

Illustrative Comments from Users of the Community Tool Box (<http://ctb.ku.edu/>)

CTB user's self-description	Comments on their use of the CTB
<p>I am a public health analyst, working with CDC. I am also a member and volunteer of the Vision Church of Atlanta. I want to help the Church to develop a multi-service, community-based organization focusing on health and human services needs for disfranchised populations. -Angie Alvarado, Atlanta, GA</p>	<p>"I will use the Tool Box to assist the VCA Committee of volunteers working in the development of the Empowerment Center, d.b.a. the Vision Church of Atlanta, Inc."</p>
<p>I am a registered nurse and have just completed my masters degree in Nursing from Indiana Wesleyan. I have been in nursing for nine years. My area of focus as a registered nurse is critical care, however my Masters degree is as a family Nurse Practitioner. I am currently studying for certification. -Valerie Johnson, Kokamo, IN</p>	<p>"I have been asked by my pastor to start a wellness program for the members of my church, and I am looking for ideas on how to implement such a program. This site appears to be a place to find a great deal of information, and I am certainly excited that I have found it."</p>
<p>Director of Strategic Resources at Perimeter Church which is committed to partnering and resourcing independent nonprofit organizations which serve refugees and immigrants; women in crisis (and their children); children at risk and teenagers; elderly and dependent in our community of northeast Atlanta. -Jon Cleveland, Duluth, GA</p>	<p>"Learning more about how to build healthy communities and serve those who need help."</p>
<p>I am a nutritionist and education specialist in the Community Health Division at Duke Medical Center. -Gwen Murphy, Durham, North Carolina</p>	<p>"I love your site and have used it many times. It is a complete, well organized framework that fits well with many different projects. Thank you!"</p>
<p>RN who has worked for 13 years in a hospital burn intensive care unit and for three years as a hospice visiting nurse. Also a board member of the Massachusetts Coalition for Compassionate Care and a founding member of a community coalition called Palliative Care Coalition. -Michael Wilson, Boston, Massachusetts</p>	<p>"I have found the [CTB] articles and how-to guides wonderful in my attempt to pull a community coalition together. I am a nurse, I have never done such work, but this website makes it possible for me to feel like it is possible to surmount the difficulties of placing three hospitals, two hospices, two family health centers and representatives from several other agencies at the same table, rise above territorial and political issues and find a common path to our shared goal of improving the care we give to the dying. I thank you for all your efforts."</p>
<p>I am the Manager of 3 programs at the Tulsa Health Department - School Health, Healthy Communities Access Program, and Tulsa Fetal and Infant Mortality Review. -Pam Rask, Tulsa, Oklahoma</p>	<p>"We are always looking for tools to use where we do not have to reinvent the wheel and also for best practices and models to implement within our community."</p>
<p>Dentist with the USPHS at the Inscription House Clinic, located in the Diné Nation (Navajo). -Daniel Borrero, Shonto, Arizona</p>	<p>"I have been working to start a patient education program in our clinic. I'd like to begin by establishing a participatory community coalition to deal with numerous health promotion issues . . . [starting with] how to prevent early childhood caries. . . . I'd like to see our program use the latest knowledge from cognitive science as well as to do everything in a culturally competent way, so we build over the foundation that is already in place. I just found the Tool</p>

	Box site today. I will use it for everything.”
Runs a community service program in a medical school. -Jean Hess, Boston, Massachusetts	“Looking for good articles on: how to conduct a needs assessment; models of behavior change; program planning, implementation and evaluation and a variety of other skills-based information that medical students are never exposed to! This is an awesome site!!!!!!”
I am a patient advocate for a regional community hospital in Iowa. -Pam Mann, Cedar Rapids, IA	“I am a member of a community task force that is looking at the various road blocks for cultures to obtain affordable healthcare and what we can do to remove those barriers. I will also use the information in my hospital position when assisting people with issues related to their healthcare needs outside the hospital or better accessing our services.”
Pediatrician and Consultant in Community Health -Lawrence Berger, Albuquerque, New Mexico	“I will promote the Tool Box in my fellowship program for injury prevention specialists working for Tribes and the Indian Health Service.”
Executive Director, Health Initiative Programs with the Georgia Department of Community Health -Vanessa Braithwaite, Atlanta, Georgia	“Utilizing the tools related to coalition building and methodology of logic models with staff. The staff is composed of several individuals who possess different levels of expertise with coalition building and logic models. Excellent materials are offered on your site. Thank you for creating such a tool.”
Project Director for a Service Partnership for preventing risky behaviors in adolescent youth in the Overtown Community of the City of Miami. Has a Master's Degree in Public Administration. -Cheryl Pestaina, Miami, Florida	“The Community Tool Box is a lifeline for the Partnership in many ways: finding best practice models for just about anything regarding at risk children and their families; assessment tools; computer as well as publication resources; how-to hands on approaches to areas such as marketing, community involvement, etc.”
I am focused on building competencies of management staff to improve the quality of the work we do in communities in Harlem, the Bronx, and Washington Heights. -Lorna Morgan, New York, New York	“These are good frameworks for helping staff think about their work and the resources needed to accomplish it.”
I am a developer. I am planning to develop a new intervention for middle and high school urban youth. My goal is to create an intervention that focuses on leadership development using three core developmental areas. -Roxanne Serrao	“I was researching how to develop an evidence-based program and saw your site. Upon review of your site, I fell in love with all that it has to offer. At first glance it seemed to be overwhelming, but then so is my goal. Thanks for offering it. I will contact you to begin my own workstation.”
Project Coordinator for Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy KIDS COUNT -Ann Salazar, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	“I am constantly referring my Leadership group to this site as a resource for what they are doing in their communities and for their KIDS COUNT Leader Projects. Every time I go to this site I am amazed what is offered. I always find something new. I have never found another site to equal this one as an available usable resource for positive community change.”
College Professor, KU Ph.D. in public	“Will use it as a resource to help non-profits in the Topeka

administration, non-profit administration. -Chris Hamilton, Topeka, KS	area.”
I am the Project Manager with The Bobrow-Williams Group, LLC, a consulting firm serving rural and urban communities across America. -Franklin Bobrow-Williams, Augusta, Georgia	Planning to work with the Georgia Conference of Black Mayors.
Executive Director of a nonprofit: Guilford County Substance Abuse Coalition -George Coates, Greensboro, North Carolina	“Information on organization, structure, surveys, outcomes. It has been very helpful.”
Consultant in the substance abuse prevention field -Laurie Call, Divernon, Illinois	“It is an absolutely incredible resource. The most comprehensive resource I have found for skill and knowledge based information for our field.”
Office of Neighborhoods, Manager for the City -Eva Yakutis-Mcniel, Riverside, California	“Am on my way to give a presentation on Asset Based Community Development and Community Organizing to the Crime Free Multi Housing International conference and am taking the good news about the CTB with me!”
Faculty with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln -Rodrigo Cantarero, Lincoln, Nebraska	“I am collaborating with a local organization (Health Partners Initiative) on a project working with two local neighborhoods on developing a "neighborhood service exchange" program. We are initially working in the areas of access to health (neighborhood is heavily minority population, especially Latino) and safety. Your site is a wonderful source of ideas and tools.”
Community Planner for the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin -Parker Plitz, Oneida, Wisconsin	“Techniques are presented in the Toolbox that are transferable to community planning in many ways from strategic thinking to task completion. Thank you for providing such a broad and in-depth service.”
Educator of 33 years - teacher, principal, currently 10 years as Director of Head Start within a parish school system -Sondra Myers, Crowley, Louisiana	“Head Start management involved a cycle of planning and assessment. With the Head Start Act needing reauthorization every 5 years, there are constant changes in program regs and services. TOOLBOX IS WONDERFUL!!!!!!!”