

Rural Resource Mapping: A Demonstration of Mapping Community Resources



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In this workshop we will:

- Provide an overview of Resource mapping and the project that the RTC:Rural is engaging with CILs on
- Discuss different types of community living resources
- Discuss how to identify resources in your community
- Demonstrate how to build your own community resource map
- Learn how to get involved in this project

What is Resource Mapping?

- Resource mapping is a strategy that communities can use to build local partnerships, and plan activities, and promote shared values.
- A resource map is a tool that engages local stakeholders in activities to identify the services and supports that are available to people with disabilities in the community.

Why map?

- To better understand the communities you serve
- To make expand your community connections
- Connect consumers to local resources
- Communicate to funders about resources and community connections
- Provide timely support in disasters

Defining Community Living Resources

- A community living resource is anything that can be used to improve the quality of community life for people with disabilities. It can be:
 - An organization
 - A community service
 - A place
 - A person or group of people
 - A local business
 - MORE!?

Community Living Needs

Independent living skills training

Housing (affordable/accessible)

Home modification/repair

Accessible health care

Home health care

Personal assistance services

Transportation options

Employment opportunities

Food security

Peer support

Mental health care

Opportunities for community
engagement

Others?

Let's get mapping!

- If you have a google account, you can map alongside me!
- Otherwise follow along using the materials you can download from the conference website.
- [Google my maps: https://www.google.com/maps/about/mymaps/](https://www.google.com/maps/about/mymaps/)

Get involved and join our project!

What will you do?

- Meet with RTC team weekly (initially)
- Devote 1-2 additional hours a week to identify resources and develop connections
- Help coordinate 1-2 community meetings (virtually right now) to engage with community resources on the project

What will you get?

- Learn about disability in the rural communities you serve
 - Data and statistics
- Develop a local community living needs resource list and interactive map
- Connect with other organizations in the community
- Receive a final report with local disability data and information about local resource connections.

Questions, contact info and resources

- A video of this presentation will be available for you to access
- You can download all the materials on the APRIL conference website
- Questions/want to get involved?
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