

Collective Impact Accelerator



We live in a messy world full of big, hairy challenges. Fortunately, nonprofits step in every day to help fill gaps in our communities. **Nonprofits: we get the job done.** And yet, have you ever wanted to take your work to the next level by addressing these issues on a broad scale? By collaborating with other organizations and sectors in **collective impact**, nonprofits can transition from *providing services* to *moving the needle* on the problems themselves and reaching target goals.

But collective impact projects need support.

Enter the **Collective Impact Accelerator**, presented by the partners who developed Collaboration College, and based at the Center for Nonprofit Management. The new programs of the Collective Impact Accelerator, a **Catalyst**, **Learning Community**, and **Forum**, will foster collaborative leadership, facilitate learning, and accelerate progress on our community's complex challenges.

Collective Impact Catalyst

The Collective Impact Catalyst is designed to help existing collective impact initiatives progress faster and further on specific goals through customized coaching, consulting, and learning opportunities with local consultants as well as experts from the collective impact thought leader FSG. The Catalyst is designed for leadership teams of established collective impact projects.

Collective Impact Learning Community

The Collective Impact Learning Community provides emerging and established changemakers in nonprofit, business, government, and philanthropy with the competencies and tools needed to make collective impact work. The learning community is a year-long commitment with quarterly learning opportunities designed for individuals committed to working collectively for social change.

Nashville Collective Impact Forum

The Nashville Collective Impact Forum is a full day experience to learn from local and national experts about key elements of collective impact, gain tools to practice collective impact, and begin a cultural shift towards collective action to make progress on our community's most complex challenges. The Forum is designed for individuals in nonprofit, business, government, and philanthropy interested in working collectively to make progress on our community's complex challenges.

Collective Impact Catalyst

Custom consulting and education to propel existing collective impact initiatives forward. You have your vision, and your collective impact work is underway. We can help you accelerate progress.

Participants: Selected teams will choose up to six leaders to participate in the Catalyst.

Selection process:

- Teams will register for a pre-interview call to determine whether the Catalyst is the right fit for their collective impact initiatives (**visit www.cnm.org/CollectiveImpactAccelerator to sign up for a time**)
- Teams will submit a brief pre-call questionnaire
- Recommended teams will be invited to participate in an interview
- Selected teams will be notified in July

Time commitment: August 2017 – May 2018

- Time commitment will depend on the scope of your consulting project -- an estimated 10-15 hours per month, with rolling start dates beginning August 2017
- Two 2-hour virtual learning sessions facilitated by FSG on topics identified by teams
- Monthly coaching calls with the Director of Collective Impact and/or FSG
- Meetings with consultants according to team needs and schedules
- Informal cohort events

Benefits:

- Up to 100 hours of consulting on customized projects focused on key initiative goals provided by the Center for Nonprofit Management, with strategic support from c3/consulting and HCA Strategic Resource Group
- Coaching from national FSG Collective Impact Forum and local Director of Collective Impact
- Virtual learning sessions with national issues-area experts
- Opportunities to present initiative and highlights to local funders

Collective Impact Learning Community

Resources and education for emerging & established collective impact changemakers in nonprofit, business, government, and philanthropy. Interested in gaining the skills and know-how to engage in collective impact? Join the community.

Participants: Individuals participating in existing collective impact initiatives or interested in engaging in large-scale collaboration. Individuals may be nonprofit, government, business, or philanthropic leaders; nonprofit board members; or community leaders.

Application process: Individuals will complete a short application to assess eligibility.

Time commitment: Quarterly 3-hour sessions beginning late fall of 2017 (**session dates TBA**)

Benefits:

- Access to issue-area experts
- Peer-to-peer learning
- Networking with emerging and established collective impact leaders

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Catalyst and Learning Community participants are encouraged to attend the Nashville Collective Impact Forum as well.

Participants: Individuals participating in an ongoing collective impact initiative or interested in engaging/joining a large-scale collaboration. Individuals may be nonprofit, government, or business leaders; nonprofit board members; or community leaders.

Registration process: Individual registration on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration will be available on www.cnm.org -- stay tuned for details and more information.

When and where: Lipscomb University, August 9, 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.