neighborhoods are changing. This change can come over time or abruptly. Either way, sometimes change has difficult moments, especially for longer term residents: different types of people move in; community perceptions shift; tension develops between those who have always lived in the neighborhood and those who have just arrived. Understanding how to work together to create a new sense of community is paramount to ensuring a neighborhood's livability. Learn how other communities have met these challenges. Talk about programs and activities which facilitate cohesiveness. Explore ways that you can transition with the neighborhood and be a change-leader who helps facilitate proactive activities and the discovery of shared values.

Friday, June 20

CL124 REACHING OUT TO EMERGING POPULATIONS AND WORKING IN DIVERSE COMMUNITIES

Our neighborhoods' population is changing. New people are coming in. Our communities are becoming increasingly diverse. This population shift significantly impacts the way we interact with one another. How can we reach out to newcomers without alienating the established residents? How can we best work together to address the opportunities these changes present? What can we do to ensure our community becomes more culturally competent? How can we help promote the development of activities, programs and services that take into account different cultural norms and expectations? In this workshop participants will look at the various ways that newcomers and their diversity strengthen our communities. The workshop will also address and discuss stereotypes, misinformation, and learn ways to recognize the power that developing greater community cohesiveness brings.

Saturday, June 21



CL125 WORKING WITH FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS

Churches, synagogues, mosques, and other faith-based institutions are an important part of a community. Oftentimes, they offer leadership in rebuilding efforts, and are willing to volunteer to help neighborhoods “come back”, be cleaner, safer, and more attractive. Sometimes they may even be willing to donate money and resources, or to get directly involved in sponsoring events, building homes, creating jobs, and/or working to address other community concerns. Learn how faith-based organizations have been involved in other communities and see how you can engage them as helpful partners in your neighborhood.

Saturday, June 21

CL127 BUILDING BRIDGES ACROSS LINES OF RACE, CLASS, AGE, GENDER AND ETHNICITY

Diversity strengthens our communities by bringing different views, backgrounds, languages, races and orientation into our communities and into our work. Often, differences are met as a challenge instead of an opportunity, due to factors such as lack of information, stereotypes and limited personal experiences with other groups. In this workshop, you will examine ways to reach out and build bridges to members of different groups. We will also discuss ways that diversity strengthens our communities, and learn ways to recognize and celebrate the power this brings.

Saturday, June 21

CL128 TEAM-BUILDING SKILLS AND WORKING TOGETHER

Acquire skills to assess your team’s effectiveness, identify and remove roadblocks to effective teamwork, enhance team decision-making and problem solving capabilities. In this workshop, you will explore the relationship between successful teams and leadership, and increase your understanding of group dynamics. Also examine such issues as the use of power, inclusion and exclusion, competition within the team, and team norms of openness and communication.

Friday, June 20

CL130 HOW TO CREATE A COMMUNITY GROUP

We can certainly make an impact in our community as individuals. However, together we enhance and multiply the impact of our actions. Community groups are an effective mechanism to work together for change. How do we create them? Who needs to be “at the table” when community groups are created? When are key decisions made in the formation process to maximize a community group’s impact and likelihood for success? This workshop will examine proven tools and techniques; engage participants in sharing what works, and focus on the personal skills necessary to create a successful community group.

Friday, June 20

CL140 PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTING A BLOCK-BASED PROJECT

Block by block improvement activities are oftentimes a cornerstone strategy in the revitalization of a neighborhood – in bringing back a community. Frequently, such projects come about at the initiative of residents who informally talk about a need on their street and make a decision to do something about it. This workshop will help you to turn these conversations into a concrete project. Learn how to prioritize possibilities, conduct feasibility analysis and develop a budget. We will also explore how to work with existing agencies to enlist their support, recruit participants, and secure funding.

Friday, June 20



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CL142 ORGANIZING FOR NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY

Safety in our communities is oftentimes issue #1. Fighting crime can be all-consuming for a neighborhood organization; it can seem overwhelming. Rampant drug dealing, pervasive drug addiction, and the crime that accompanies these illegal activities can ravage a neighborhood. Individual call for action can be effective, but when the community comes together to address safety, it can have a much more powerful impact. Learn what neighbors can do together to go beyond just fighting crime – to make a neighborhood a safe place to call home. Find out how to develop effective collaborations among residents, police departments, schools and businesses. Get tips on how to mobilize people who are anxious, and maybe fearful about getting involved, and learn about innovative efforts taking place around the country that help fight crime and create a better sense of community.

Saturday, June 21

CL144 RESIDENT-LED NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION STRATEGIES

It is YOUR neighborhood, so should you – and your fellow residents – not lead the development of strategies to make it better? What does it really take to improve your neighborhood? What kinds of strategies are best suited to addressing the unique challenges of your community? Have you participated in community visioning but aren't sure what next steps are necessary to implement a plan of action? Do you know what kinds of resources are needed to secure change and where to find them? This workshop explores the practical applications of developing a community building strategy, led by the affected constituency. Participants will also learn to examine the external and internal dynamics at work in a neighborhood as the basis to determine the best course of action and will explore the collaborative nature required for success.

Saturday, June 21

CL145 LINKING HOME, SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

Healthy communities have strong bonds with neighborhood schools. Collaboration between residents, parents, and educators is critical to forge a winning partnership that truly benefits all in the community. Come to this workshop and find out ways communities have improved local schools through grassroots organizing and strengthening of school-community links. Get common-sense tips to help you and your organization work with your neighborhood school, whether to strengthen after-school programs, improve communication between parents and school officials, make the school more accessible to the community, and make community resources more accessible.

Saturday, June 21

CL149 USING ART AS A COMMUNITY-BUILDING TOOL

How can a community come together through an art project? What does it take to design and implement a project to guarantee its success? Who funds such activities? How can art projects enhance a community's perception of itself as well as those who visit the neighborhood? Learn about community mural projects and other art activities, and how they have not only successfully brought a community together but enhanced the built environment.

Friday, June 20

CL152 GROWING IN GRACE AND WISDOM: TAPPING THE STRENGTH OF SENIORS IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Almost every community has a large percentage of older people living within it. However, while our elders are respected for their leadership, wisdom and guidance, they often are not included in our community development efforts. We are at risk of losing this valuable resource if we allow seniors to be isolated from neighborhood activities and the community infrastructure which keeps us connected with one another. Explore ways to work with seniors and benefit from their talents and skills while at the same time helping seniors to access information and opportunities which can help them stay in the neighborhood.

Friday, June 20



CL153 BUILDING COALITIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS: HIGHLIGHTING THE SOCIAL ASSETS OF YOUR COMMUNITY

Our community's social assets – our human capital; our people; our institutions – are just as important as the physical infrastructure. When we seek to create change by working with others – creating coalitions and partnerships – we must understand their positions and views. How do we build these coalitions and partnerships with a cross-section of organizations, individuals and institutions? How do we honor our own social assets, broadening our perspectives without compromising our core values? In this workshop you'll find out how to develop a joint work plan that respects all partners of the coalition, discuss and practice ways to make sure your coalition is reflective of the ethnic and cultural diversity of the community, and strategize ways to overcome conflicts that might arise.

Saturday, June 21

CL160 BUILDING YOUR CAPACITY AS A BOARD MEMBER

The Board of Directors of a nonprofit organization sets the agency's strategic direction, develops its policies, and ensures its financial accountability. Learn how to strengthen the role you play on your board by understanding how a board works and how you can become a more effective voice for your community. Identify board members' roles and responsibilities. Explore the legal and moral duties. Discuss how to promote shared leadership, serve as a public relation representative of your organization, and stay energized over time.

Saturday, June 21

CL163 MAKING MEETINGS WORK

Meetings are a fact of life for community work. Learn how to plan meetings and make them run smoothly, including setting effective agendas. Hear about techniques to increase attendance and participation so that greater ownership is generated over the issues under discussion. Explore the roles and responsibilities of the chairperson and practice chairing a meeting. Compare different methods for making decisions in meetings, and determine which is right for your group.

Friday, June 20

CL166 FUNDAMENTALS OF COMMUNITY ORGANIZING

Community organizing is key to the success of our neighborhoods. The most sustainable community-building initiatives come from a well-organized, enthusiastic and accountable group of neighborhood residents. In this workshop you will learn how to facilitate capacity building in communities, teaching residents how to take a leadership role in decision-making for their neighborhoods. You will also explore techniques for conducting outreach, identifying and recruiting new members, and developing neighborhood activities for groups to work on. You will practice how to do door-knocking, conduct house meetings, and make presentations to community groups – that is, how to organize your community!

Saturday, June 21

CL168 FUNDRAISING FOR SMALL ORGANIZATIONS

Small organizations are oftentimes the most strapped for resources. Whether it is money to do a project or pay staff, it seems that the smaller the organization the more difficult the fundraising effort. But, it does not have to be so! In this workshop you'll learn about specific approaches to identify the resources to get your work done, regardless of how small your organization is. The many facets of fundraising will be discussed as they pertain to small organization. The workshop highlights how sometimes "small is beautiful" and how you may be in a better position to fundraise than you think – because you are small!

Saturday, June 21

Accommodation and Registration Information

CL190 YOUTH FINANCIAL LITERACY

The ability to manage one's personal finances is a key life skill for youth to learn and practice. The goal of this workshop is for participants to be able to more effectively communicate, engage and implement a youth financial literacy program for youth ages 13 - 20. The workshop is divided into two parts: (1) reaching youth and (2) teaching youth. The workshop will provide insight into the teen psyche, marketing techniques for targeting youth, suggested content for a financial literacy program, and recommendations for implementing a youth financial literacy program.

Saturday, June 21

CL199 ACTION PLANNING (FOR VOLUNTEERS WHO WILL LEAD THE ACTION PLANNING PROCESS FOR THEIR TEAM)

Development and implementation of an action plan will allow CLI participants to work with other residents from their community to put the CLI training and networking into practice by producing a project, event or activity that will benefit other members of the community. All CLI teams are encouraged to develop an action plan, and to submit an action plan application to NeighborWorks® America. This workshop will review the components of an action plan and the facilitator's role in working with their team to develop and implement, and report on a plan. The workshop will also explain how to submit an online application for an action plan award from NeighborWorks® America. This workshop is recommended for leaders and/or volunteers who will lead the development of the action plan for their team.

Friday, June 20

CL400 EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS SESSION

This workshop is intended exclusively for Executive Directors – or their designated senior staff – of the organization sponsoring each CLI Team. Specific topics and issues will be determined by participants. Past issues discussed have included issues such as what is the role of the Executive in these turbulent times? How can the principal staff in a nonprofit organization maximize the contribution of community leaders as volunteers, board members, and/or partners? How should the Executive Director most efficiently work with volunteer leaders? What is their most effective role? How is the leader's energy best aligned with the organization's direction? This workshop is highly participatory and it is expected that participants will come ready to network and engage each other in break-out sessions.

Friday, June 20

NeighborWorks® Community Leadership Institute

New Orleans, LA
June 19 – 22, 2008

Registration deadline:
March 28, 2008

The Gulf Coast CLI is an integral component of NeighborWorks America's commitment to supporting organizations engaged in rebuilding the Gulf Coast. A select group of partnering organizations from this region are invited to participate at this event. Registration for this event is by invitation only. Each of the invited organizations has identified a Resident Team Coordinator who will provide guidance in selecting their team of six participants from their community, and to register the Team to attend.

TUITION FEE

The sponsoring organization pays the tuition fee of \$85 per person and payment for each participant must be included with the CLI Team Registration form. The CLI Team Registration form was mailed directly to the invited sponsoring organization.

ACCOMMODATIONS

The NeighborWorks® Community Leadership Institute takes place at:

New Orleans Marriott Hotel
555 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA
(504) 581-1000 (*Non-smoking facility*)

Participation in the NeighborWorks® Community Leadership Institute includes shared room accommodations for the three nights at the Institute. Single room upgrade accommodations are available on a first-come, first-served basis, provided that you or your organization pays the additional \$65 per night. Single room requests must be made on the Registration form and payment for the three nights, for a total of \$195, must accompany your application. If payment is not received with your application, a shared room will be provided.

Expected arrival: June 19. Departure: June 22.

If you have questions regarding registration or payment of a single room, please call or e-mail (*para más información se habla español*):

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More than 25 years ago, the NeighborWorks® network was founded by community resident Dorothy Richardson, who had the vision to look at the dynamics at play in her neighborhood and find a way to bring people together to find solutions. The CLI has always fostered such activism. Hard-working people, concerned about their communities and their cities, are coming together to learn, network, have fun and nurture their grassroots.

THE CLI INCLUDES:

- Welcome reception to network with Gulf Coast residents
- Opening and Closing Plenary
- Dinner celebration
- Workshops on useful, pertinent issues
- Inspirational film on community leadership and organizing
- Visits to neighborhoods working on neighborhood issues
- Action planning sessions with participants from your community
- Optional interdenominational worship service

AT THE CLI PARTICIPANTS WILL:

- Build skills to effectively rebuild Gulf Coast communities
- Develop effectiveness as leaders
- Share and learn about proactive approaches for dealing with Gulf Coast issues
- Visit organizations that are working on local issues
- Spend time with participants from your own community to develop an action plan
- Challenge yourself and others to explore culturally sensitive issues



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NEIGHBORWORKS® AMERICA MISSION STATEMENT:

NeighborWorks® America creates opportunities for people to improve their lives and strengthen their communities by providing access to homeownership and to safe and affordable rental housing. To date, we have assisted nearly 850,000 low- to moderate-income families with their housing needs. Much of our success is achieved through our support of the NeighborWorks® network more than 235

community development organizations working in 4,400 urban, suburban and rural communities in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. In the last five years, NeighborWorks® organizations have generated more than \$12.4 billion in reinvestment in these communities. NeighborWorks® America is the nation's leading trainer of community development and affordable housing professionals.