


Closing the Gaps Slides

The following slides were used to set up a breakout session in which small teams brainstormed lists of creative initiatives to close the gap between the current level of funding for counselling programs and the desired level of funding.




Creative Initiatives

Breakout Activity

It was easy to say that funding for the successful counseling program should be increased. It's going to be a lot more difficult to figure out how to maintain the existing quality of the housing, employment, and transportation programs in view of reductions in their funding.

There seem to be three options:

1. Increase the efficiency of operating these programs.
2. Increase organisational funding from non-Christian sources.
3. Find outside resources that can provide some or all of these services at reduced or no cost to the organisation.



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Breakout Activity

Team Tasks:

1. Spend 8 minutes brainstorming other ways the organisation might be able to increase funding for the counseling program without reducing the quality or effectiveness of other programs.
2. Spend 8 minutes brainstorming ways the organisation might be able to increase funding from non-Christian sources?
3. Spend 5 minutes listing other entities that could provide housing, employment and transportation for rehabilitated drug offenders.
4. Brainstorm several ways to approach each entity.

Following the breakout session, each team presented its ideas to the whole group, which was asked to build on the ideas of the other teams. The result was four impressive lists of creative initiatives that could close the gap between the existing and desired funding level for counselling services without reducing the effectiveness or quality other programs.