



**Bolder Advocacy/SCOPE Community Organizing and Power Analysis Training  
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Alliance for Justice and SCOPE have partnered to offer a combination of services to best meet the needs of BHC sites working on advocacy and organizing campaigns. Our tools and assistance will help build organizational and coalition capacity to improve grassroots power and advocate with communities. This two-day session will offer a holistic look at a range of tools to build community organizing capacity and will be most useful for those participants who are able to complete a pre-session survey to assess their group's capacity.

AFJ's Power Check tool for evaluating and building community organizing make it easy for nonprofits, evaluators, and funders to assess capacity, plan successfully, and track progress over time by:

- Describing indicators of an organization or coalition's organizing skills and expertise, highlighting gaps and resources available.
- Generating immediate results, letting organizations and coalitions know where and how to focus resources and what types of partnerships to seek out to help build a plan to move forward.
- Allowing results to be used for evaluation purposes to demonstrate progress in building an organization or coalition's capacity.

SCOPE's Power Analysis is a visual and interactive tool that is used to map and understand power relationships in the communities where we live or places where we work. The Power Analysis Tool's purpose is:

- To understand existing power relationships within a community or region or with respect to a specific issue; and to consider how those power relationships relate to the problems in that community or are connected to that issue
- To understand why we must educate and organize ourselves and our communities to build our power and fight for social change
- To develop actual plans for how to build a community's power base in the long term: Who in the community needs to be organized? With what organizations and communities does our organization need to build alliances?
- To develop an effective strategy for an issue campaign being planned by an organization or coalition based on an understanding of the power relationships relating to the campaign issue

This session will offer participants an opportunity to assess their group's capacity for community organizing and discuss the process and results, to build and sharpen their power analysis for selected campaigns, and focus on some areas to build capacity as well as strategies and tactics for doing so.