

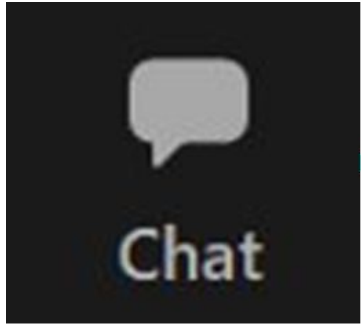
Pt. 3/3 Going the Distance: Sustaining Partnerships in Mentoring Programs



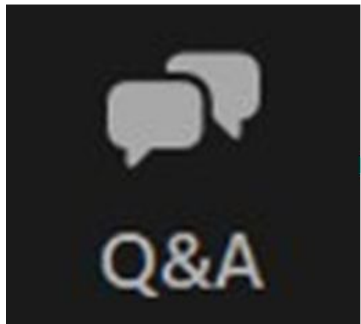
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Tips for Engagement



- Introduce yourself!
- Talk with one another
- Share resources
- Respond to presenters



- Ask the presenters questions
- Upvote questions you'd like to see answered

- **Live captions** available in the panel by clicking on the “**CC**” at the bottom of the screen
- Who is with us today?
 - Type in the **Chat** to introduce yourself - name, organization, what do you hope to learn today?
 - For all participants to see your message, change to “All panelists and attendees” in the Chat

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Aristede Hill

Aristede Hill, Regional Partnership and Impact Manager, serves as a regional generalist responsible for implementing and coordinating The Governor's Prevention Partnership's statewide prevention, mentoring, and community engagement initiatives. Aristede is a seasoned nonprofit and community leader with more than two decades of experience empowering youth, building mentoring networks, and fostering partnerships between schools, nonprofits, civic groups, and families. His expertise spans program design, staff development, fundraising, and organizational leadership, with a proven record of helping young people succeed academically, socially, and personally.



Brittany Baines

Brittany Baines, Associate Director of Program Partnerships and Capacity Building for The Governor's Prevention Partnership and Founder/CEO of Phenomenal I Am, Inc. She earned a bachelor's degree from The University of Connecticut in Human Development and Family Studies and a master's degree from Quinnipiac University in Organizational Leadership with a concentration in Non-Profit and Public Service. With over 11 years of experience in the mentoring field, Brittany specializes in designing, developing, implementing, and monitoring quality-based youth programming, with a passion for educating, empowering, and improving the overall well-being of youth and families.



Susie Owens

As Deputy Director of MENTOR Nebraska, Susie works closely with the Executive Director to advance operational management, drive strategic initiatives, strengthen services, and expand the organization's impact statewide. As a strategic leader, she is committed to fostering collaboration, championing equal access to opportunity, and inspiring continuous improvement across the mentoring field. She earned a Bachelor's Degree from in Child Youth & Family Studies, and a Master's in Leadership Education from the University of Nebraska – Lincoln.



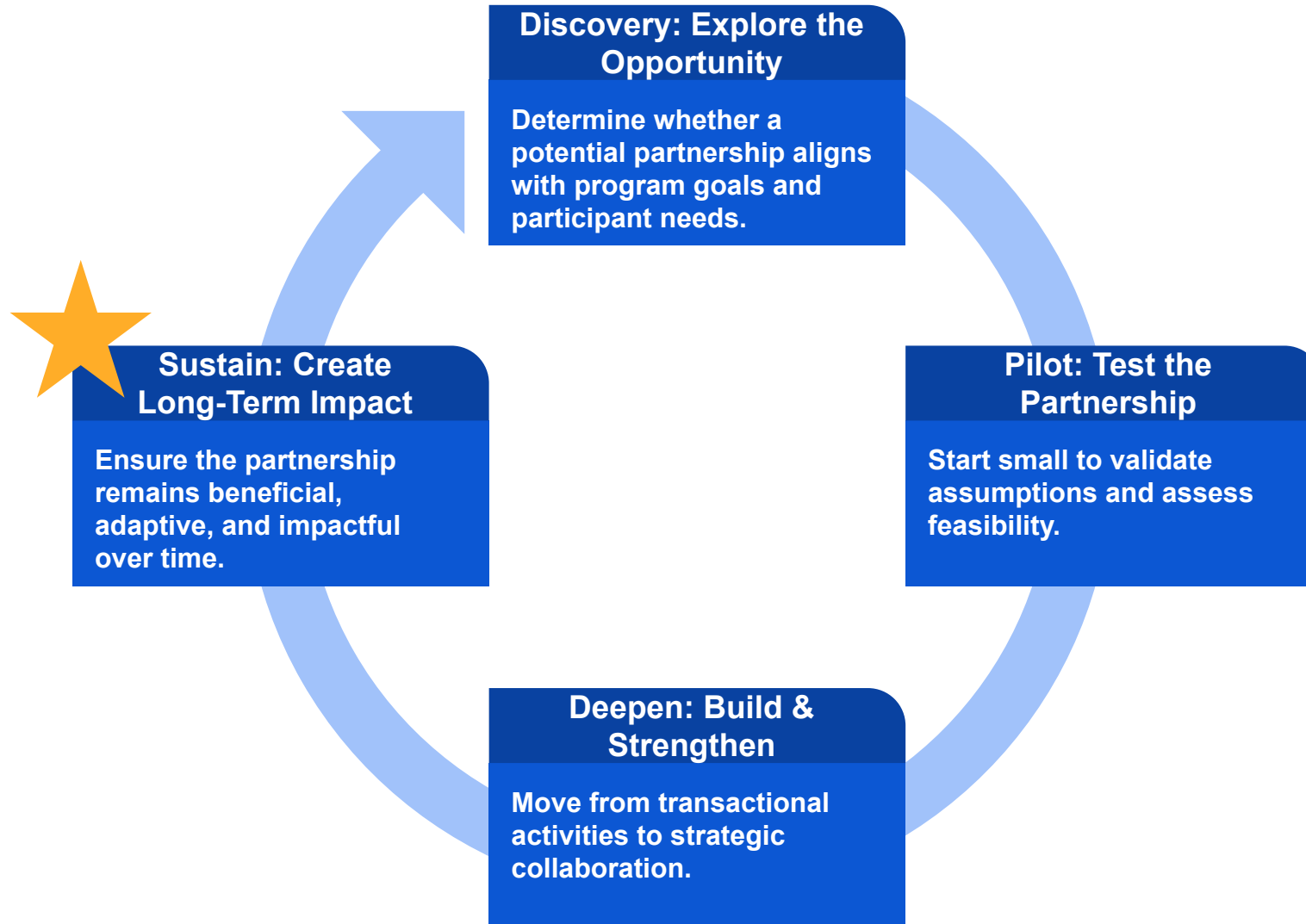


Partnership Development Lifecycle

Moving Toward Sustainability



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Moving Toward Sustainability: Considerations



Key Questions

- Is the partnership working for everyone involved?
- Are participant needs still being met?
- Do benefits outweigh the effort required?
- What has changed since the partnership began?

Ongoing Review Areas

- Partner needs
- Organizational constraints
- Available capacity
- Strategic priorities
- Impact and outcomes

Moving Toward Sustainability: Advanced Practices

Shared Systems

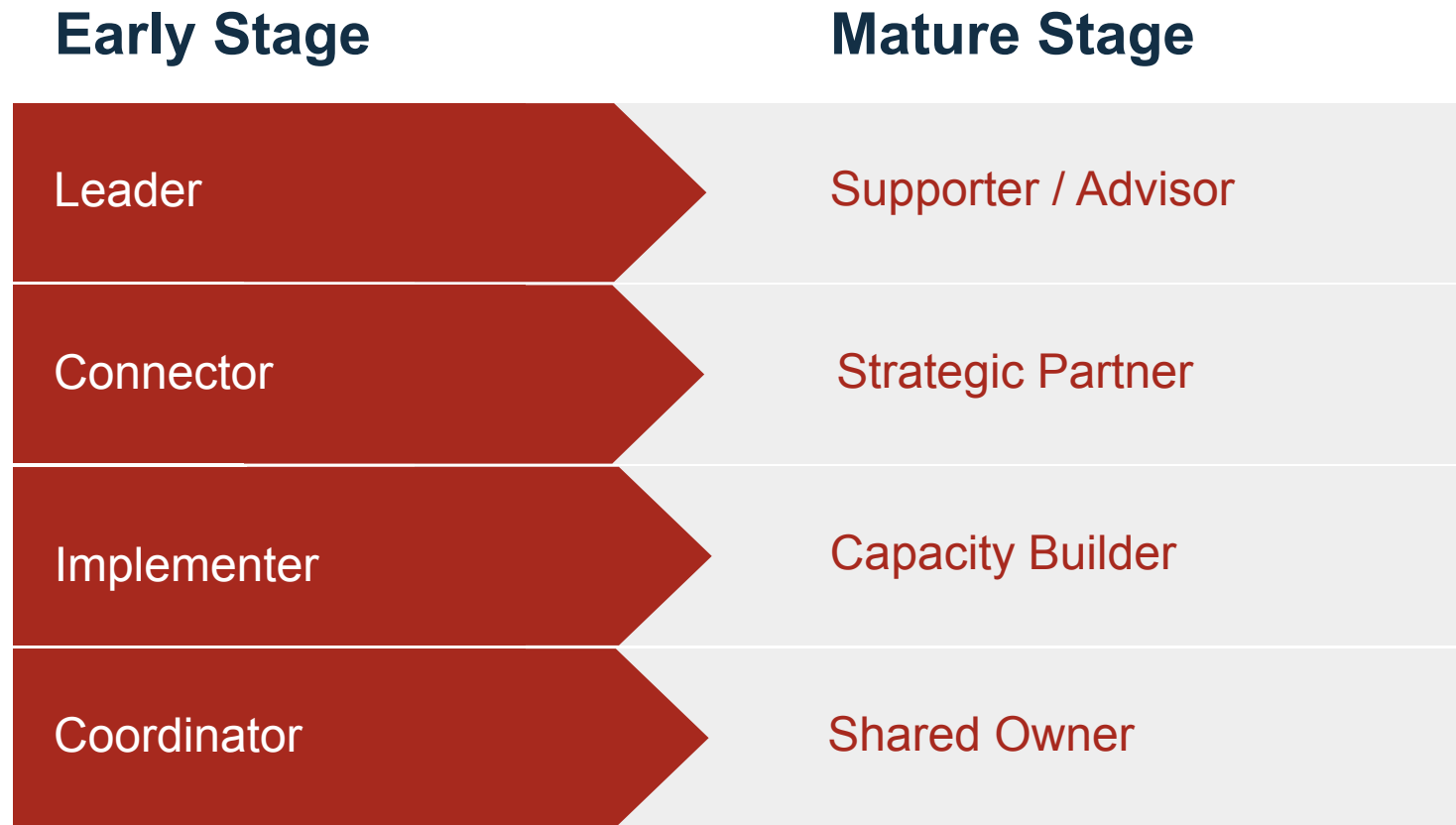
- Planning processes
- Communication structures
- Data collection methods
- Joint evaluation efforts

Collective Learning

- Regular reflection meetings
- Outcome review
- Continuous improvement planning



Moving Toward Sustainability: Planning for Role Shifts



Practical Tools



MOU Sample



Goal Setting Checklist



Assessing the Effectiveness of Your Partnership



Assessing Existing Mentoring Program Capacities, Gaps, etc.

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Partners Panel

Faith Harrison-Villegas

Role: Executive Director

Organization: Bridgeport Public Education Fund, Inc.(BPEF)

Partnership Overview: Strategic programmatic partnership to improve the overall well-being for our future workforce through mentoring and substance use prevention training. BPEF serves as the program and subgrantee, whereas, GPP serves as the funder and capacity builder.

Partnership Type: Mentoring Program & Community Partner



Kyrinda Richardson

Role: Youth Programs Manager

Organization: Urban League of Greater Hartford (ULGH)

Partnership Overview: Strategic programmatic partnership to improve the overall well-being of our future workforce through mentoring and substance use prevention training. ULGH serves as the program, whereas, GPP serves as the capacity builder.

Partnership Type: Mentoring Program and Community Partner



Susie Owens

Role: Coalition Partner

Organization: Rural Mentoring Collaborative

Partnership Overview:

Mission: To strengthen quality mentoring across rural Nebraska by uniting locally led programs, aligning shared resources, and expanding access to mentoring opportunities for young people.

Partnership Type: Coalition - Friends Program (Kearney), Mentoring Works (Hastings), Big Brothers Big Sisters- Central Nebraska (Grand Island), Big Pals, Little Pals (Columbus), Centura Public Schools (Centura), Community Connections (North Platte), MENTOR Nebraska



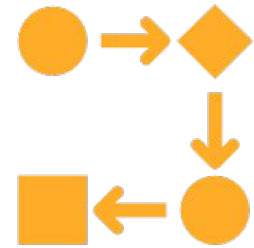
Three Next Steps



Plan- Develop a partnership action plan with shared goals and defined roles.



Pilot- Launch a collaborative initiative and gather feedback to refine your approach.



Sustain- Evaluate outcomes, strengthen the relationship, and build a long-term successful partnership.

Questions?

Additional Resources

Contact Us

Email us with any feedback or questions at collaborativewebinarseries@mentoring.org!

Affiliates

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Mentoring Connector

Recruit mentors by submitting your program to the [Mentoring Connector](#).

Resource Library

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Remember!

- Please take **2-3 minutes to complete the anonymous survey** that pops up on your screen to let us know how we did!
- Within a week, you will receive an email with information on how to access **the slides, recording, and resources** on the CMWS page on MENTOR's website.

Thank you!
