

APPENDIX A

Programs, Initiatives and Other Activities Underway in the States

(Only States with office websites are reviewed here)

States	Office Name (Background)	Mission Statement	Initiatives, Accomplishments and Other Features
Alabama	Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives (Formerly the Governor's Office on National & Community Service)	The GFBCI was established to serve as a bridge between communities and government. The GFBCI works to (1) increase an ethic of service and volunteerism in the State of Alabama; (2) increase the capacity of faith & community based organizations within the state to better compete for funding opportunities; and (3) increase collaboration among the people and organizations that are trying to meet the greatest social service needs of our state.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Alabama Faith and Community-Based Development Conference, planned for December 2005. ▪ GFBCI manages: the Faith-Based Initiative, AmeriCorps, Citizen Corps, Alabama Women's Commission, Interagency Council on Homelessness, and a Faith-Based Substance Abuse Taskforce. ▪ State funding opportunities include: Hurricane Rebuilding Grants and AmeriCorps Planning Grants. ▪ 'Faith-Based Loop' is a free email service for FBOs interested in receiving information pertaining to funding and other resource opportunities.
Alaska	Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives (Housed within the AK Department of Health and Social Services)	The mission of the Alaska Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives is to enhance the health and well-being of Alaskans by strengthening and expanding human and social service partnerships between faith, community and governmental groups.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ FBCI Advisory Council advises the OFBCI and the Governor on policies and practices to increase the contribution of FBOs, and to promote service partnerships between faith, community and governmental entities. ▪ OFBCI works to: provide a single point of contact for FBOs; provide guidance, direction and support for increased collaboration; seek financing to support faith-based and community initiative programs; facilitate or provide capacity building and technical assistance; coordinate faith-based and community initiatives at executive level; provide training to state employees; and develop intergovernmental agreements. ▪ Other resources provided include a FBCI Listserv.
Arkansas	Governor's Office of Community and Faith-Based Initiatives	This webpage will serve as a valuable resource to faith-based service providers as well as other non-profit organizations searching for ways to partner with the state. Through this webpage, I (Gov. Huckabee) trust you will find the technical assistance, contacts, networking and grant information you need to continue serving the people of Arkansas.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Arkansas' Department of Human Services Division of Volunteerism, the oldest state office of volunteerism in the nation, provides capacity-building trainings to faith-based and community initiative centers. ▪ The OCFBI website also provides information on: charitable choice; accessing funding; and best practices, and highlighted programs. ▪ The News and Events portion of the website highlight various upcoming conferences on homelessness, poverty, pastoral and community leadership, and other issues relevant to faith-based service providers.
Florida	Governor's Faith-Based and Community Advisory Board	Gov. Jeb Bush signed an Executive Order in November 2004, creating a faith-based and community advisory board that is working to strengthen Florida's families through social service. The board's mission is to help state government coordinate efforts to utilize and expand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Advisory Board submitted a report, with recommendations, on the scope of work the Board should undertake in the coming year, and outlines activities that the Gov. could support. Specifically, the Board was tasked with focusing on: education and training; intermediary identification and evaluation; municipal and corporate partnerships; and

	(Created 2004; Volunteer Florida Foundation was designated to partner and provide support to the Board)	opportunities for faith-based and community-based organizations to address social needs in Florida's communities.	<p>best practices.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Board's recommendations include: a statute for State/FBO partnership; education; working with state agencies; and partnerships with local governments. ▪ 2 Faith-Based and Community Conferences have been held, and 2 regional conferences have been in held in Florida since 2002. ▪ Most state agencies have, since 2002, also identified a lead person to assist faith-based and community providers, and has made education a priority.
Indiana	<p>Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives</p> <p>(Created 2005; merges Commission on Community Service & Volunteerism and the FaithWorks initiative)</p>	The OFBCI serves as the liaison between the Office of the Governor and many of Indiana's community and faith-based organizations and: (1) coordinates OFBCI activities with those of any federally administered service programs; (2) provides information, technical assistance, education and resource support; (3) administers Corporation for National and Community Service Programs; and (4) promotes innovative and model programs and initiatives.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2005 Governor's Luncheon for Faith Leaders. ▪ OFBCI manages: SeniorCorps, AmeriCorps, AmeriCorps*NCCC, AmeriCorps*VISTA, Promise Fellows, Learn & Serve, and CitizenCorps. ▪ OFBCI, through the Indiana Commission on Community Service and Volunteerism provided almost \$ 2 million in AmeriCorps funding in 2004. ▪ OFBCI website allows FBOs to register to receive more information. ▪ Technical assistance will be provided to new and re-competing applicants in several two-hour RFP workshops planned for 2006.
Michigan	<p>Governor's Office of Community and Faith-Based Initiatives</p> <p>(Created 2005; formerly the Office of Community and Faith-Based Outreach)</p>	The Governor's OCFBI will: (1) advise the Governor on opportunities to enlist the work of community & FBOs that address social needs in Michigan, to enhance partnerships, and to replicate successful community and faith-based programs; (2) work closely with community & FBOs to promote service activities and assist the organizations in identifying and applying for federal grants; and (3) identify, promote and share innovative and model community and faith-based programs, initiatives and best practices.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1st Governor's Faith-Based and Community Resource Symposium, 2005. ▪ OCFBI web portal provides information on federal grants, state initiatives, and other partnership opportunities for FBOs and community non-profits. Groups can also sign up for the OCFBI listserv for updates. ▪ OCFBI website highlighted the 'Health and Hope' Summit that was held in 2005 for faith and lay leaders involved in health ministries. ▪ Other initiatives highlighted on the OCFBI website include: Mentor Michigan, MiRx Prescription Savings Program, Michigan Prisoner Reentry Initiative; and Michigan Steps Up Health Initiative.
New Jersey	<p>Office of Faith-Based Initiatives</p> <p>(Housed within the NJ Department of State)</p>	The mission of the Office of Faith Based Initiatives is to develop relationships and strengthen partnerships with federal and state agencies, corporations, foundations, institutions of higher learning, and capacity building training organizations in an effort to create greater access to funding and other resource opportunities for Faith Based and Community Based Organizations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Advisory Commission on Faith-Based Initiatives created to advise Governor and provide direction to state office. ▪ Regional faith-based training sessions, including 3 Faith-Based Resource Expos in 2003, 2004 and 2005. ▪ Funding for 26 FBOs to provide services, and funding for 10 organizations to train and build the capacity of FBOs. ▪ 'Faith-Based Loop' is a free email service for FBOs interested in receiving information pertaining to funding and other resource opportunities.

New Mexico	<p>Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives</p> <p>(Created 2005; housed within the NM Children, Youth and Families Department)</p>	<p>The goals of Gov. Richardson’s OFBCI is to: (1) support and build capacity of faith-based & community organizations; (2) connect New Mexico organizations and faith-based groups to federal funding sources; and (3) improve human service delivery to all New Mexicans.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives does not yet have a website.
Ohio	<p>Governor’s Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives</p> <p>(Created by State Assembly 2003; based on bipartisan taskforce recommendations)</p>	<p>The OFBCI has been charged with three main tasks: (1) make it easier for faith-based & community organizations to compete for public funding; (2) encourage partnerships among and between public agencies, faith-based organizations, & community-based organizations who share a common mission; and (3) measure the impact of these partnerships to reduce the suffering of citizens in need.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ohio Compassion Capital Project is a Compassion Capital Fund project of the US Dept of Health & Human Services awarded to the Governor’s OFBCI in 2004. Ohio’s OFBCI is the first state office to get a Compassion Capital Fund grant as an intermediary organization. ▪ Ohio Compassion Capital Project will provide FBOs capacity building training on: Strategic Planning, Fiscal Management, Board Development, Outcome Management, Human Resources & Volunteer Management, Fund Development, and Grant Writing. ▪ Other resources include: a mailing list, calendar of events, program highlights, and funding and volunteer opportunities (ex: AmeriCorps).
Oklahoma	<p>Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives</p> <p>(Created 2000; housed within the OK Department of Human Services)</p>	<p>Helping Oklahoma’s poor and needy by promoting collaboration between government agencies and faith-based/community organizations to provide social services. By joining together, government social service agencies and faith-based organizations can help people lead safer, healthier and more productive lives.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ OCFBI website highlighted two conferences: “Faith Partners Leadership Training: Equipping People of Faith to Respond to Issues of Alcohol and Other Drugs” and “Oklahoma Partnership for Successful Reentry: Rehabilitating Lives, Restoring Families, Rebuilding Communities.” ▪ Adopt-A-Worker Program was developed to encourage congregations to adopt a local case manager or social worker from the Oklahoma Department of Human Services to provide relational support. ▪ County Initiatives, a primary project of the OFBCI, is a systemized process that promotes collaborations between community groups, especially congregations, and the county offices of the Oklahoma DHS.
Texas	<p>Governor’s Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives</p> <p>(Created 2004; housed within the OneStar Foundation)</p>	<p>Gov. Perry formed this office and charged it with three main tasks: (1) reduce the obstacles that faith & community-based groups face in partnering with government; (2) play a lead role in establishing collaborations and partnerships between government, faith and community-based groups, and other private entities; and (3) coordinate research and policy efforts to measure the impact of these partnerships in serving Texans in need.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ OFBCI website is designed to assist faith & community-based organizations by providing information on public and private funding opportunities, trainings in local areas, and partnership opportunities with government and other faith & community-based groups.

<p>Virginia</p>	<p>Virginia Faith-Based and Community Initiative</p> <p>(Created by State Assembly 1999; based on bipartisan taskforce recommendations; housed with VA Department of Social Services</p>	<p>The Virginia Faith-Based and Community Initiative staff work across state agency lines and with local government to: (1) promote partnerships between public agencies and community and faith-based groups to meet local needs; and (2) provide training and technical assistance to help community-based organizations build their capacity to provide effective services</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Amendment of the Virginia Procurement statute to clearly state that FBOs are eligible to compete for funding ▪ Establishment of a network of liaisons in 120 local departments of social services and 26 community action agencies to assist FBOs in linking with public agencies and funding, and conducted training for these liaisons. ▪ Regional conferences consisting of state and federal agencies, local departments of social services, community action agencies and FBOs to discuss the unmet needs of the community and how to best collaborate. ▪ Toll-free number to provide ongoing technical assistance to these groups. ▪ Other resources include: online resource directory; development and distribution of printed and electronic technical assistance materials; quarterly e-newsletter; presentations and community outreach; and ongoing training and technical assistance.
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