

ABCD Online Resources

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The ABCD Institute: <http://www.abcdinstitute.org/>

“The Asset-Based Community Development Institute (ABCD) is at the center of a large and growing movement that considers local assets as the primary building blocks of sustainable community development.” The Institute is located within the School of Education and Social Policy at Northwestern University, in Evanston Illinois.

The site has many resources, including:

- Publications: Tools, Workbooks, Reports, etc. Some are available for purchase, but many are also downloadable
- Research & articles

ABCD in Action: <http://www.abundantcommunity.com>

ABCD In Action is an online community of people who are interested in sharing ideas, asking questions, and connecting with each other as they explore how to put ABCD into practice in their work and in their lives. Anyone is welcome to join – there is no membership fee.

This site includes:

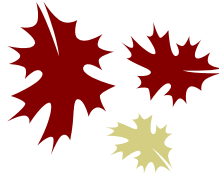
- Opportunities to connect with other people through discussions and groups
- Practical resources on ABCD
- Great videos and photos
- Connections to other ABCD online communities
- Whatever members contribute

The Abundant Community: <http://www.abundantcommunity.com>

Set up as a companion to the book by the same title written by Peter Block and John McKnight, this website “gives us the ideas, the tools and the support to create a neighborhood that can raise a child, provide security, sustain our health, secure our income, and care for our vulnerable people. Each of these is within the power of our community.”

On this site, you’ll find:

- Resources
- Stories
- Commentary
- Events



A Sampling of Community-Related Publications

- *Building Communities from the Inside Out: A Path toward Finding and Mobilizing a Community's Assets*, by John McKnight & John Kretzmann (1993). The book that started it all.
- *The Abundant Community: Awakening the Power of Families and Neighborhoods*, by John McKnight and Peter Block (2010).
- *Deepening Community: Finding Joy Together in Chaotic Times*, by Paul Born (2014).
- *ABCD in Practice: When People Care Enough to Act*, by Mike Green (2006).
- *Everyone Leads: Building Leadership from the Community Up*, by Paul Schmitz (2012).
- *Community Conversations: Mobilizing the Ideas, Skills, and Passion of Community Organizations, Governments, Businesses, and People*, by Paul Born (2012).
- *Walk Out, Walk On: A Learning Journey into Communities Daring to Live the Future Now*, by Margaret Wheatley and Deborah Frieze (2011).
- *Asset-Based Community Engagement in Higher Education*, by John Hamerlinck & Julie Plaut (editors) (2014).
- *The Art of Neighboring: Building Genuine Relationships Right Outside Your Door*, by Jay Pathak & Dave Runyon (2012).