

## **“Lessons Learned—2011 Graduating Projects Report”** Preparing your Presentation

On Thursday morning, September 22, 2011 at the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Local Funding Partnerships (LFP) Annual Meeting, one representative of each graduating project will speak briefly before a breakout group of about 25 of your colleagues.

- Your audience will be directors and funders of LFP projects whose grants are “younger” than yours. You could not have a more appreciative audience!
- They want to hear about:
  - your project’s successes and *how you achieved them*.
  - what challenges the project faced and *how you dealt with them*.
  - your advice based on what you learned or *what you wish you had known*.

Please develop your **talking points** as answers to *some* of the following questions:

- What do you wish someone had told you before you started?
- What were the “ah-hah” moments in your project?
- What barriers arose and how did you overcome them?
- Did you learn new ways of including diverse staff or reaching out to new ethnic or cultural groups in your community?
- Were there events out of your control that helped or hindered your project? How did you handle them?
- What were some of the good outcomes and tough challenges of working with coalition partners?
- What have you learned about how to find resources for sustainability??
- What do you expect will be your next big challenge and how are you preparing for it?

Thank you in advance for your honesty with your fellow project directors.

### **Please remember:**

- This is not a “report” on your work. That’s the information you already put on your one-page project description.
- Please do not prepare any audio-visual materials.
- *This is the session where you share your experience.*

E-mail your list of short answers (just a few notes or bullet points) to [dsolomon@localfundingpartnerships.org](mailto:dsolomon@localfundingpartnerships.org) by August 16, 2011. Your session leader will schedule a conference call with you and your fellow panelists to plan a discussion around your ideas.

We will go over ways to prepare your talking points along with your one-pager and your story in a **webinar Wednesday, July 20, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time.**

If you have any questions or suggestions, please call Debbi Dunn Solomon, LFP director of media & public information, at 609-275-4124.