

Collaborative Leadership

Collaborative Leadership Learning Modules: A Comprehensive Series



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Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to **Collaborative Leadership Learning Modules: A Comprehensive Series**, which was developed by the Turning Point Initiative. These learning modules represent work by hundreds of leadership experts, curriculum design specialists, and individuals at key local, state, and federal organizations. The modules are designed to be engaging and also provide skill-building instruction to shape current and future leaders.

These materials are adaptable for learners with different amounts of experience and time and can be mixed and matched for a learning plan that meets the needs of your group. Organized around six key principles of collaborative leadership and tested with a variety of groups, this is an effective resource for bringing together diverse people to tackle challenging community problems. A background in facilitation and plenty of preparation are strongly recommended for those who present these modules.

The modules are based on the premise that collaborative leadership is a process or method to guide a diverse group of people to find solutions to complex problems that affect them all—and to encourage systems change. In both public and private settings in recent years, a team approach to problem solving has become increasingly popular and important. Collaborative leadership embraces a process in which people with differing views and perspectives come together, put aside their narrow self-interests, and discuss issues openly and supportively in an attempt to solve a larger problem or achieve a broader goal. Collaborative leadership is an evidence-based field that has proven particularly effective in public health planning where multiple stakeholders have an interest.

Collaborative Leadership Learning Modules: A Comprehensive Series is available to help you and your organization learn about collaborative leadership and incorporate its principles in your work. They are offered courtesy of Turning Point and The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please visit our Web site at www.collaborativeleadership.org, or www.turningpointprogram.org. It is your gateway to additional information and products to support your journey to becoming a more effective collaborative leader.

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