

Florida Economic Consortium

GROWING CAPACITY IN NONPROFITS

ABOUT

NAME:

Florida Economic Consortium

MISSION:

To be a vehicle by which urban communities can consolidate the power of information sharing.

THEIR STORY:

The Florida Economic Consortium (The Consortium) is a vehicle by which urban communities can consolidate the power of information sharing, leverage limited resources and harness the solidarity of invaluable human resources statewide. The Consortium's focus is to address the issues of violence and crime through urban renewal of economic development.

OVERVIEW

The Florida Economic Consortium (The Consortium) contracted Nonprofit Enthusiast to develop and facilitate capacity-building training sessions for nonprofits and local organizations within their Community, Cops, Courts, & State Attorney Violent Crime Intervention (CCCSA) Initiative.

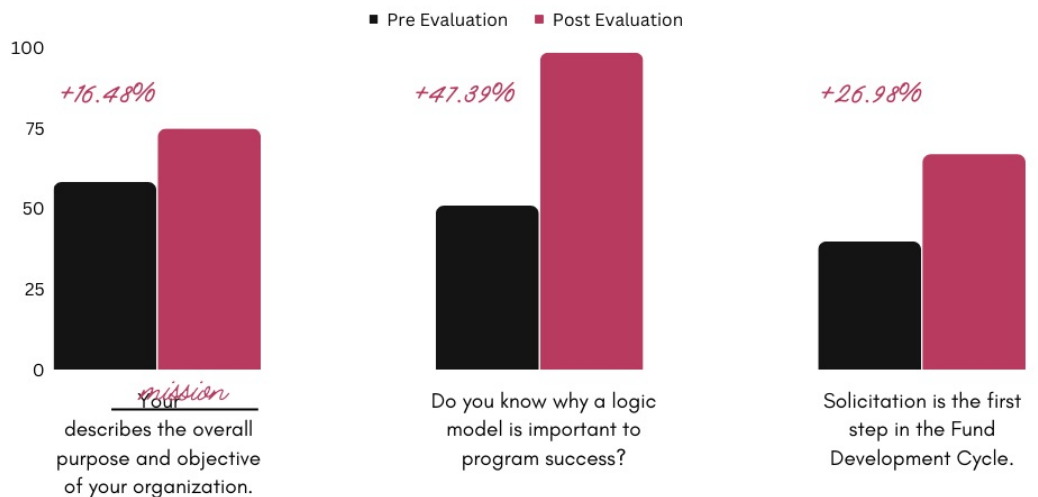
The Consortium's goal with this community initiative is to understand the operational conditions of grassroots nonprofit agencies and to support their growth for the stability of the community. Our role within this initiative was to increase nonprofit agencies' knowledge of organizational capacity by offering targeted learning experiences.

APPROACH

We developed and facilitated six in-person training sessions throughout the state of Florida lasting approximately 3 hours. The Consortium identified the local nonprofit and community partners to attend these sessions, and we facilitated a curriculum that included nonprofit board development, logic model development, and fundraising. During these sessions we conducted a quantitative survey to evaluate the gaps that hinder organizational growth, and we also introduced several helpful resources to facilitate success within the CCCSA framework. Our training activities helped these organizations to connect and align their impact, advocacy, and community outreach goals with the CCCSA initiative.

RESULTS

We conducted a 7-question pre and post-evaluation to gauge knowledge growth. Our participants gained valuable information and increased their overall knowledge set significantly, most notably for the following questions:



CONCLUSION

Through our assessment and training sessions, we identified that most of these nonprofits and community partners share common issues such as low access to resources, lack of adequate program/operational capacity and board leadership, and an inability to design and implement effective program services. Our training helped to decrease the knowledge gap in nonprofit fundamentals which will in turn help these organizations to utilize local resources more efficiently.

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- I learned so much. The training was practical and the trainers were amazing.

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