

American Community Gardening Association Growing Communities Workshop

Day One

Registration & Breakfast Refreshments: 8:30 AM

Session 1: Introductions (8:45AM – 9:45AM)

- I. Welcome and Icebreaker
- II. Introductions
- III. Workshop Overview and Learning Outcomes

Session II: Community Organizing 101 Workshop (10:00 AM – 12:30 PM)

- I. Welcome
- II. Hook – “Uncovering Organizing”
- III. Workshop Purpose and Learning Outcomes
- IV. Why Organize? Approach/Philosophy
- V. Community Organizing Guidelines
- VI. Rules of Thumb for Starting a Garden
- VII. Scenarios
- VIII. Reality Bites
- IX. Review Outcomes
- X. Closing/Evaluation

Lunch (12:30 PM-1:30 PM)

Session III: Trainers Primer (1:30 PM – 3:15M)

- I. ACGA Background
- II. Curriculum Background and Purpose
- III. Principle Exercise
- IV. How Adults Learn
- V. How to Use the Manual

Break

Session IV: Workshop Instructions and Preparation (3:30 PM – 5:30 PM)

In small groups, participants prepare their choice of the following workshops: Leadership Development, Asset Based Community Development, Meeting Facilitation, Board Development, Fundraising, Communications and Outreach, and Coalition Building.

Dinner Provided or No-Host Group Dinner at a local restaurant

Day Two

Arrive & Breakfast Refreshments: 8:00 AM

Session VI: Participant Workshops (8:15 AM – 10:15 AM)

- Workshop – 8:15 AM – 10:00 AM
- Group Evaluation – 10:00 AM – 10:15 AM

Break – 15 minutes

Session VII: Participant Workshops (10:30 AM – 12:30 PM)

- Workshop – 10:30 AM – 12:15 PM
- Group Evaluation – 12:15 PM – 12:30 PM

Lunch – 30 minutes

Session VIII: Participant Workshops (1:00 AM – 3:00 PM)

- Workshop – 1:00 PM – 2:45 PM
- Group Evaluation – 2:45 PM – 3:00 PM

Break – 15 minutes

Session IX: Closing and Evaluations (3:15 PM – 4:00 PM)

- I. Review Learning Outcomes
- II. Next Steps
- III. Evaluation
- IV. Closing