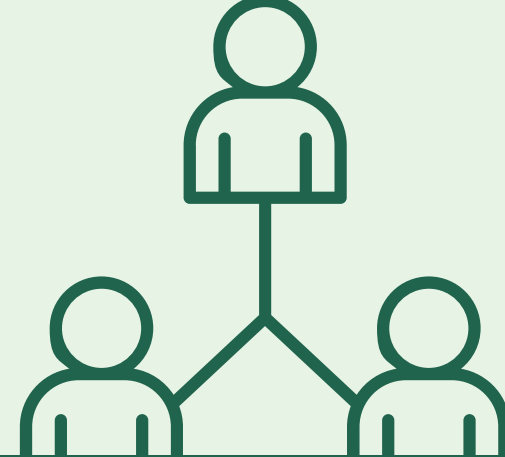




Community Partnerships

Economic Empowerment National Resource Directory

Purpose

This resource lists national directories that support the identification of local education, employment, financial education, small business, and public benefits resources.

Instructions

- Use the directories below to find available local resources and organizations within each category that match organization, program and participant needs.
- Use the [Community Mapping Worksheet](#) to document and easily identify the information about local providers. This list can be utilized by staff members for referrals for participants and to identify potential strategic partners.

Who is this resource for?

This list of economic empowerment resource directories that can be used by organizational and program leaders to identify possible strategic partnerships. It is also designed for program staff to identify providers to refer to program participants. It may be useful in both crisis intervention and longer-term services.



Resource Category	Resource Name	Resource Description	Resource Link
• Adult Schools • Vocational Schools • Community Colleges • Professional Development • Higher Ed	Adult Basic Education and ESOL Finder/ National Literacy Directory	There are 11,443 literacy centers nationwide. Literacy centers provide support in digital/technology skills, family literacy programs, community education and testing sites for high school equivalency exams, basic workforce readiness programs, and more.	https://www.nld.org/
	National Association of State Directors of Adult Education	Directory of Adult Education State and Territory Directors represent the network of directors that are invested in programs and activities that support adult learning initiatives.	https://nasdae.org/state-ae-directory/
	Highschool Equivalency	Directory that helps identify a testing center for obtaining high school equivalency credentials such as GED and HiSET. Adults who get high school equivalency earn an average of \$10,000 more per year.	https://www.nld.org/learners/high-school-equivalency
	American Association of Community Colleges	The American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) is primary advocacy organization for US community colleges. Association represents more than 1,000 2-year, associate degree-granting, and continuing education institutions. This database provides a national directory of community colleges.	https://www.aacc.nche.edu/college-finder/
	Vocational Schools	Provides a database of vocational schools/training programs across many industries. Each school provides statistics for program completion and employment rates, and three-month earnings after completion. To learn how to use database here .	https://www.trainingproviderresults.gov/#/
	Charter School Locator	A database of over 68000 charter schools in the US including virtual schools.	https://charterschoollocator.com/
	Rebecca Bender Elevate Academy	Largest professional development program for survivors of human trafficking in the world, led by survivors of human trafficking. Provides survivor led digital courses (i.e. budgeting, business 101, Nonprofit Setup, Working in HT Field and more), connection to survivor community and connections to career opportunities.	https://rebeccabenderinitiative.org/elevate-academy



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Job Training Programs	American Job Centers (AJC's)	There are nearly 2,400 American Job Centers (AJCs) located throughout the United States that support with resume building, job training, career coaching, and a variety of career and employment needs.	https://www.careeronestop.org/LocalHelp/AmericanJobCenters/find-american-job-centers.aspx
	Reentry Program Finder	This national finder is for training and employment programs that serve individuals who have a criminal record. Learn more about Supporting Education and Employment of Survivors with Criminal Record guide.	https://www.careeronestop.org/LocalHelp/EmploymentAndTraining/find-reentry-programs.aspx
	WIOA eligible program finder	Finder for Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) training services. Learn more about WIOA: Opportunities for Survivors of Human Trafficking Through WIOA Program Primer	https://www.careeronestop.org/LocalHelp/EmploymentAndTraining/find-WIOA-training-programs.aspx
	Youth Training Program Finder	Provides a database of local employment programs that support 14–24-year-olds in free job, career and training assistance. Many of these youth programs are funded under Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) Youth that provides services to youth with multiple barriers to employment such as pregnant/parenting, dropped out of high school, involved in justice system and more.	https://www.careeronestop.org/GetMyFuture/Toolkit/find-youth-programs.aspx
	State Vocational Rehabilitation Agencies	The Job Accommodation Network created a database to find local vocational rehabilitation office that provides employment options and resources for people with disabilities	https://askjan.org/concerns/State-Vocational-Rehabilitation-Agencies.cfm



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Job Training Programs	Catholic Charities Job Training Programs	Most Catholic Charities organizations throughout the US provides workforce development job training programs for unemployed and underemployed community members to help gain skills and connect to work.	https://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/about-us/find-a-local-agency/
	Goodwill Career Connection Center	Goodwill offers a range of training programs that focus on occupational skills training, rehabilitation and supported employment programs and career centers. This database can locate Goodwill Career Centers across the country that can support job searches, resume writing, and connection to opportunities.	https://www.goodwill.org/locate-a-career-center/
Apprenticeships	Annie Cannons	An apprenticeship program for survivors of human trafficking that train survivors in the fundamentals of software development/coding training program.	https://anniecannons.org/our-work/coding-training-program
	Youth Build	Youth Build is a community-based pre apprenticeship program that provides job training and educational opportunities for at-risk youth ages 16-24 years who have previously dropped out of high school. Youth learn vocational skills in construction as well as other in-demand industries such as healthcare, information technology and hospitality.	https://youthbuild.org/
	National Apprenticeship Finder	A list of active apprenticeships programs across the country serving many industries, occupation and geographic locations	https://www.apprenticeship.gov/apprenticeship-job-finder
	State Apprenticeship Offices Finder	State apprenticeship offices across the nation that provide technical assistance and support on starting an apprenticeship model, guides partners on how to develop each phase of a program, connect business to skill training providers, and advise on funding sources for apprenticeships.	https://www.apprenticeship.gov/about-us/state-office



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Workforce & Career Exploration Resources	Pathways to Work Evidence Clearinghouse	Provides a database can help advocates and economic empowerment programs identify which interventions are supported by evidence and research. Explore the following evidence snapshots on: case management , work experience and work based learning , employment retention services , career pathways , subsidized employment and transitional jobs , occupational and sectoral training , employment coaching , financial incentives and more.	https://www.pathwaysto-work.acf.hhs.gov/
	Workforce GPS	An online database that connects workforce professionals, educators, and business leaders through curated communities, webinars, training resources, data-driven strategies to develop employment programs and partnerships. FUTURES recommendations all advocates become a member/create a free account to access resources.	https://www.workforcegps.org/
	Workforce Development Boards	State Workforce Development Boards direct federal, state and local funding to workforce development and community-based agencies who are trying to connect skilled job seekers to employer/business opportunities. Workforce boards can assist with developing apprenticeship programs, allocating unrestricted funding to special workforce projects and more.	https://www.careeronestop.org/LocalHelp/WorkforceDevelopment/find-workforce-development-boards.aspx
	Career One Stop	Career One Stop is an online platform run by Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration that helps job seekers assess their career options via interest , work values , and skills assessments. Results from these assessments can help survivors identify a list of job opportunities that align and connect to training and job planning resources.	https://www.careeronestop.org/
	My Next Move	Provides resources that can help survivors/advocates learn about their interest and match it to career goals and industries.	https://www.mynextmove.org/



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Workforce & Career Exploration Resources	O*Net	Online database that provides detailed descriptions of careers across the nation. Each description includes information on the skills, work activities, education/training credentials associated with the position, and information on work environment associated with career role. Survivors and advocates can use this database to help identify career goals and pathways.	https://www.onetonline.org/
Small Business + Employment Partners	Small Business Administration Centers (SBA)	The US Small Business Administration has district offices across the nation that offer business development services such as obtaining business license and certifications, small business counseling courses, 1-on-1 business coaching, federal contract certifications and more. Use database to identify local district offices.	https://www.sba.gov/about-sba/sba-locations/sba-district-offices
	America's Small Business Development Centers (SBDC)	Provides free business consulting and low-cost business training for a variety of business needs.	https://americassbdc.org/find-your-sbdc/
	The National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development (NCAEID)	Small Business development community that supports Native American business owners across the United States.	https://ncaied.org/
	Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI)	Provides small business development coaching services and financial services such as support with accessing small business, housing and commercial property loans.	https://www.ofn.org/cdfi-locator/



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Small Business + Employment Partners	US Chamber of Commerce	This database provides a list of local chambers of commerce across states, territories or cities. The local chamber of commerce supports local business members. Survivors and advocates can become chamber members to assist with networking and identifying employers who can support the employment, training and internship needs of survivors. Identify regional field offices and local chapters.	https://www.uschamber.com/co/chambers
	Rotary Clubs	Rotary International is a global network of members who work together to address different issues/causes that impact their communities. Local rotary clubs can support in connection with employment opportunities, mentorship and volunteers for economic empowerment programs, and funding to support survivors goals/programs.	https://my.rotary.org/en/club-search
Financial Education Resources	Tools for Your Financial Life Interactive Course for Survivors (More & Van Allen + Lexington Law)	An interactive course for survivors of trafficking that focuses on: financial foundation, building financial capability, building financial resilience, owning a home, financial caregiving, small business essentials preparing for retirement and investing in your future	https://learning.everfi-next.net/welcome/humantrafficking?locale=en
	Moving Ahead Financial Literacy Curriculum (National Network to End Domestic Violence- NNEDV)	The Moving Ahead Curriculum explores basic money and financial management skills and long-term financial planning for survivors of domestic violence.	https://www.thelearningcommunitytoendviolence.org/moving-ahead-course-links
	NNEDV Independence Project	Provides credit-building microloans to survivors of financial abuse to help them build or establish credit.	https://nnedv.org/content/independence-project/



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Financial Education Resources	Bank ON	A directory of national banks and credit unions that meet Bank On National Account Standards on safe and affordable bank accounts.	https://joinbankon.org/accounts/
	Inclusiv + JuntosAvanzamos Credit Unions	An organization dedicated to helping low-and moderate-income people achieve financial independence through credit unions. The JuntosAvanzamos as a designation of Inclusiv is a network of credit unions that employ bilingual staff, accept alternative forms of identification (like foreign IDs or ITINs), and work to meet the specific financial needs of immigrant members, regardless of their legal status.	https://inclusiv.org/connect/member-directory https://inclusiv.org/services/juntos-avanzamos-designation
	Volunteer Income Tax Assistance - VITA	Free basic tax return preparation to qualified individuals. VITA sites offer free tax help to people who need assistance in preparing their own tax returns. If you don't meet these requirements, it is still a great community-based resource to help point survivors in the right direction.	https://irs.treasury.gov/freetaxprep/
	Low Income Taxpayer Clinics (LITC)	Low Income Taxpayer Clinics (LITC) assist low-income individuals who have a tax dispute with the IRS and provide education and outreach to individuals who speak English as a second language (ESL).	https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p4134.pdf
	Taxpayer Advocate Services (TAS)	The Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS) is an independent organization within the IRS. It ensures that every taxpayer is treated fairly and that taxpayers know and understand their rights. TAS advocates can help if you have tax problems that you cannot resolve on your own.	https://www.taxpayeradvocate.irs.gov/
	AARP Tax Counseling for the Elderly- TCE (IRS)	Offers free basic tax return preparation particularly for those who are 60 years of age and older, specializing in questions about pensions and retirement-related issues unique to seniors.	Directory of Crime Victim Services (Office for Victims of Crimes)



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Financial Education Resources	Directory of Crime Victim Services (Office for Victims of Crimes)	This database helps users locate victim services in the US. Some of these services include crime victim compensation programs where survivors can receive money to support their economic and safety needs.	https://ovc.ojp.gov/directory-crime-victim-services/search
	Legal Momentum + FUTURES: State Guide on Employment Rights for Survivors of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking	This guide provides information on state workplace protections for survivors to assist survivors and advocates with identifying and using legal protections within their state such as leave protections, reasonable accommodations, anti-discrimination protections, and unemployment insurance eligibility protections.	https://tinyurl.com/StateEmploymentRightsSurvivors
	Advancing Safety Through Employment Rights	Offers free resources, training and technical assistance to employers, workers and advocates on how to survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and sexual harassment (DVSASSH) can increase awareness and access to workplace/employment protections that help survivors.	https://workplacesresponse.org/employment-rights/
	Coalition to Abolish Slavery & Trafficking	CAST can provide training and technical assistance on supporting access to legal services for survivors of human trafficking. Resources include pro bono training for advocates and legal providers , and legal anti-trafficking weekly working groups .	https://casttta.nationbuilder.com/individual_ta
	Freedom Network USA: Survivor Reentry Project	Survivor Reentry Project is a national organization that provides criminal record relief for human trafficking survivors by connecting them to a nationwide network of pro bono lawyers. Learn more about how to support the economic empowerment needs of survivors with a criminal record via FNUSA+ FUTURES guide: Supporting the Education and Employment Needs of Survivors with Criminal Records Factsheet .	https://tinyurl.com/SurvivorReentryProject



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Legal Resources	Know Your Rights/ Workers Rights- Department of Labor Wage & Hour Division	Provides Department of Labor Wage and Hour Division resources for workers on rights surrounding fair pay, unpaid leave, wages, and how to file a complaint .	https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/workers
	Directory of Law School Public Interest & Pro Bono Programs (American Bar Association)	Provides a directory of law school public interest and pro bono public service programs.	https://www.americanbar.org/groups/center-pro-bono/resources/directory_of_law_school_public_interest_pro_bono_programs/
	Legal Aid at Work	Free legal services for workers in California focused on employment laws and systems that empower low-paid workers and communities. Legal Aid at Work's Project SURVIVE focuses on protective rights for survivors: clinic/helpline is 888-864-8335 (languages represented are English, Spanish, Cantonese, Mandarin and more) and explore the Employment Rights Toolkit for Survivors .	https://legalaidthatwork.org/
	Workplaces Respond National Resource Center	The National Resource Center offers free resources, training and technical assistance to employers, workers, and advocates to prevent and respond to domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and sexual harassment (DVSASSH) impacting the world of work/workplace. Advocates can use this resource center to train employment/business partners on trauma informed supervision, workplace safety planning, model policies and more.	https://workplacesrespond.org/



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Legal Resources	The Stalking Prevention, Awareness, and Resource Center (SPARC)	Provides resources for victim service providers/advocates and partners on supporting those who are experiencing stalking. Resources include risk assessment and safety planning , stalking incident documentation logs and stalking victim handbook and more. To learn more about the intersection of trafficking and stalking explore:	https://www.stalkingawareness.org/
	Job Accommodation Network	The Job Accommodation Network (JAN) provides job accommodation solutions and resources for workers with disabilities based on Title I of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).	https://askjan.org/index.cfm
	HUD Housing Specialist	The US Department of Housing and Urban Development offers housing counseling programs that help families obtain, sustain and retain their homes. Survivors and/or advocates can find a housing counseling agency by calling 800-569-4287.	https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/housing/sfh/hcc/housing_counseling
	State & Territory Coalition List (FY 2023)	A list of the FY 2025 Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault coalitions. Coalitions may have direct cash assistance and economic empowerment resources/initiatives. Identify the primary contact of a nearby coalition near and ask.	https://www.justice.gov/ovw/state-and-territory-coalitions
	Victims of Crime Compensation Funds (VOCA)	Financial assistance to crime victims, including survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, human trafficking and other crimes. VOCA funds can be used for education and vocational training programs, and equipment.	https://ovc.ojp.gov/directory-crime-victim-services/search#0-0
	ChildCare.gov	Provides a list of state and territory resources related to childcare. Created by the Administration for Children and Families.	https://childcare.gov/
Supportive Services and Public Benefits	Child Care Resources (Child Aware)	A State-by-State Resource Map on local resources on childcare, health and social services, financial assistance, and support for children with special needs.	https://www.childcareaware.org/resources/state-by-state-resource-map/



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Supportive Services and Public Benefits	Head Start/Early Head Start	National directory for programs that support early childhood education and family support.	https://headstart.gov/center-locator?expanded=true&radius=50
	FindTreatment.gov	Database created by Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) created to help people seek mental and substance abuse treatment facility.	https://findtreatment.gov/
	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	Provides a map of program contact information for state, territory and tribes with Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) programs (i.e. cash assistance, employment programs for low-income families with children)	https://acf.gov/ofa/map/about/help-families
	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)	State directory on programs that provide food benefits to low-income families.	https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/state-directory
	Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)	Application process for SSDI that provides monthly payments to people who have a disability that stops or limits their ability to work.	https://www.ssa.gov/disability
	Unemployment Insurance (UI)	Database to find each states Unemployment Insurance eligibility and benefits information. Some states provide unemployment insurance benefits for individuals who had to leave their work due to domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking. Learn more here.	https://www.careeronestop.org/LocalHelp/UnemploymentBenefits/find-unemployment-benefits.aspx



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Supportive Services and Public Benefits	Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	Social Security benefits are provided to adults and children with little or no income, resources, are 65 or older or have a disability or blindness.	https://www.ssa.gov/locator/
	Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)	A directory of state offices that provide energy assistance for low-income families.	https://www.liheap.org/directory

