

CENTER FOR NONPROFIT EXCELLENCE UPDATE

Helping nonprofits do what they do, better

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The relaunch of the Center for Nonprofit Excellence as a staffed, full-time project of the Community Foundation and supported by The Children's Trust has been a success. We can measure this by 3 outcomes:

- Feedback from participants
- New and enhanced partnerships
- Requests for engagement

We have conducted 14 formal training sessions to 209 participants, including 89 (duplicated) CTAC attendees. In addition, 68 individual session support sessions, and 7 planning sessions have been provided, with 14 of these to CTAC funded programs.



FEEDBACK EXAMPLES

WHAT WAS HELPFUL ABOUT THE SESSION?

- My goal for the session was to get a clear understanding of what is expected and to find simplified means to gather the expected data. Success in both regards.
- Clearly defined outputs, outcomes, and impact. Examples for each and willingness to work through things we did not understand or our own data.
- Very helpful in identifying new results based outcomes and the session was very very informative for troubleshooting program specific challenges with data reporting.
- Thank you for the education and community you are building through these trainings! I am grateful!

PLEASE LIST 2-3 KEY TAKEAWAYS FROM THIS SESSION

- If you do not measure it, you cannot impact it
- Keep attending CNE trainings! There's always someone in the room who does something or knows something that will make my life easier.
- We need more collaboration.
- Working together enhances our organizations.
- There is enough need in the community that we don't need to compete, and collaboration increases capacity.
- Thank you so much for conducting these types of workshops. With each one I feel better able to do the jobs I am tasked with.

HOW CAN YOU IMPLEMENT THE INFORMATION FROM THIS SESSION IN YOUR WORK?

- From this workshop, I know I can share a clear understanding of what is meant by outcomes, outputs and impacts, and the means to demonstrate those in various ways.
 - I'm going to look for Mission Moments to ensure I'm able to provide something to the board at most of the board meetings.
 - I had a "difficult" conversation today with an employee. The conversation around emotional vulnerability was particularly helpful in preparing for the conversation and in having the conversation.
 - We have acknowledged that we want to be able to tell our story better. We have talked about our website, social media, and printed materials. Data and deliverables is a critical piece to doing that well.
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Operational Needs Highlights

- *Learning practices for better business management will make our work more sustainable. Having a passion isn't enough! We need to work on the topics CNE has identified to ensure we have the infrastructure to support our work.*
- *There is so much I was unaware of. Makes me want to go back and ask questions that I didn't know to ask to start with. Then begin discussions to identify and address gaps in our model and practices.*
- *The information Theresa presented was exactly the information I, and my board members, have been asking questions about. The new CNE model is such a great resource to the community. So grateful she's in this position and available to help us get better together!*

We are learning that the collaboration and learning opportunities give agencies the venue to validate, discuss, and problem solve on issues that impact their reporting, program development, and help them define their impact.

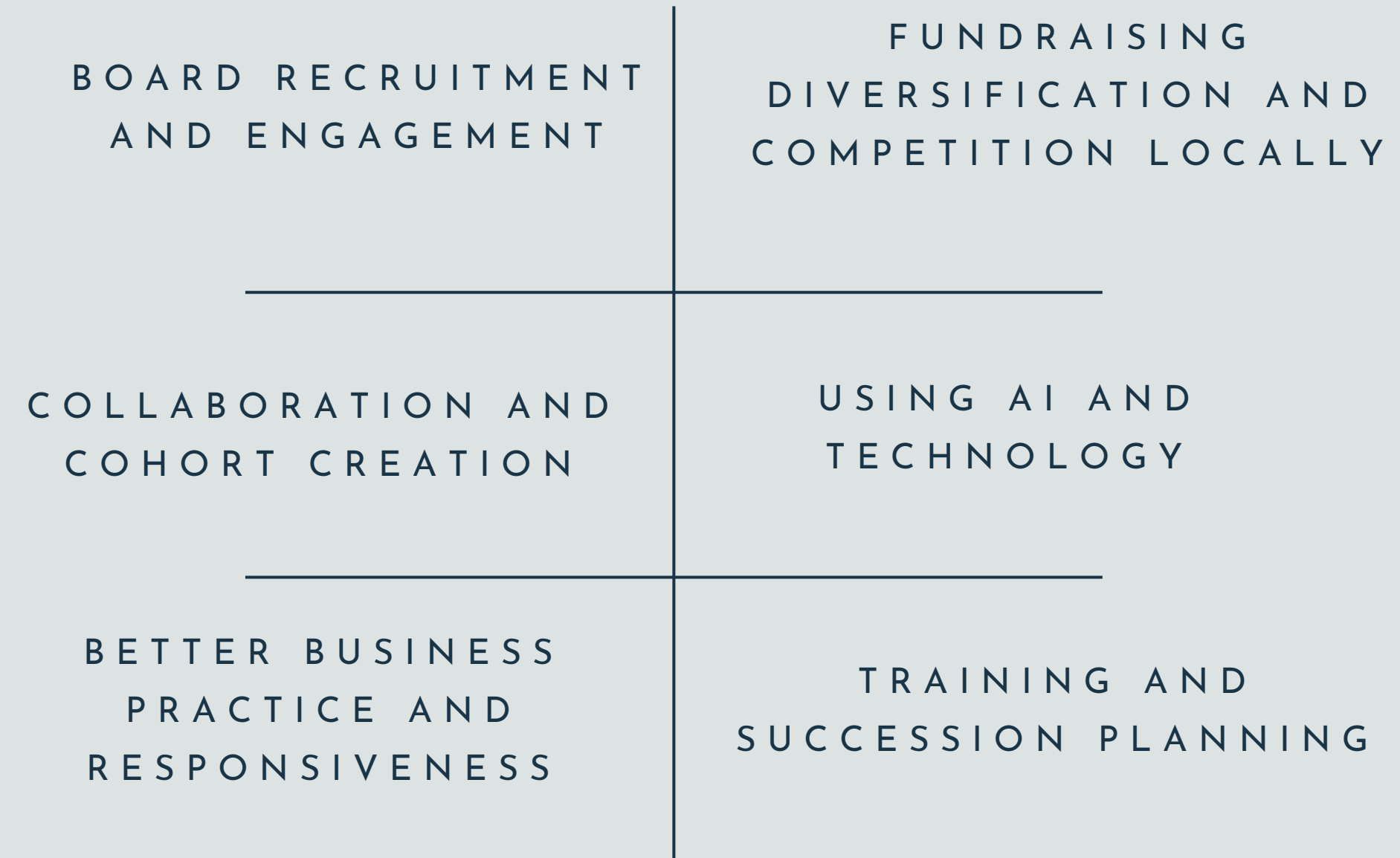


VISIONING FOR THE FUTURE


The CNE continues to develop strategies and create opportunities for the nonprofits in our sector to coordinate their efforts for maximum impact.

Regardless of the focus of their mission, programs, and work, it is our belief that we can successfully build a Coordinated Community Response model that will allow our community to combine resources and programming whenever possible. Encouraging the practice that Collaboration is Key we can improve sustainability, capacity, and business acumen.

Here are the key topics that were identified in the two week visioning process we are undertaking to ensure validity and relevance of our work.



Recruitment Efforts



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About

The Center for Nonprofit Excellence (CNE), a program of the Community Foundation of North Central Florida, empowers nonprofit leaders by providing Executive Directors, Staff, and Board members with valuable resources, best practices, and practical tools to strengthen organizational operations. Since 2015, CNE has been dedicated to enhancing the impact of local nonprofits by fostering professional growth, improving organizational effectiveness, and connecting communities to new avenues of support. Let us help you do what you do, better!

Core Strengths Sessions
1-4 hour learning experiences for staff and boards on critical topics, with local experts and guest speakers. Focus areas include:

- Capacity**
Strengthening organizational growth
- Operations**
Improving efficiency and effectiveness
- Responsivness**
Enhancing adaptability to sector changes
- Excellence**
Cultivating high standards in leadership and performance

BENEFITS & FEATURES

Opportunities

CNE will provide opportunities for Education, Strategy, and Advocacy for local nonprofits committed to learning, growth, and impact

Education

- Develop critical skills for staff and leadership
- Foster and build innovation within the organization
- Implement mentoring programs and enhance cohorts for continuous learning

Strategy

- Develop operational policies and best practices
- Identify short- and long-term impact through measurable goals
- Create outcomes and deliverables that quantify and qualify the mission

Advocacy

- Encourage collaboration and establish forums for sharing knowledge and ideas
- Create community networking opportunities for recruiting board members and hiring staff
- Find and secure resources to support growth and stability

Program Fee

Annual membership dues are based on revenue according to line 12 on the IRS Form 990 or line 9 on Form 990-EZ for the most recent fiscal year.

*Benefit only for organizations \$2M+

ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET	ANNUAL DUES
Under \$100,000	\$125
\$100,001-\$499,999	\$225
\$500,000-\$999,999	\$350
\$1M - \$1.999M	\$500
\$2M - \$4.999M	\$700
\$5M +	\$1,000

Events Include

- Conferences**
Learn from and connect with local experts on critical issues & topics.
- Executive Roundtables**
For organization leaders to learn with a directed conversation on essential topics.
- Information Sessions**
The Opportunity to discuss the ins and out of starting a nonprofit.
- Workshops**
Providing knowledge and skills on specific topics.

Contact us today to find out about upcoming training sessions, grant opportunities and other resources we provide in North Central Florida

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Testimonials

“Clearly defined outputs, outcomes, and impact, and gave examples for each. Thank you for the education and community you are building through these training sessions. I am grateful!”

As a new nonprofit organization, it was helpful to get our name out there among some like minded community partners. I am grateful to have this opportunity. Thank you for hosting such a well organized, executed, and intentioned event

“Excellent opportunity to engage with nonprofit agencies in the Alachua community, exploring collaborations and ways we can support one another.”

Elevate Your Organization

JOIN TODAY

Our vision at the CNE is to build a nonprofit ecosystem that has connection and collaboration at its core. By building nonprofit capacity and sustainability, we can shift the conversation and direction of funding and donor interaction from charity to investment. Join and become a part of the bigger work today.



We have reached out to 47 Hub and CTAC programs that are not current CNE members to encourage them to participate in the project and reach out for support as needed.

ONGOING FOCUS AREAS



CAPACITY



OPERATIONS



RESPONSIVENESS



EXCELLENCE

Working with the CNE Advisory Committee and through the visioning of the members, we are building relevant, actionable experiences that will create impact in our community.

THE PHILANTHROPY HUB

WHAT IS THE HUB?

- Our community's online searchable database of nonprofits
- Launched early 2020
- 120 Reporting Requirements to receive Verification: Management, Governance, Financials, Programs, Development
- Financials populated from IRS
- 200 organizations registered; 125 have been verified by CFNCF
- Process helps build capacity for orgs
- Transparency for donors and funders

HOW THE HUB CAN INFORM THE COUNTY

- Vetting of organizations for state and federal compliance
- Streamlines grant process for nonprofits
- Collaboration among funders in Alachua County, allowing for less duplicate funding
- Questions and vetting criteria can be added quickly
- Data collection of local funding
- Annual State of the Sector report for the economic and social impact of nonprofit sector

Check out the Hub at www.thephilanthropyhub.org

Community Indicators

Community Foundation's North Central Florida Community Indicators project, officially launched in October 2024. This initiative highlights our region's story, focusing on what sustains our community and the nonprofits that drive it forward.

In collaboration with local experts, the Community Foundation identified three primary fields of focus: Education, Health, and Livability.

Next steps: working with the Children's Trust of Alachua County to highlight Community Indicators around CTAC's three priorities

Access: The Community Indicators website, hosted on the Community Foundation's webpage, is open to anyone, providing unrestricted access to data and insights about North Central Florida.



Thank you!