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Brief Overview of the *Partnership Self-Assessment Tool*

Why the Tool Was Developed

The *Partnership Self-Assessment Tool* was designed to help partnerships:

- Understand how collaboration works and what it means to create a successful collaborative process;
- Assess how well their collaborative process is working;
- Identify specific areas they can focus on to make their collaborative process work better.

What the Tool Measures

The Tool measures a key indicator of a successful collaborative process - the partnership's level of **synergy**. The Tool also provides information that helps partnerships take action to improve the collaborative process. It identifies the partnership's strengths and weaknesses in areas that are known to be related to synergy - **leadership, efficiency, administration and management, and sufficiency of resources**. It also measures partners' perspectives about the partnership's **decision-making process**, the **benefits and drawbacks** they experience as a result of participating in the partnership, and their overall **satisfaction** with the partnership.

Who Should Use the Tool

The Tool was designed to be used by partnerships for their own **internal evaluation** (*it was **not** intended for use by external partnership evaluators*). Although it is applicable to a broad range of partnerships, the Tool is **not** meant for partnerships at all stages of development or partnerships of all sizes. To use the Tool, a partnership needs to:

- Have been in existence **at least six months**;
- Be a group of people and organizations that **continually work together to develop and modify strategies to achieve their goals**;
- Have **begun to take action to implement its plans**;
- Have **at least five active partners**.

[Coordinator Guide](#) 

[Instructions for Using the Tool Offline](#) 

[Tool Questionnaire](#) 

[Tool Report](#) 

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