

# Asset (Strength)Based Approaches

### An Introduction

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## Our Communities Approach 2017-2021 and 2022-26

#### **Asset Based Thinking and Doing**

"working with the skills, knowledge, connections and potential that exists within a community."

#### **Social Action**

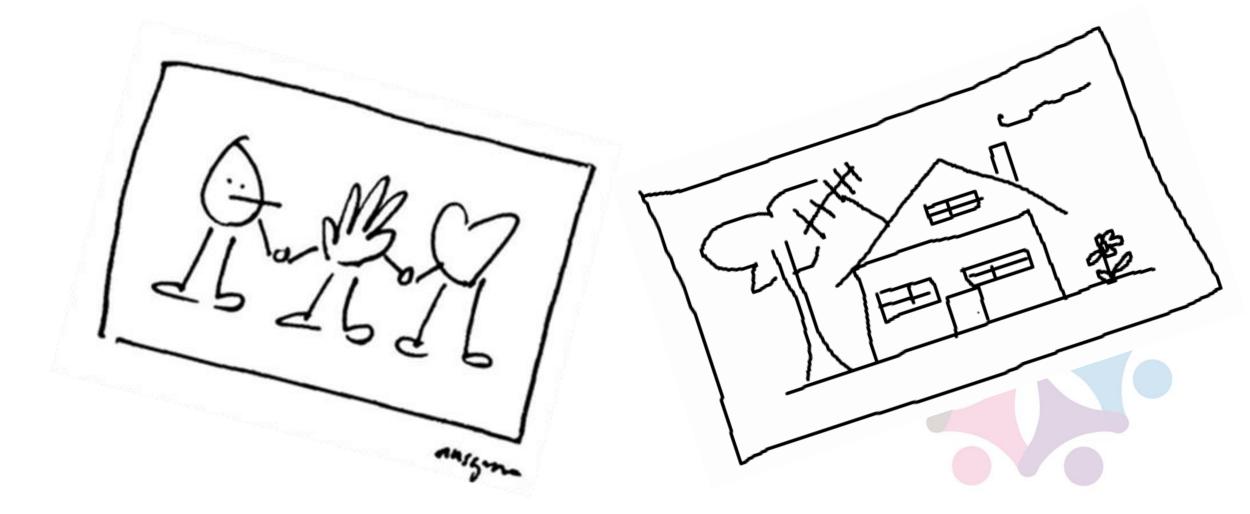
"People coming together to help improve their lives and solve the problems that are important in their communities."







## What Do We Mean By Assets?





## Asset Based Thinking and Doing

Step 1

"REFRAMING"

**Asset Based Conversations** 

TALKING ABOUT
OUR PROBLEMS
IS OUR GREATEST
ADDICTION. BREAK
THE HABIT. TALK
ABOUT YOUR JOYS.

- Spend time making sense or exploring the goal with the people you're working with?
- Can you go about achieving the goal another way?

Step 2

"IDENTIFYING ASSETS"

**Community Asset Mapping** 



 Have you thought about what 'assets' you have and what assets are needed? Step 3

"MOBILISING"

**Connecting Assets** 



 Have you created a space for people to come together, to share individual and group assets? Step 4

"CO-PRODUCTION"

Working Together for Positive Action



- Have you focussed on the main outcome you want to achieve?
- Have you remained flexible to change the way you reach your end goal as you work with the assets available to you at the time?



## What is an Asset Based Approach?

- "Asset-Based Thinking is not blind optimism or magical thinking. It does not offer the quick fix or over-promise results. It's not based on theory alone...
- Asset-Based Thinking takes "positive thinking" to a whole new level of engagement. While positive thinking calls for a positive attitude about life and the future, Asset-Based Thinking calls for positive action and traction in the present moment......
- Action is the key word! Ideas bestowed with 'positive attitude' remain just ideas. However, if you take an idea and add 'positive action and traction' to it, it becomes innovation."

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