

## **State Plan Guidance on Faith-based Involvement**

States are encouraged to include in their State plans a description of activities the State will undertake to involve faith-based and community organizations in the coordination and delivery of services to older adults and their caregivers. Faith-based and community organizations offer unique strengths that Federal, state, and local governments cannot duplicate. These organizations are well positioned to assist older individuals and their families meet many home and community-based needs.

The following links provide online tools and resources that highlight effective strategies and best practices for working with faith-based organizations.

### **Innovations in Effective Compassion Web site**

In conjunction with the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives Innovations in Effective Compassion Conference, this Web site serves as a clearinghouse for results of the Initiative as well as research, evaluation, and replicable models resulting from the implementation of the Initiative across the Federal government and beyond.

<http://innovationincompassion.hhs.gov/>

### **The Roundtable on Religion and Social Welfare Policy**

The Roundtable is a source of expert, unbiased information on policy and legal developments concerning the involvement of faith-based organizations in social services.

<http://www.religionandsocialpolicy.org/>

### **The Faith and Service Technical Education Network (FASTEN)**

The Faith and Service Technical Education Network (FASTEN) offers informational resources and networking opportunities to **faith-based practitioners, private philanthropies, and public administrators** who seek to collaborate effectively to renew urban communities.

<http://www.fastennetwork.org/>

### **Equal Treatment for Faith-Based Organizations Regulation**

HHS issued a regulation that implements executive branch policy that within the framework of constitutional church-state guidelines, faith-based organizations should be able to compete on an equal footing with other organizations for HHS funding without impairing the religious character of such organizations.

<http://www.hhs.gov/fbci/final.html>