

TOOLBOX # 2: ASSETS AND NEEDS ASSESSMENTS

2.1	Title	Asset Mapping: A Handbook
	Author / Distributor	Canadian Rural Partnership
	Web site	http://www.brycs.org/clearinghouse/clearinghouse-resource.cfm?docnum=4572
	How to get it	Free Web resource
	Language	English
	Content	“Outlines three practical approaches that community leaders can use to engage people in shaping the future of their community. Asset mapping can be used as a starting place for community-based initiatives such as community development, strategic planning and organizational development.” [Web site description]
2.2	Title	Community Toolbox, Chapter 3: Assessing Community Needs and Resources
	Author / Distributor	University of Kansas
	Web site	http://www.brycs.org/clearinghouse/clearinghouse-resource.cfm?docnum=4573
	How to get it	Free Web resource
	Language	English
	Content	Contains information about how to assess community needs and resources (e.g. conducting listening sessions, analyzing problems).
2.3	Title	Community Youth Mapping
	Author / Distributor	American Youth Policy Forum: Bridging Youth Policy, Practice and Research
	Web site	http://www.brycs.org/clearinghouse/clearinghouse-resource.cfm?docnum=4574
	How to get it	Free Web resource
	Language	English
	Content	“Community Youth Mapping (CYM) is a catalyst to mobilize youth and adults as they identify resources and opportunities that exist in their community. Through the CYM process, young people and adults canvass their neighborhoods in search of places to go and things to do. Using this data collection strategy, young people across the nation have identified a host of resources that may not be found in traditional directories.” [Web site description]

		This site allows you to choose cities that have completed community mapping and identify activities/resources that are available.
2.4	Title	Helping America's Youth
	Author / Distributor	Cooperative effort between nine federal agencies of the United States government
	Web site	http://www.findyouthinfo.gov/
	How to get it	Entire Web site is a resource
	Language	English
	Content	"Offers free resources for community youth development. This site is designed to help you determine your community's needs related to children and youth. The site then offers guidance on developing collaborations and designing local solutions based on 'best practices' from other communities." [Web site description]
2.5	Title	Mapping Community Assets Workbook
	Author / Distributor	Northwest Regional Educational Laboratory
	Web site	http://www.brycs.org/clearinghouse/clearinghouse-resource.cfm?docnum=1710
	How to get it	Free download
	Language	English
	Content	"This workbook shows readers how to approach community development from a positive, creative perspective, building on existing strengths and resources. Through a series of questions and exercises, readers first learn to uncover their personal assets, both tangible and intangible. Then they expand to take stock of their community, listing all of its special features. Readers also learn how to design a questionnaire to uncover the hidden assets in their community, those from people or places that are not familiar. Part of the Strengthening Community Education: The Basis for Sustainable Renewal series of four workbooks." [Web site description]