

Discussion Guide: Revisiting the Sustainability Learning Collaborative Framework

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History: The idea for the Collaborative came about in 2017 and leaders Sharon Johnson Groh, Amy Nazaire, Cheryl Smith and MaryJo Alimena Caruso met with ARCH staff to discuss how ARCH could support Lifespan Respite grantees and partners in their sustainability efforts.

(These leaders had all received grants to use the Sustainability Toolkit.)

Survey: ARCH conducted a survey several years ago to discover the sustainability-related topics of greatest interest to grantees and partners. The four topics surveyed were:

1. Starting a Coalition, and growing, engaging and retaining Coalition membership.
2. Logic Modeling and Sustainability Planning (including identification of what you want to sustain, information gathering, such as surveys, needs assessments and environmental scans, oversight during plan implementation, planning tools and resources)
3. Grass Roots Advocacy and Legislative Change
4. The role of Volunteers and Faith-based Organizations in Lifespan Respite.

Discussion:

- ⇒ What do you do in your state that supports sustainability but is not on this list?
- ⇒ What have you learned from your colleagues during our monthly calls that may be important to include as topics?
- ⇒ What is missing from this list?
- ⇒ What are the best ways to promote learning about the topics you believe are important?

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