



Cross-sector Collaboration Standards



Building on the AIRS standards of cooperative relationships with information and referral service providers (*Standard 15 & 16, AIRS 2013*), we can specify some good practices to be considered as a foundation of Ontario cross-sector collaboration standards.

Good Practices	Comment
Ongoing objective assessment of the local community landscape over time and where your organization fits in it as new players appear and as roles and relationships change.	
Support training and capacity building for new staff and specialized information & referral providers on how to use the existing information resources and about the information management standards of practice.	
Ensure resources to support collaboration work within your organization (funding, staff time, professional development, communication and promotion) to strengthen the culture of collaboration.	
Dedicate staff time and resources for working together with other organizations over long-term in all community information related projects (funding, staff time, promotion).	
Have plans in place for continuous partner engagement, training and capacity building regarding collaboration and community development.	
Commit to participation in a broader service delivery system & planning by ongoing validation of priority information needs in your community and your organization.	
Join advocacy efforts for recognition and adequate funding of non-profits in general and for local community information initiatives grounded in standards of practice.	