

## Recommended Resources

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### **Organizational Development**

#### **Board Source**

Board Source increases the effectiveness of nonprofit organizations by strengthening boards of directors through our highly acclaimed consulting practice, publications, tools, and membership program. <http://www.boardsource.org>

#### **Donors Forum of Chicago**

The Donors Forum of Chicago is the region's premier resource for leadership, education, research, and action on behalf of philanthropy and nonprofits. The Donors Forum enables the philanthropic and nonprofit sector to address community concerns with comprehensive information, skilled leadership, and the resources necessary to build institutions and affect change. <http://www.donorsforum.org>

#### **Foundation Center**

The Foundation Center's mission is to strengthen the nonprofit sector by advancing knowledge about U.S. philanthropy. <http://www.foundationcenter.org>

#### **Nonprofit Financial Center**

Nonprofit Financial Center's mission is to strengthen the viability of communities by enhancing the financial stability and management capacity of the nonprofits, individuals, and organizations that support those communities. Established in 1980, NFC is Illinois' oldest independent nonprofit lender and ranks among the top five management support organizations in the area. <http://www.nfconline.org>

#### **NPO.Net (Jobs, links to other organizational development resources)**

Founded in 1995 by several nonprofit organizations and foundations, the NPO.net Jobs Service is powered by the IT Resource Center, a Chicago-based nonprofit technology and consulting organization. <http://www.npo.net>

### **Project Management**

#### **Skill Path**

Over the years, SkillPath has grown to become the premier provider of business training in the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and the UK. When the company was launched in 1989, they offered 82 seminars. Today they deliver more than 20,000 "how-to" sessions to over 500,000 people in 450 cities. Since joining forces in 1995 with Graceland University, their dedication to providing quality training has never been stronger. <http://www.skillpath.com>

#### **Project Management Institute**

Project Management Institute (PMI), with more than 150,000 members in over 150 countries, is the world's foremost advocate for the project management profession. A vital and forward-thinking organization, PMI is comprised of 247 chartered chapters, 16 new potential chapters, 30 Specific Interests Groups (SIGs) and two colleges. PMI sets industry standards, conducts research and provides education, certification and professional exchange opportunities designed to strengthen and further establish the profession. PMI

advances the careers of practitioners, while enhancing overall business and government performance, through documentation of return on investment. <http://www.pmi>

## **Management Consulting**

### **Association of Consultants to Nonprofits (A.C.N.)**

The Association of Consultants to Nonprofits works to develop, strengthen, and promote its members as providers of best-practice consulting services to the nonprofit community. <http://www.acnconsult.org/>

**Association of Management Consulting Firms**, 380 Lexington Ave., Suite 1700, New York, NY 10168.  
Internet: <http://www.amcf.org>

**Institute of Management Consultants USA (IMC)** 2025 M St. NW., Suite 800, Washington, DC 20036.  
Internet: <http://www.imcusa.org>

**Office of Personnel Management (OPM)** Provides information on obtaining a management analyst position with the Federal Government is available through USAJOBS, the Federal Government's official employment information system. This resource for locating and applying for job opportunities can be accessed through the Internet at <http://www.usajobs.opm.gov> or through an interactive voice response telephone system at (703) 724-1850 or TDD (978) 461-8404. These numbers are not toll free, and charges may result.

### **Valerie F. Leonard, Community Development Consultant**

Valerie F. Leonard is a community development consultant based in Chicago, Illinois. Her mission is to strengthen the capacity of organizations to make a positive impact on the communities they serve through technical assistance, specialized workshops, resource and organizational development and project management. <http://www.valeriefleonard.com/>