Rural Resource Mapping: A Demonstration of Mapping Community Resources

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In this workshop we will:

• Provide an overview of Resource mapping and the project that the RTC:Rural is engaging with CILs on
• Discuss different types of community living resources
• Discuss how to identify resources in your community
• Demonstrate how to build your own community resource map
• Learn how to get involved in this project
What is Resource Mapping?

- Resource mapping is a strategy that communities can use to build local partnerships, and plan activities, and promote shared values.
- A resource map is a tool that engages local stakeholders in activities to identify the services and supports that are available to people with disabilities in the community.
Why map?

• To better understand the communities you serve
• To make expand your community connections
• Connect consumers to local resources
• Communicate to funders about resources and community connections
• Provide timely support in disasters
Defining Community Living Resources

• A community living resource is anything that can be used to improve the quality of community life for people with disabilities. It can be:
  • An organization
  • A community service
  • A place
  • A person or group of people
  • A local business
  • MORE!? 
Community Living Needs

Independent living skills training
Housing (affordable/accessible)
Home modification/repair
Accessible health care
Home health care
Personal assistance services
Transportation options

Employment opportunities
Food security
Peer support
Mental health care
Opportunities for community engagement
Others?
Let’s get mapping!

- If you have a google account, you can map alongside me!
- Otherwise follow along using the materials you can download from the conference website.
- [Google my maps](https://www.google.com/maps/about/mymaps/)
Get involved and join our project!

What will you do?
• Meet with RTC team weekly (initially)
• Devote 1-2 additional hours a week to identify resources and develop connections
• Help coordinate 1-2 community meetings (virtually right now) to engage with community resources on the project

What will you get?
• Learn about disability in the rural communities you serve
  • Data and statistics
• Develop a local community living needs resource list and interactive map
• Connect with other organizations in the community
• Receive a final report with local disability data and information about local resource connections.
Questions, contact info and resources

• A video of this presentation will be available for you to access
• You can download all the materials on the APRIL conference website
• Questions/want to get involved?
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