

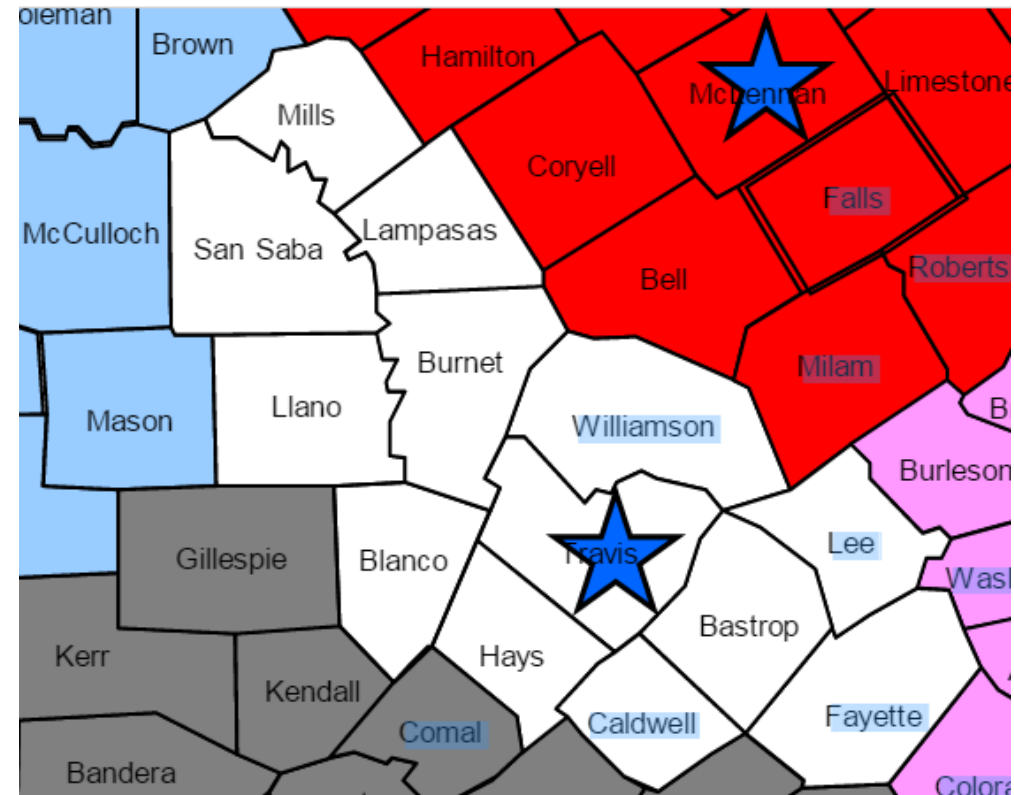
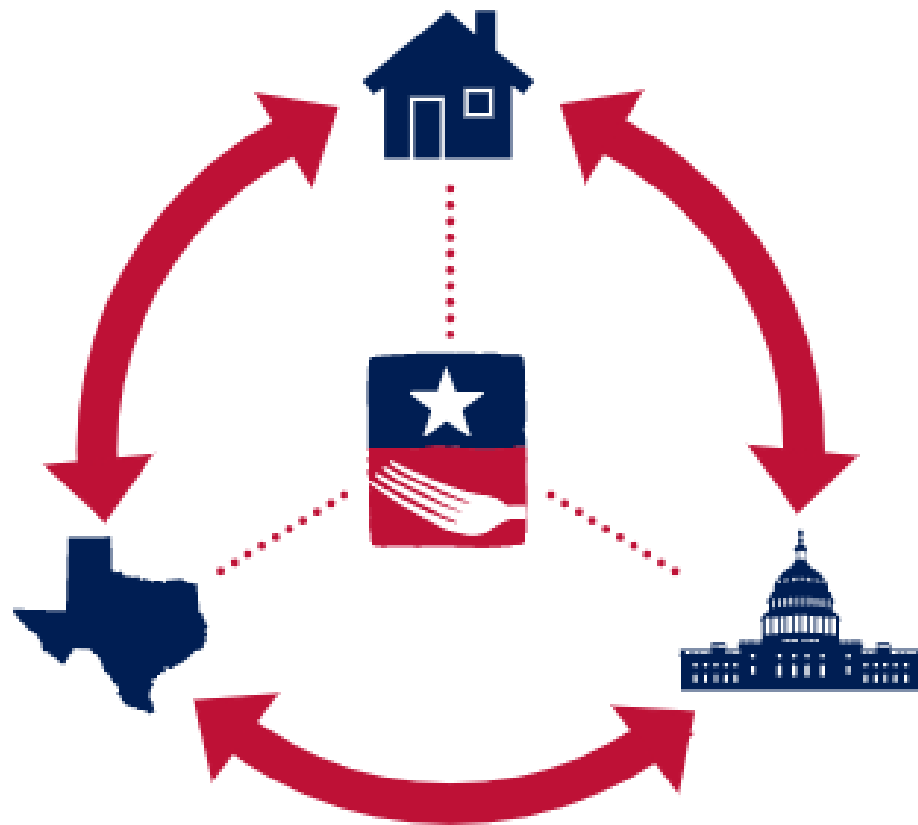
5 Ingredients to a Successful Coalition



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THE TEXAS HUNGER INITIATIVE...

coordinates work in Texas so that **local** individuals, organizations, businesses and congregations, **state** agencies, officials and corporations, and **federal** policies, programs and legislators are in-sync, working together efficiently and effectively.



- **Field office open in Austin Region since 2013**
- **13 county region in Central Texas**
- **Work collaboratively to improve participation in School Breakfast, Afterschool Meals, Summer Meals**
- **Partner with No Kid Hungry, USDA, TDA**
- **Funded by the Walmart Foundation**



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WE'RE HELPING TEXANS WORK TOGETHER,

The Texas Hunger Initiative currently facilitates or supports

13 HUNGER
COALITIONS

& built a network of more than
1,400 community
organizations
that connect individuals and families
to resources.



Working Coalitions

- **Dallas Coalition for Hunger Solutions**
 - **Johnson County Hunger Solutions**
- **Health Eating Active Living (HEAL) in El Paso**
- **Hunger Free Children Coalition in El Paso**
 - **South Plains Hunger Solutions**
- **Tom Greene County Hunger Coalition**
- **Bastrop/Lee County Hunger Coalition**
 - **Burnet County Hunger Alliance**

Why Build a Hunger Free Coalition?

“These disparities are wreaking havoc on our communities and our country, and we need a sort of holistic response to the economic disparity and the food insecurity that you are focusing on. Dr. King said in a letter from the Birmingham jail, “We’re caught in an inescapable network of mutuality tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly affects all indirectly.” This problem isn’t a problem for people of color. This is everybody’s problem.”

George Jones, *CEO, Bread for the City*

The aim of a Hunger Free Coalition is to:

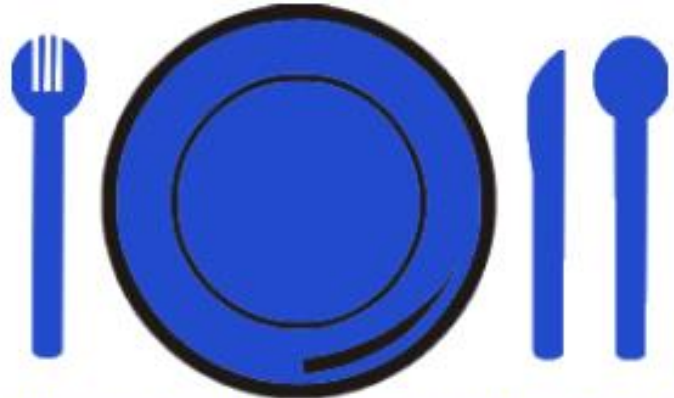
- Deepen understanding of the extent and causes of hunger in the community.
- Simplify and expand access to private and public resources through coordination, improved services, targeted outreach and new programs.
- Educate and build support in the community from a wide variety of stakeholders.



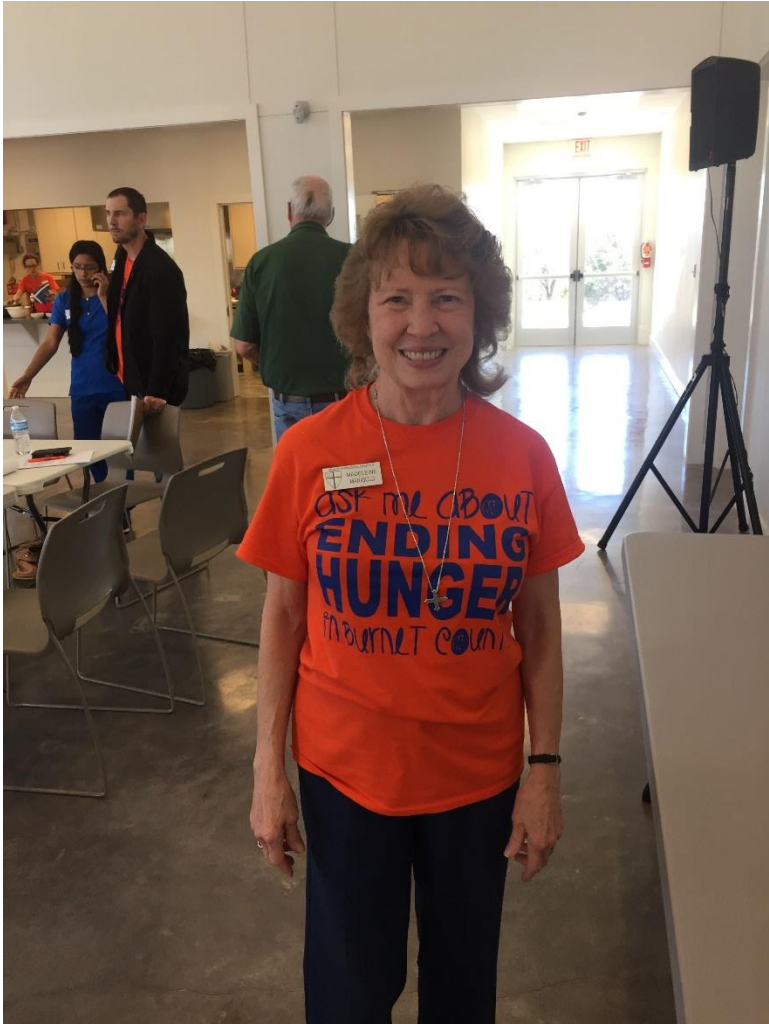
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Spotlight: Burnet County Hunger Alliance



BURNET COUNTY HUNGER ALLIANCE



STEP 1: Identify Stakeholders

-  Food Banks & Pantries
-  Companies
-  Individuals experiencing food insecurity
-  Elected officials
-  Nonprofit organizations serving the community
-  Congregations
-  Schools/Districts





PRACTICE: Identifying Stakeholders

For each type of group, make a list of those organizations and individuals that:

- You already know are passionate about hunger
- Might care about hunger (think about why they might)
- Have a particular expertise on hunger or food insecurity (including from personal experience)
- Might be able to contribute significant resources (money, staff time, in-kind) towards a hunger free coalition
- Are influential in the community and carry a lot of weight with others
- Have demonstrated experience or interest in working collaboratively with others

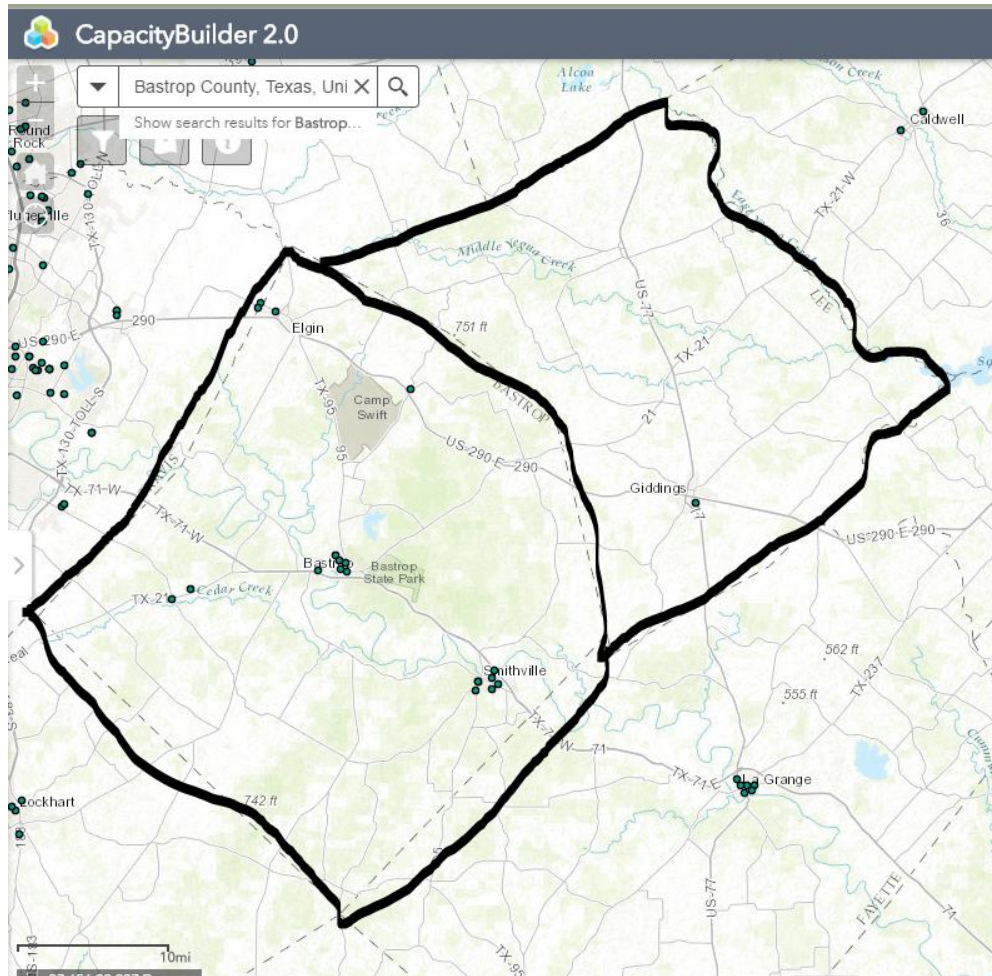
Step 2: Assess Your Community

Use an Asset-Based Approach

-  Is proactive
-  Focuses on existing capacity and resources
-  Views community members as assets and contributors
-  Maximizes community resources
-  Sees community members as experts



Spotlight: Bastrop & Lee Counties – Summer Meals Committee



Practice: Listening Sessions – an assessment tool

- What do you love most about your community? What first drew you here and encouraged you to stay? What are you proud to tell people about?
- What are your community's strengths and assets related to hunger needs? What are core values of your community you hope will not change?
- How can community members have the most impact on improving the quality of life in the community? What do you most hope you can contribute to solving the hunger needs of your community?
- When you imagine a bright future for your community, what do you see? What's the same? What's different?
- What are some possibilities for ending hunger in your community that intrigue you?

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