Resources for Weatherization Needs Assessment and Organizational Culture

Books: Needs Assessment

Allison, Michael, et al. Strategic.Planning.for.Nonprofit.Organizations¿A.Practical.Guide.and. Workbook, 2nd ed. Hoboken, NJ, John Wiley and Sons, 2005.

Comment: Overall, a very good book for the management of nonprofits. It does include sections for needs assessment procedures and related worksheets. Also includes a CD with much relevant information.

Drucker, Peter F., et al. The.Five.Most.Important.Questions.You.Will.Ever.Ask.About.Your. Organization. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 2008.

Comment: A good introduction to managing a non-profit organization and the self-assessment process. It is not necessary to read this book – although helpful – before reading its companion workbook, the listing just below.

Drucker, Peter F. The.Drucker.Foundation.Self_Assessment.Tool; Participant.Workbook; San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 1999.

Comment: The best reference we know of for a needs assessment of a WAP organization. This resource includes most of the text of the previous reference in addition to blank forms for self-assessment. As the above reference, this focuses on non-profit organizations.

Drucker, Peter F. Managing.the.Non_Profit.Organization; Principles.and.Practices. New York: Harper Collins, 1990.

Comment: A great resource for non-profit organization management, which has several differences from a for-profit organization. Business. Week has called Drucker "the most enduring management thinker of our time."

Kaufman, R., et al. Needs. Assessment ¿A. User's. Guide. Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Educational Technology, 1993.

Comment: Not specifically for non-profit organizations, it uses a very structured approach to conducting a needs assessment; a bit overwhelming at times.

Leas, Speed B. Discover. Your. Conflict. Management. Style. Herndon, VA: The Alban Institute, 1997.

Comment: This short book allows you to determine your conflict management style and explains what this means. The six conflict management styles (often similar to leadership styles) are: persuade, compel, avoid/accommodate, collaborate, negotiate, and support. If you are a manager at any level, this is important information to know about yourself.

Wolf, Thomas. Managing.a.Nonprofit.Organization.in.the.Twenty_First.Century. New York: Fireside, 1999.

Comment: Overall, a very good book for the management of nonprofits. The book does include a short final chapter on the process of continuous needs assessment.

Online Resources: Needs Assessment

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https://www.teamly.com/blog/what-is-a-needs-assessment/

Examples.com. "Educational Needs Assessment." April 27, 2024. https://www.examples.com/business/assessment/educational-needs-assessment.html

TypeCalendar.com. "Free Printable Needs Assessment Templates." https://www.typecalendar.com/needs-assessment.html

Online Resources: Organizational Culture

Coleman, John. "Six Components of a Great Corporate Culture." May 6, 2013. Havard Business Review.

https://hbr.org/2013/05/six-components-of-culture

He, Grace. "Organizational Culture: Definition, Examples, & Best Practices." December 10, 2023. https://teambuilding.com/blog/organizational-culture

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