Alliance of Community Assistance Ministries: An Overview THE PROCESS

Many working families in the Gulf Coast area struggle to meet basic needs of food, rent and utilities, among other things. Faith-based community assistance organizations respond to these needs with compassion and a minimum of bureaucracy. Because these organizations play a vital role as the social service safety net for the region, strengthening their individual and collective ability to meet the rise in demands is crucial to alleviating poverty in our midst. ACAM uses an external evaluator to measure the core components performed by ACAM and it's membership.

Program Components

Organizational Challenges

- > Increase in demand for services
- ➤ Increased stress to organizational budgets & staff
- ➤ Need for local network of faithbased provider
- > Staff and volunteer management
- > Leadership Development
- ➤ Need for more robust client data management systems
- > Need for board development
- ➤ Long-term planning & strategies



Capacity Building

- → Organizational Assessments
- → Capacity Building Grants
- → Professional Development Funds
- → Specialized Training and Consulting
- → Best Practices Development

Other

Collaborative

Initiatives



Network and Training

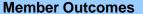
- → Executive Director Network
- → Service and Volunteer Networks
- → Thrift Store Institute
- → Executive Director Mentoring
- → Relationships Developed between Members and Funders



Advocacy and Outreach

- → Disaster Planning and Emergency Response
- → Collaborative for Counseling
- → Food and program enhancement funds

- → Awareness Materials and Presentations on Community Needs and Faith-based Outcomes
- →Outreach to New Members
- → Advocacy



- ✓ Ministries equipped to meet increase in demand for services
- ✓ Strengthened relationships & sharing of ideas/practices across member agencies
- √ Funding increased & diversified
- ✓ Personnel & volunteer management programs enhanced
- ✓ Enhanced abilities of board, director & staff
- ✓ Technology infrastructure improved, better data tracking
- √ Long-term strategies developed
- ✓ Increased community awareness of client needs & work of ACAM



More individuals & families in need served
Highly efficient & effective services delivered
Ministries work collaboratively to address sector-wide issues

