



Adaptive Capacity Technical Assistance and Peer Learning Project

Program Details

The *Adaptive Capacity Technical Assistance and Peer Learning Project* is a 3-year initiative managed by Families In Schools (FIS) targeting nonprofits in the San Joaquin Valley (SJV) focused on the concept of adaptive capacity: a nonprofit's ability to be responsive, innovative, and adaptive to internal and external forces. The project is grounded on the idea that adaptive capacity helps nonprofits be more effective in serving their target population. Ultimately, this project seeks to help nonprofits better address the needs and concerns of people of color and low-income communities in SJV.

Through peer learning events, workshops, and technical assistance, organizations will learn how to better assess the impact of their programs, improve the implementation of their work, and collaborate with others to advocate for system-wide changes that benefit their community. The project will target nonprofits located in the SJV that work in the areas of education, youth, children or families.

Activities

Each year, a cohort of 15 nonprofit organizations from the SJV will:

- Participate in three adaptive capacity workshops on such topics as how to use data/research to improve program implementation, assessing program impact, advocacy, and strategic planning among others.
- Work with FIS to develop a plan on how to incorporate adaptive capacity strategies into their day-to-day work.
- Participate in a peer learning event whereby organizations exchange experiences and lessons-learned related to adaptive capacity.

Selection

- Hold 501(c)3 nonprofit status with at least 3 years of incorporation
- Located and serving communities within the San Joaquin Valley (counties: Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Tulare)
- Serve low-income and communities of color
- Have an annual budget between \$75,000 – 2,000,000
- Focus on at least one of the following programmatic areas: education, youth, children or families
- Complete and submit an application

Fees

The project has a participation fee of \$150.00 per organization. This fee will be used to offset costs related to workshop meals, travel and arrangements. Please contact FIS to learn about scholarship opportunities.

Contact

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