



Building or Enhancing a Coalition: Case-Making

Best Friends Regional Meetings Breakout Group Discussion Guide

Team members _____

Note-taker _____

As a group, discuss the following. Use the back of this sheet for notes.

Benefits

What are the characteristics of a coalition that is truly fulfilling its potential? What does a successful coalition look like?

What could/does my shelter/organization gain by participating in a coalition?
(Consider the financial and political benefits as well as the benefits in terms of volunteers, public awareness and, of course, lifesaving metrics.)

What could/does our community gain from a coalition effort?
(Consider the financial and political benefits as well as the benefits in terms of volunteers, public awareness and, of course, lifesaving metrics.)

Barriers

What are (have been) the possible objections? How would we respond to them?

What are (have been) the risks for my shelter and for the community?

What are (have been) the other possible barriers for my shelter and for the community?

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What does a successful coalition look like?	
What would my shelter/organization gain by joining a coalition?	
What would our community gain from a coalition effort?	
Barriers	
What are the possible objections? How would we respond to them?	
What are the risks for my shelter and for the community?	
Other barriers?	