



Collaborative, Comprehensive Community Initiatives Key Readings

There is a growing body of research and writing that describe collaborative, comprehensive community initiatives. Here are a few we find helpful.

[Comprehensive Community Initiatives](#)

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This paper explores the emerging theory and practice on comprehensive community initiatives. It is one of a series of papers written in support of the Vibrant Communities project, which has embraced the comprehensive community initiatives approach. Comprehensive community initiatives have emerged in response to recent practices that have proven ineffective and as a reformulation of approaches to community development that have been tried in the past. They also reflect views on the changing role of government and the place that communities play in promoting economic and social well-being. See the Caledon Institute website at <http://www.caledoninst.org/Publications/Detail/?ID=4>.

[Who Does What in Comprehensive Community Initiatives?](#)

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Who Does What in Comprehensive Community Initiatives? is the fifth in a series of Caledon paper to support the Vibrant Communities initiative, a four-year national effort to explore promising local solutions to reduce poverty. [Comprehensive Community Initiatives](#) examined the major concepts and practices associated with comprehensive, multisectoral strategies for poverty reduction. The [Social Role of Local Government](#) detailed the contribution of local governments to this work. [Community Renewal](#) explored the renewal of communities through rethinking the use of community resources and building relationships among these resources for mutually beneficial problem-solving. [Innovation and Poverty Reduction](#) focused upon the application of the concept of innovation to local solutions to reduce poverty. The current paper explores the role that various sectors play in comprehensive community initiatives, including governments, social services, business, labour, educational institutions and anti-poverty groups. See the Caledon Institute website at <http://www.caledonisnt.org/Pbublications/Detail/?ID=451>.

[Tamarack's Guide to Multisectoral Collaboration](#)

One of Tamarack's goals is to find and highlight examples of community engagement, and to promote the use of community engagement principles in multisectoral, collaborative efforts. Those principles include: grassroots citizen action, collaboration between actors, clear visions and goals, and public decision-making. This guide describes key definitions, tools and case studies of multisectoral collaboration. See

<http://www.tamarackcommunity.ca/downloads/oo2003/multisectoralcollaboration.pdf>.