



**March 2015**

**CDW's Learning Lab is your local civic engagement resource center in Cenla** where nonprofits, community/civic groups and concerned citizens can research successful program models and community statistics, identify funding and volunteer opportunities, and stay current on the latest best practice research and nonprofit news. By offering these tools to community members who want to make a difference and motivate others to do the same, the CDW Learning Lab is the Community Builders WorkSpace.

## Find Funding



Grow your organization using funding opportunities and resources available through our printed and online collection. CDW's Learning Lab is a Funding Information Network Partner for the Foundation Center. The Foundation Directory Online allows you to do specific searches to find just the right potential funder for your special project or ongoing service. We also have guides and books to help you write winning proposals.

Here's a short list of upcoming funding opportunities:

### Tools You Can Use

[Foundation Center Directory](#)

[CDW eLibrary](#)

[Nonprofit News & Reports](#)

## Develop Leaders

**CDW** Cenla **ExecBuilders**

Leadership training and coaching for  
Nonprofit Executive Directors and  
Senior Staff

**Apply by March 30**

**CENLA  
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### [Administration for Children and Families](#)

Funding for the Basic Center Program (BCP). The purpose of the BCP is to provide an alternative for runaway and homeless youth who might otherwise end up with law enforcement or in the child welfare, mental health, or juvenile justice systems. The BCP works to establish or strengthen community-based programs that meet the immediate needs of runaway and homeless youth and their families. The programs provide youth up to age 18 years with emergency shelter, food, clothing, counseling and referrals for health care.

**Deadline: April 10**

### [The Lawrence Foundation](#)

Funding to support environmental, human services, education, and other interests.

**Deadline: April 30**

**To see more funding opportunities, visit the Learning Lab to use the online directory.**

## Research What Works



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Leadership and governance training for current and aspiring Nonprofit Board Members  
**Apply by July 10**

## Build Skills



## March Trainings

### NONPROFIT START-UP SERIES

#### **To Be or Not to Be a 501(c)(3)**

Wednesday, March 11, 2015

Time: 9 a.m.- Noon

**Workshop**

### GRANT WRITING SERIES

#### **Introduction to Finding Funders**

Thursday, March 19, 2015

Time: 9 a.m.- 11 a.m.

**Workshop**

### EVALUATION SERIES

#### **Researching Evidence-Based Programs**

Tuesday, March 10, 2015

Time: 11 a.m. - Noon

**Webinar**

#### **Program Planning with Logic Models**

Tuesday, March 17, 2015

Time: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

**Workshop**

#### **Setting Performance Indicators**

Tuesday, March 24, 2015

Time: 11 a.m. - Noon

**Webinar**

CDW provides free skill building training for individuals, nonprofit staff and volunteers. [View](#) the full Spring Training Calendar.

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## Stay Informed

Knowing the latest sector trends and staying up to date on important issues that impact your cause is critical to your nonprofit's success. CDW's Learning Lab subscribes to the nation's top journals and news sources covering the nonprofit sector. These materials can help you understand how Louisiana is impacted by changes.



### [How America Gives 2014](#)

The wealthiest Americans are giving a smaller share of their income to charity, while poor and middle-income people are digging deeper into their wallets.

**More >>**



### [Nonprofit Sector in Brief 2014](#)

Giving and volunteering are two key tools for any nonprofit. Get the latest statistics for Louisiana and understand trends to help you in planning using Urban Institute's annual brief.

**More>>**



### [Putting Community in Collective Impact](#)

This report builds on the concept of Collective Impact and explores the impact of civic culture when implementing this approach. **Full**

**Report >>**



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