

# Acknowledgements

## Introduction

Throughout this toolkit we refer to the organizations as Youth Development Training and Technical Assistance Resource Centers. Many funders, organizations, and communities could use other names—*capacity builders* and *intermediaries* being the most prevalent. Regardless, capacity-building, training and technical assistance centers or local intermediary organizations employ many strategies—such as using data and research as organizational tools, offering training and technical assistance, and convening constituents. “Their major niche, however, has not so much to do with particular strategies in and of themselves. Rather, it is defined by the ways in which organizations help chart, support, implement, and sustain multiple changes for multiple sets of stakeholders.”<sup>1</sup> What we hope to capture in our title is a clearly understood set of functions to describe these organizations and provide a toolkit that increases both their number and effectiveness.

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