

sense a lack of commitment from the coordinator.

- ~ To show up at each session ready to lead, work, and meaningfully contribute can be emotionally

draining. Take care of yourself and get plenty of rest prior to F.I.I.V.E. events. Be prepared for your own growth and development!

Tips for Successful Collaboration

A program like F.I.I.V.E. requires collaboration with other sites. F.I.I.V.E. Chicago has six human service agencies that collaborate with one another. In turn, each of these agencies collaborates with other organizations within its local community. What follows are just a few considerations about communication and compromise that may help you successfully partner with other organizations in your community. There is much to discuss on the topic of collaboration and we highly suggest seeking out additional reading materials beyond what we have provided here.

COMMUNICATION

- ~ Communication is the creation of understanding.
- ~ Any good relationship is built on trust. A collaborative work relationship requires attentive listening, clearly

established program goals and objectives with valid measures for evaluating outcomes, and mutual respect for the work.

- ~ Establish tangible and realistic goals in the beginning, set specific deadlines, delegate specific tasks.
- ~ Demonstrate appreciation both verbally and non-verbally.

COMPROMISE

- ~ Make sure you give as much as you get.
- ~ Know that the success of the project is largely determined by how well you can work with one another.
- ~ Emphasize team performance when working with another organization. Know who has assumed responsibility for collecting supplies, contacting the volunteers, leading activities, etc.

