

## ***Ideas for Locating Training Resources***

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Locating and utilizing the expertise of others in the community is an important part of planning your volunteer training program. For certain training needs, it's more effective to use training that already exists in the community rather than try to duplicate it. For example, most local chapters of the American Red Cross offer a variety of trainings on family-related issues.

Finding other organizations, agencies and professionals with whom to network can usually be accomplished at the local and/or state level. Community partners may either have the particular expertise needed - or will know where to find it. Community agencies or organizations may offer to include your volunteers in a particular training that they are providing - or will send a speaker to work with your group.

The following categories of agencies/providers that are common to most communities. Your ServiceLink office may also be able to direct you to appropriate state or regional resources.

### ***Local Healthcare Providers:***

- Visiting Nurse Associations
- Public Health Departments
- Hospice Programs
- Mental Health Centers
- Hospitals and Clinics
- Nursing Homes
- Physicians, Nurses, Therapists

### ***Religious-Faith/Based Organizations:***

- Local Congregations
- Council of Churches
- Interfaith Councils
- Catholic Charities
- Lutheran Social Services

### ***Ethnic and Cultural Organizations***

### ***Social Service Agencies:***

- Department of Welfare
- Area Agency on Aging
- United Way
- Senior Centers
- Counseling Centers
- YMCA, YWCA
- Community Action Programs
- Child and Family Services

### ***State Chapters or Offices of National Associations:***

- AIDS Foundation
- American Red Cross
- American Cancer Society
- American Heart Association
- American Lung Association
- American Diabetes Association
- Association for the Blind
- Multiple Sclerosis Society

### ***Educational Services:***

- Area Schools and Colleges