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Collaboration is the art of autonomous organizations working together to achieve their common goals. It can take many forms: networks, partnerships, purchasing networks, joint service delivery systems, and mergers. We offer training, consultation and facilitation services to assist collaboratives and their participants at all stages of collaboration - formation, operation, and through transition phases. Our model of building successful collaborations has been tested in a variety of government and not-for-profit settings.

Our collaboration practice is a little different from our legal practice. We act as consultants, trainers, and facilitators/mediators during collaboration sessions, and our legal background greatly assists us in the process. We work closely with our collaboration clients to make sure our role is clearly defined.

We also offer a number of seminars, including many on collaboration issues.

We can assist you in all of the following collaboration efforts:

Training

- Workshops and conference speeches on the "how-to's" of successful collaboration, on "hot spots" in collaborative ventures, and other issues on collaboration.
- Board training and retreats for Boards of Directors, staff, and multiple organizations considering collaborative efforts.

Consultation Advice on forming and operating a collaborative venture, including the formation of networks, joint , service delivery partnerships, purchasing cooperatives and policy councils.
Facilitation/Mediation.

Facilitated conversations for collaborations in conflict or transition and assistance in developing transition and exit strategies.