





Partnership in Action

What is a Community Foundation?



Tax-exempt 501(c)3 organization



Vehicle to harness community resources for permanent good



Umbrella for Charitable Funds



Cost-effective, tax-efficient way for donors to pool their assets



Steward of these assets for long-term growth and maximum returns



Strategic grantmaker of discretionary funds



Support Donors in fulfilling their philanthropic goals

Why have a Community Foundation?

Discretionary Income vs. Discretionary Assets

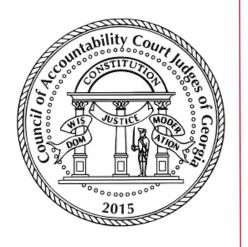
Individual Donations

Business Donations

Faith-based/Church Grants

Government Grants

Private Family Foundations



STANDARDS FOR
GEORGIA
ACCOUNTABILITY
COURTS



Georgia Code Title 15. Courts § 15-1-15

- 10. Forging partnerships among drug courts, public agencies, and community-based organizations generates local support and enhances drug court program effectiveness.
 - 10.1 Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §15-1-15, each drug court shall establish a planning group to create a work plan for the court. The work plan shall "address the operational, coordination, resource, information management, and evaluation needs" of the court, and shall include all policies and practices related to implementing the standards set forth in this document.
 - 10.2 A local steering committee consisting of representatives from the court, community organizations, law enforcement, treatment providers, health providers, social service agencies, and the faith community should meet on a quarterly basis to provide policy guidance, fundraising assistance, and feedback to the drug court program.
 - 10.3 Drug courts should consider forming an independent 501(c)(3) organization for fundraising and administration of the steering committee.
 - 10.4 Drug courts should actively engage in forming partnerships and building relationships between the court and various community partners. This may be achieved through facilitation of forums, informational sessions, public outreach, and other ways of marketing.
 - 10.5 Drug court staff should participate in ongoing cultural competency training on an annual basis.





Athens - Oconee Treatment Courts Steering Committee

Mission:

To serve as an advocate for treatment courts in Athens Clarke and Oconee Counties by promoting awareness and engagement among community stakeholders: by ensuring adequate resources for courts, by connecting participants to needed services, by providing policy guidance, and by ensuring accountability.





Strategic Objectives

- 1) Awareness and Advocacy: Educate community organizations, local government agencies, the media, and key criminal justice and behavioral health officials, business and community leaders, and the public about the existence, efficacy, and the great value of treatment courts to the community;
- (2) Access to Resources for Courts: Promote sustainability and adequate operational and in-kind resources by sharing common resources to meet participant needs.
- (3) Access to Resources for Participants: Ensure access to appropriate treatment and ancillary services including medical, vocational, financial, housing and educational resources; and
- (4) *Policy Guidance and Accountability*: Insure use of best practices, efficient use of shared resources, and opportunity for growth and improvement of treatment courts.





Should we start our own 501c3 instead?

8 Step Process to Start a 501(C)(3) Organization

Step 1: Get clear on your purpose

Step 2: Deciding the type of nonprofit

Step 3: Name your nonprofit

Step 4: Form a Board

Step 5: <u>Let's write the Bylaws</u>

Step 6: File your incorporation paperwork

Step 7: File for 501(c)(3) tax-exempt

Step 8: Ensure ongoing compliance

https://donorbox.org/nonprofit-blog/how-to-start-a-501c3/







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