



## Faith Based Partnerships

### Print Resources (from NSRC and NSLC Libraries)\*

Carlson-Theis, Shirley W. *Charitable Choice for Welfare and Community Services*

Explains Charitable Choice as it applies to TANF, Welfare-to-Work, and Community Services Block Grant funds. Shows how to bring policies and practices into compliance with Charitable Choice law.

[nationalserviceresources.org/nsrclibrary/?action=detail&item=R2515](http://nationalserviceresources.org/nsrclibrary/?action=detail&item=R2515)

Center for Public Justice. *Guide to Charitable Choice: The Rules of Section 104 of the 1996 Federal Welfare Law*

Provides information for faith-based organizations (FBOs) interested in providing welfare services funded by federal grants. Assists state and local governmental authorities in interpreting and implementing the Charitable Choice rules that accompany the grants.

<http://nationalserviceresources.org/nsrclibrary/?action=detail&item=R2516>

Cnaan, Ram A. *Newer Deal: Social Work and Religion in Partnership*

Suggests that faith-based organizations (FBOs) and the social service community forge a "limited partnership" to provide social and welfare services. Describes types of faith-based social services and draws on real-world examples and research findings to show how the religious community's role in providing social services is stronger than ever.

[nationalserviceresources.org/nsrclibrary/?action=detail&item=M2458](http://nationalserviceresources.org/nsrclibrary/?action=detail&item=M2458)

Esback, Carl H. *Regulation of Religious Organizations as Recipients of Governmental Assistance*

This study examines how regulations on government-funded faith-based programs affect the autonomy and practices of such organizations. Covers issues such as hiring and firing, retaining the religious character of the organization, and limiting liability. Looks at laws at the local, state, and federal levels in terms of how they mesh with constitutional law and religious practices and priorities. Also offers remedies for noncompliance and suggestions for shaping future public policy.

[nationalserviceresources.org/nsrclibrary/?action=detail&item=M2518](http://nationalserviceresources.org/nsrclibrary/?action=detail&item=M2518)

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\* Programs funded by the Corporation for National and Community Service may borrow resources by mail from the NSRC or NSLC libraries. Please call 1-800-860-2684, or 1-866-245-SERV, for more information.

Frame, Randall L. ***Project Heritage and Charitable Choice***

This portrait of Project Heritage, a faith-based organization in Denver, Colorado, describes the project's successes in obtaining city, county, and state funding to provide food, housing assistance, and life-skills counseling to needy families. Portrays the project's struggle to maintain its religious identity while working within the constraints of government guidelines.

[nationalservicerresources.org/nsrclibrary/?action=detail&item=R2520](http://nationalservicerresources.org/nsrclibrary/?action=detail&item=R2520)

Larson, Scott and Larry Brendtro. ***Reclaiming Our Prodigal Sons and Daughters***

Outlines a practical plan for reaching at-risk youth. Part one explores the nature of the problem. Part two shows how to reclaim “prodigal sons and daughters” by cultivating trust through re-parenting, competence through redirecting, responsibility through reconciling, and commitment through redeeming. Includes four appendices: a contract of commitment to be signed by youth, 40 developmental assets, life space crisis intervention, and resources for reclaiming youth.

[nationalservicerresources.org/nsrclibrary/?action=detail&item=M2440](http://nationalservicerresources.org/nsrclibrary/?action=detail&item=M2440)

Loconte, Joe. ***Anxious Samaritan: Charitable Choice and the Mission of Catholic Charities***

Discusses the experiences of government-funded Catholic charitable programs during the late 1990s.

[nationalservicerresources.org/nsrclibrary/?action=detail&item=R2521](http://nationalservicerresources.org/nsrclibrary/?action=detail&item=R2521)

National Crime Prevention Council. ***Changing Communities Through Faith in Action***

Report on a symposium held in April 2002. Assists policy makers, faith leaders, funders, and community leaders in understanding why faith-based organizations (FBOs) need to be included in funding and policy conversations. Describes challenges FBOs face, benefits to the community, and types of partnerships and how to start them.

[nationalservicerresources.org/nsrclibrary/?action=detail&item=M2273](http://nationalservicerresources.org/nsrclibrary/?action=detail&item=M2273)

Roehlkepartain, Eugene C. **“Faith Communities: Untapped Allies In Service-Learning.”**  
*Generator* 21 (2003): 20-24.

Discusses the growing trend of youth serving others through the church, synagogue, mosque, parish, or other congregations.

[servicelearning.org/wg\\_php/library/?library\\_id=5346](http://servicelearning.org/wg_php/library/?library_id=5346)

Scheie, David M. ***Better Together: Religious Institutions as Partners in Community-Based Development***

Describes religious institutions that contribute to poverty relief and community economic development efforts. Makes “best practice” recommendations to funders, policy makers, nonprofits and faith-based organizations.

[nationalservicerresources.org/nsrclibrary/?action=detail&item=R2511](http://nationalservicerresources.org/nsrclibrary/?action=detail&item=R2511)

Sherman, Amy L. ***Reinvigorating Faith in Communities***

Outlines the successes and lessons learned from effective faith-based social service programs. Argues that the faith sector can make a contribution to overcoming social problems, that vast parts of the sector remain untapped, and faith-based organizations (FBOs) cannot realistically replace all government welfare programs. Discusses how FBOs serve communities generally;

and presents model programs, government collaborations, and methods of keeping services "faith based." Includes a 10-page review of literature on faith-based social services.  
[nationalserviceresources.org/nsrclibrary/?action=detail&item=M2460](http://nationalserviceresources.org/nsrclibrary/?action=detail&item=M2460)

Sherman, Amy L. *Charitable Choice Handbook for Ministry Leaders*

Provides basic information on what types of faith-based organizations (FBOs) might best benefit from Charitable Choice and how to pursue this type of funding. Includes anecdotes about other ministries' experiences with government funding and a list of contacts for further information about Charitable Choice. Also details permissible conduct for FBOs that choose to accept government funding.

[nationalserviceresources.org/nsrclibrary/?action=detail&item=R2512](http://nationalserviceresources.org/nsrclibrary/?action=detail&item=R2512)

Sherman, Amy L. *Growing Impact of Charitable Choice: A Catalogue of New Collaborations between Government and Faith-Based Organizations in Nine States*

Briefly describes research on how faith communities across America are responding to the Charitable Choice provision of the 1996 federal welfare reform law.

[nationalserviceresources.org/nsrclibrary/?action=detail&item=R2517](http://nationalserviceresources.org/nsrclibrary/?action=detail&item=R2517)

Sinha, Jill Witmer. *Cookman United Methodist Church and Transitional Journey: A Case Study in Charitable Choice*

An account of a welfare-to-work program conducted by a church with funding from their state welfare department. Includes first-hand accounts of the difficulties of starting the program, dealing with government limitations on service activities, and comments from clients served.

[nationalserviceresources.org/nsrclibrary/?action=detail&item=R2523](http://nationalserviceresources.org/nsrclibrary/?action=detail&item=R2523)

Swezey, Erin D. "Grounded in Justice: Service Learning from a Faith Perspective." *New Directions for Student Services* 50 (1990): 77-90.

Swezey looks at Westerhoff's styles of faith (experienced, affiliative, searching, and owned), Park's Model for Faith, and integrating campus-ministry programs with the Service Learning Model.

[servicelearning.org/wg\\_php/library/?library\\_id=3803](http://servicelearning.org/wg_php/library/?library_id=3803)

Wilson, John, and Thomas Janoski. "The Contribution of Religion to Volunteer Work." *Sociology of Religion* 56 (1995): 137-153.

The connection between church membership, church activism, and volunteering is explored using a panel study of young adults.

[servicelearning.org/wg\\_php/library/?library\\_id=4005](http://servicelearning.org/wg_php/library/?library_id=4005)

Winston, Diane. *Soup, Soap, and Salvation: The Impact of Charitable Choice on the Salvation Army*

Outlines the history of the Salvation Army's charity and faith-based work from its beginnings, and discusses the impact of the 1996 Charitable Choice legislation. Includes Salvationist's comments debating whether the organization's mission is primarily religious, or some combination of secular and religious.

[nationalserviceresources.org/nsrclibrary/?action=detail&item=R2522](http://nationalserviceresources.org/nsrclibrary/?action=detail&item=R2522)

Youniss, James, and Jeffery A. McLellan. “**Catholic Schools in Perspective: Religious Identity, Achievement, and Citizenship.**” *Phi Delta Kappan* (October 1999): 105-113. Discusses changes in Catholic schools, brought on by enrollment of children from more affluent families, and such schools as a favorable alternative to public schools. Catholic schools are more diverse than most people understand and offer something distinctive to society. Includes 42 bibliographical references.  
[servicelearning.org/wg\\_php/library/?library\\_id=4048](http://servicelearning.org/wg_php/library/?library_id=4048)

## **Websites**

### ***Call to Renewal***

A coalition of people of faith overcoming poverty. Emphasizes the necessity of dismantling racism in conjunction with overcoming poverty.  
[www.calltorenewal.com](http://www.calltorenewal.com)

### ***Center for Religion and Civic Culture, University of Southern California***

CRCC studies the civic role of religion in Southern California and collaborates with congregations, academics, funders, and faith-based organizations in creative ways. CRCC is a broker for new partnerships, an intermediary for the media and faith-based groups, and a catalyst for innovative programs.  
[www.usc.edu/dept/LAS/religion\\_online](http://www.usc.edu/dept/LAS/religion_online)

### ***Charitable Choice***

This comprehensive, well-organized resource from the Center for Public Justice includes breaking news, FAQs, and resources on the topic of faith-based and community initiatives.  
[www.cpjustice.org/charitablechoice](http://www.cpjustice.org/charitablechoice)

### ***Faith and Service Technical Education Network (FASTEN)***

Offers comprehensive capacity building information for faith-based service providers. Includes extensive information on getting volunteers, developing service programs, acquiring funding, and collaborating with other organizations. Also includes a state by state directory of FBOs, government agencies, foundations, and intermediaries involved in faith-based partnerships.  
[www.fastennetwork.org](http://www.fastennetwork.org)

### ***Faith-Based & Community Initiatives***

Provides links to sources of competitive Federal funding for Faith-Based and Community-Based organizations.  
[www.faithbasedcommunityinitiatives.org](http://www.faithbasedcommunityinitiatives.org)

### ***HUD's Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives***

The aim of the HUD Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives is to engage faith-based and other community-based organizations in HUD's mission, to help all Americans realize the dream of a decent and affordable place to live.  
[www.hud.gov/offices/fbci/index.cfm](http://www.hud.gov/offices/fbci/index.cfm)

### ***MACHAR Website***

Engaging Jewish youth to fight poverty through service.  
[www.machar.net](http://www.machar.net)

### ***NCPC - Faith-Based Community Initiatives (formerly FACES)***

Increases opportunities for faith-based and small community-based organizations using service as a strategy in their programs and projects. A national training and technical assistance provider for the Corporation for National and Community Service.

<http://www.ncpc.org/ncpc/ncpc/?pg=5882-2282-14104-13096>

### ***spark: Partnership for Service***

spark works collaboratively with other organizations to enhance and expand high quality Jewish community service. Partners with numerous organizations, including HeartAction Corps, an AmeriCorps program.

[www.sparkpfs.org/](http://www.sparkpfs.org/)

### ***U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives***

Re-designed and expanded February 13, 2002. Provides information about HHS programs and funding opportunities and encourages FBOs and CBOs to apply.

<http://www.hhs.gov/fbci/>

### ***Welfare Information Network - Faith-Based Involvement***

Provides links to research and policy analysis on Charitable Choice

[www.financeprojectinfo.org/FCBO/index2.asp](http://www.financeprojectinfo.org/FCBO/index2.asp)

### ***White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives***

President Bush's Faith-Based Initiatives involving seven federal agencies. Links to federal grants and gives guidance to FBOs and CBOs that want to receive federal grants.

[www.whitehouse.gov/government/fbci/](http://www.whitehouse.gov/government/fbci/)

## **Online Documents**

### ***The Bush Administration - Faith-Based & Community Initiatives***

Includes links to the reports *Unlevel Playing Field: Barriers to Participation by Faith-Based and Community Organizations in Federal Social Service Programs* and *Rallying the Armies of Compassion*.

<http://usinfo.state.gov/usa/faith/>

### ***Faith-Based Toolkit for AmeriCorps Applicants***

Designed to help AmeriCorps applicants, both new and continuing, comply with the requirement to demonstrate partnerships with secular and faith-based community organizations. Produced by NCPC / FBCI for the Corporation for National and Community Service.

[nationalserviceresources.org/initiatives/faces/toolkit\\_for\\_ameri-corps\\_applicants\\_faces/index.php](http://nationalserviceresources.org/initiatives/faces/toolkit_for_ameri-corps_applicants_faces/index.php)

### ***Faith-Based Toolkit for State Commissions***

Provides background information on the the President's Faith-Based and Community Initiative as well as a seven step process for reaching out to secular and faith-based community organizations. Produced by NCPC / FBCI for the Corporation for National and Community Service.  
[nationalserviceresources.org/initiatives/faces/state\\_commission\\_toolkit\\_faces/faces\\_state\\_commission.php](http://nationalserviceresources.org/initiatives/faces/state_commission_toolkit_faces/faces_state_commission.php)

### ***Mentoring Children of Prisoners***

Through its Faith-Based and Community Initiative, the Corporation is working with faith-based and small community organizations to provide services related to mentoring children of inmates.  
[nationalserviceresources.org/initiatives/mentoring\\_children\\_of\\_prisoners/index.php](http://nationalserviceresources.org/initiatives/mentoring_children_of_prisoners/index.php)

### ***NSLC Faith-Based Hot Topic***

A collection of useful resources on faith-based topics.  
<http://www.servicelearning.org/static/article/pages/131.htm>

### ***Profile of Senior Corps Faith-Based Partnerships***

Based on information provided by 710 Senior Corps project directors, offers a snapshot view of the relationships that currently exist between Senior Corps projects and local faith-based organizations.  
[nationalserviceresources.org/filemanager/download/732/faith-based\\_summary.pdf](http://nationalserviceresources.org/filemanager/download/732/faith-based_summary.pdf)

### ***Unleashing the Potential of Faith-Based Initiatives***

Policy papers, case studies, and policy recommendations from The Empowerment Network. Also includes tips for faith-based and nonprofit organizations.  
<http://www.empowermentnetwork.com/policy/platform2.htm>

### ***Working Group on Human Needs and Faith-Based and Community Initiatives***

Leaders from civil liberties and religious groups -- many of whom have clashed publicly and in the courts over church-state issues -- provide these 38 recommendations for expanding and strengthening the role of faith-based and community organizations in the delivery of social services to America's neediest citizens.  
[http://www.sfcg.org/programmes/us/us\\_faith.html](http://www.sfcg.org/programmes/us/us_faith.html)

## **Effective Practices**

### **Creating a Partnership Among Churches, Communities and Campuses to Provide Anti-Tobacco Education**

Reaching a population in need can seem daunting for one group or organization. However, by teaming with other service providers in a community, resources are pooled and more people are served. AmeriCorps\*VISTA members at the Center on Aging and Horizons Intergenerational Wellness at Texas Southern University used a 3C Model, which brings together the campus, church and community, to implement viable anti-tobacco use activities in the greater Houston, Texas, area.

[snipurl.com/NSRC\\_33068](http://snipurl.com/NSRC_33068)

### **Partnering with Faith-Based and Community-Based Organizations**

There is great interest in the U.S. Congress and at the White House in increasing the number of faith-based and community-based organizations accessing services and resources of the Corporation for National and Community Service. This includes expanding partnerships with AmeriCorps. The newness of this effort creates an opportunity for growth and a need for successful models. This effective practice from David Chaney, HOPE *worldwide* was developed from a session at the AmeriCorps\*National Direct Best Practices Conference held February 2002 in San Diego and describes successful AmeriCorps partnerships in this area. A panel of experts representing several faith-based and community-based organizations also contributed.  
[snipurl.com/NSRC\\_33269](http://snipurl.com/NSRC_33269)

### **Partnering with Faith-Based Institutions to Increase Literacy Among Low-income Students**

In Philadelphia's poorest neighborhoods, faith-based institutions, supplied with funding, pedagogy, and training from Public/Private Ventures (P/PV), promote literacy and use effective methods that deliver measurable outcomes. Although local institutions have previously provided such useful services as homework help or supervised after school "safe havens," launching Youth Education for Tomorrow (YET) Centers meant moving from a caretaking role to a developmental one that has yielded substantial outcomes. This effective practice describes the YET model of literacy and provides a link to an in-depth analysis of the program. Excerpted from the February 2002 report, *Mustering the Armies of Compassion in Philadelphia: An Analysis of One Year of Literacy Programming in Faith-Based Institutions*  
[snipurl.com/NSRC\\_33400](http://snipurl.com/NSRC_33400)

### ***Using a Faith-Based Organization to Serve as an Intermediary in a Mentoring Program***

When Ottawa County, Michigan, was selected as a pilot site for the state's ambitious welfare-to-work "Project Zero" Initiative, officials invited the director of the highly experienced Good Samaritan community ministry program, Bill Raymond, to help design a comprehensive strategy. The plan included a key role for the faith community, and Good Samaritan was granted funding from the County to launch a church-based mentoring program for Project Zero participants. Within one year Project Zero reduced the number of non-working families on its welfare rolls from 142 to 10 in Ottawa County.  
[snipurl.com/NSRC\\_33471](http://snipurl.com/NSRC_33471)

### ***Utilizing Corporation Programs and Services: Tips for Faith-Based and Community-Based Organizations***

The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) and its programs -- AmeriCorps, Senior Corps, and Learn and Serve America -- are actively engaged in implementing President Bush's Faith-Based and Community Initiative. This effective practice lists some of the ways that faith-based and small community-based programs that partner with Corporation-funded programs can best utilize CNCS resources.  
[snipurl.com/NSRC\\_33456](http://snipurl.com/NSRC_33456)