

Sustaining Community Education Programs in Times of Financial Precarity

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Today



Introductions



Leadership and Community Building: Context & Background



Community Capacity Building



Sample Activity: Core Values



Challenges & Opportunities



Context: Leadership & Community Building Programs

- Community Education Programs (CEPs)



Community Capacity Building Program



Artwork by Eliane Bowden, graduate, Community Capacity Building

Community Capacity Building

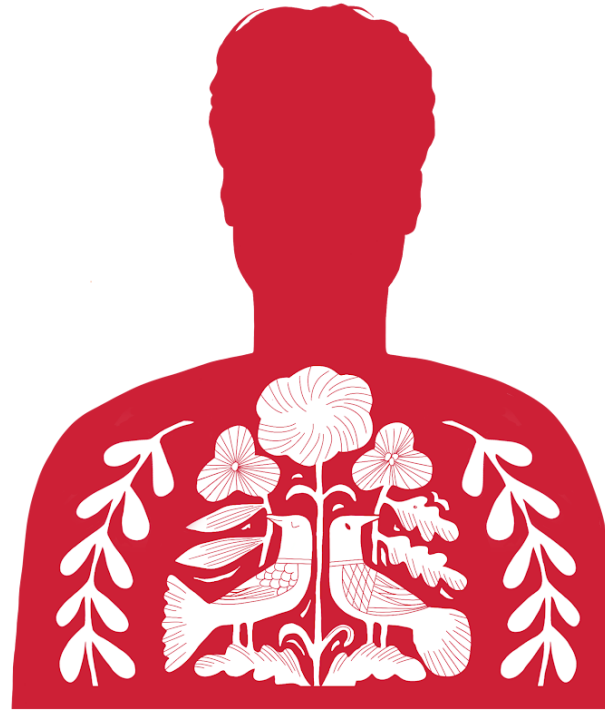
Values

- Relationships (to land and people)
- Lived Expertise
- Accessibility
- Culture



Community Capacity Building

Sample Activity



Perhaps the World Ends Here
Joy Harjo

The world begins at a kitchen table. No matter what, we must eat to live.

The gifts of earth are brought and prepared, set on the table. So it has been since creation, and it will go on.

We chase chickens or dogs away from it. Babies teethe at the corners. They scrape their knees under it.

It is here that children are given instructions on what it means to be human. We make men at it, we make women.

At this table we gossip, recall enemies and the ghosts of lovers.

Our dreams drink coffee with us as they put their arms around our children. They laugh with us at our poor falling-down selves and as we put ourselves back together once again at the table.

This table has been a house in the rain, an umbrella in the sun.

Wars have begun and ended at this table. It is a place to hide in the shadow of terror. A place to celebrate the terrible victory.

We have given birth on this table, and have prepared our parents for burial here.

At this table we sing with joy, with sorrow. We pray of suffering and remorse. We give thanks.

Perhaps the world will end at the kitchen table, while we are laughing and crying, eating of the last sweet bite.



Abundance	Cooperation	Honesty	Patience
Accessibility	Courage	Hope	Peace
Accountability	Creativity	Humanity	Pride
Adventure	Diversity	Humor	Prosperity
Appreciation	Effectiveness	Innovation	Quality
Authenticity	Encouragement	Integrity	Reciprocity
Balance	Endurance	Intergenerationality	Redistribution
Beauty	Enjoyment	Intersectionality	Reconciliation
Care	Excellence	Invention	Relationships
Change	Excitement	Joy/Play	Renewal
Charisma	Freedom	Justice	Respect
Clarity	Friendship	Kindness	Security
Commonality	Fun	Knowledge	Speed
Communication	Generosity	Leadership	Strength
Community Leadership	Goodness	Learning / unlearning	Success
Compassion	Grace	Love	Teamwork
Connection	Gratitude	Loyalty	Wellness
Contentment	Harmony	Openness	Willingness
Continuity	History	Order	Wisdom

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- How do we help our colleagues maintain/sustain values in our programming?
- How do we maneuver to establish or re-establish sustainable community education programs in our context?
- Relationships



Discussion

- What are the strategies and tactics you use to sustain your values in your work?



Thank you!



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