



## Neighborhood Plan Contact Team Training Sheet **COMMUNITY ORGANIZING**

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### **COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS**

#### **ORGANIZING YOUR COMMUNITY**

**ACC Center for Nonprofit Studies** - Provides the ability to bring business, government and nonprofit sectors together around common goals. A large percentage of all Center learning opportunities are made available without charge. <http://sites.austincc.edu/npo/>

**Austin Neighborhood Council** - The ANC is a citywide umbrella organization that supports and advocates for neighborhood interest. The ANC website offers resources and information related to Austin's neighborhood issues. [ancweb.org](http://ancweb.org)

**Friends of Austin Neighborhoods** - Friends of Austin Neighborhoods seeks to represent those in Austin of diverse housing and socioeconomic backgrounds. Any Austinite can be a member. [www.atxfriends.org](http://www.atxfriends.org)

**Community Toolbox** - The worlds largest resource for free information on essential skills for building healthy communities. It offers more than 7,000 pages of practical guidance in creating change and improvement in your community. Se habla español. [ctb.ku.edu/en](http://ctb.ku.edu/en)

**Mission Capital** - Mission Capital is a consulting firm that works primarily with nonprofits, offering various services including classes. [missioncapital.org](http://missioncapital.org)

**In Our Backyards** - In Our Backyards helps neighborhood groups raise funds and organize people for projects by offering an online fundraising platform for projects that seek to make change. [IOBY.org](http://IOBY.org)

#### **COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY**

**Austin Free-Net** - Austin Free-Net provides technology training and access for the community, fostering skills that enable people to succeed in a digital age. Their computer labs and classes are open to all; their focus is on underserved communities. [austinfreenet.org](http://austinfreenet.org)

**Metropolitan Austin Interactive Network (MAIN)** - A non-profit organization who provides web development assistance and free web hosting. [main.org](http://main.org)

**Word Press** - A free and open source blog publishing application and content management system. You can use this tool to create an online blog for your neighborhood. [wordpress.com](http://wordpress.com)

**Yahoo Groups** - A free online social networking tool where your group can meet and get to know each other, and stay informed on the events of your community. Instant access to shared message archives, photos & photo albums, group event calendars, member polls etc. [groups.yahoo.com](http://groups.yahoo.com)



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**QUALITY OF LIFE ISSUES**

**City of Austin; Austin Police Department Community Liaisons** - Work in outreach efforts to address community issues, They visit local businesses participate in events such as safety fairs, town hall meetings, area school projects, presentations to youth groups regarding safety and job readiness, and more. Their goal is to find meaningful ways to connect police officers and residents to establish communication links and partnerships. [austintexas.gov/department/office-community-liaison](http://austintexas.gov/department/office-community-liaison)

**Coalition of Austin Community Gardens** - The Coalition actively promotes the stability, support and propagation of community gardens across Austin. Most of the existing community gardens can be found on this website. [communitygardensaustin.org](http://communitygardensaustin.org)

**Resolution Gardens** - “Grow Food. We’ll Help.” A non-profit organization that helps install gardens in neighborhoods and backyards. This organization does not give grants, but provides services such as materials, construction, maintenance and expert advice for reasonable prices. [resolutiongardens.com](http://resolutiongardens.com)

**United Way** - United Way for Greater Austin focuses on education, financial stability and health that are building blocks of a good life: a quality education, enough income to support a family through retirement, and good health. [unitedwayaustin.org](http://unitedwayaustin.org)

**Wildlife Austin** - Gardening for wildlife can help you share your love of nature with your neighbors and help them get involved in creating a home for wildlife by restoring habitats where commercial and residential development have degraded natural ecosystems. [austintexas.gov/wildlifeatx](http://austintexas.gov/wildlifeatx)

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