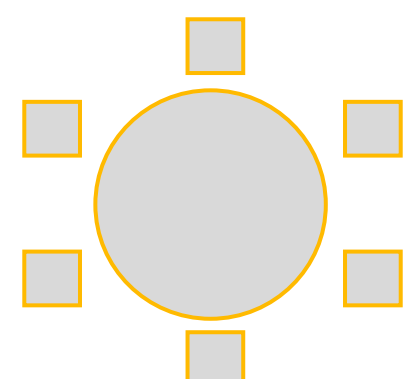
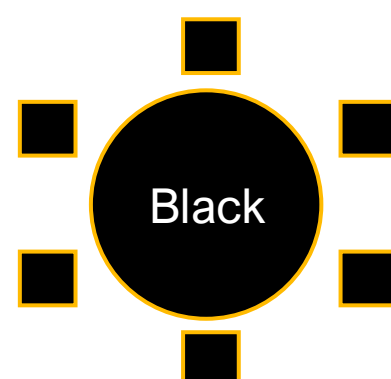
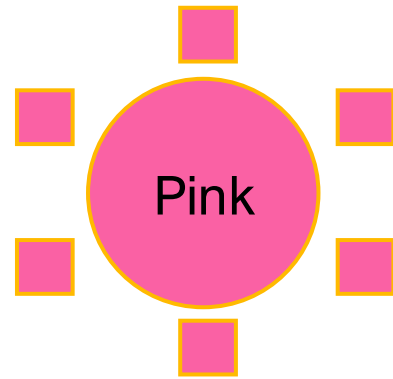
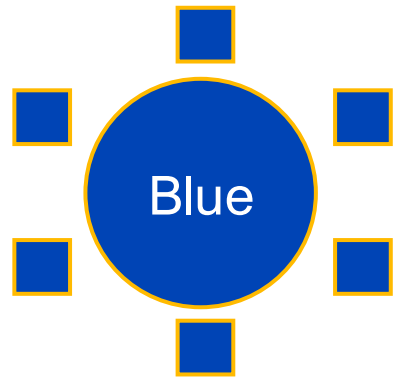
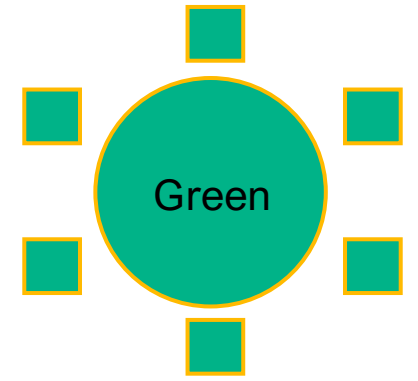
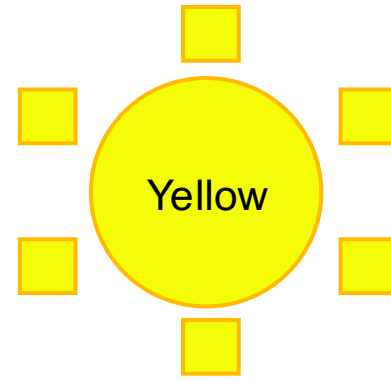
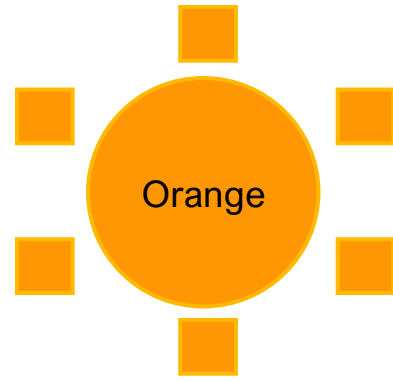
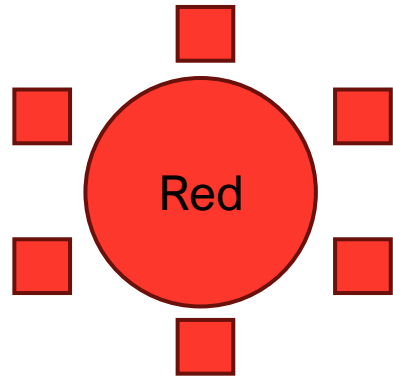


Strategic Connections

Strengthening Our Partner Network



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Welcome and Introductions



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President & CEO



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Chief Impact Officer



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President & CEO

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Our Goals for Today

During this session, you will:

- Engage in a fast-paced connection round to quickly meet new peers
- Participate in two curated networking groups based on shared interests
- Explore where natural alignment may exist across issue areas, services, and communities
- Leave with stronger awareness of the ecosystem and optional next steps for follow-up

Schedule

- **9:45 AM - Fast Connection Round**
 - Goal: Build energy and comfort quickly.
- **10:05 AM - Curated Networking Group #1**
 - Goal: Small-group, interest-aligned networking.
 - Participants move to assigned groups (5–6 organizations each) curated from prework responses.
- **10:35 – 10:45 AM Break**
- **10:45 AM - Curated Networking Group #2**
 - Goal: Broaden connections across pillars and/or geographies.
 - Participants rotate to a second-curated group to expand their network.
- **11:15 AM - Open Networking & Reflection**



Fast Connection Round



Instructions

This activity is designed to generate energy, quickly make new connections, be creative, and have a little fun!

15 Minutes to work with your tablemates

5 Minutes to share out your ideas

Remember, this is a creative exercise and not a commitment to partnership, have fun with your ideas!

Rapid Design Challenge: What Could We Build Together?

Imagine: You've been awarded a really large grant to work together to address a community issue, what do you build together?

Step 1: Intros

(5 min)

- Name + Organization
- What you do

Step 2: The Challenge

(10 min)

As a group, discuss:

- What issue/problem would you focus on?
- What role would each organization play?
- What's one thing you would fund first and/or what is the first outcome you would like to see?

Ground Rules

- Use only the organizations in your group
- Include everyone in the approach
- Can be a new idea or build on existing work
- Keep it simple and creative — not a full plan!

Reminder: This is a thought exercise — not a commitment!

Connected for Impact: Early Conversations

In your pre-work for this session, you mentioned:

- A desire for a **more connected system**, not one more stand-alone program.
- The strongest collaboration need is **referral coordination and warm handoffs** across organizations.
- The biggest shared issue areas are **youth success, family stability, mental health, housing, and economic mobility**.
- The convening opportunity is to turn shared priorities into **practical cross-sector action and stronger partnership pathways**.

Curated Networking

Part 1



Instructions

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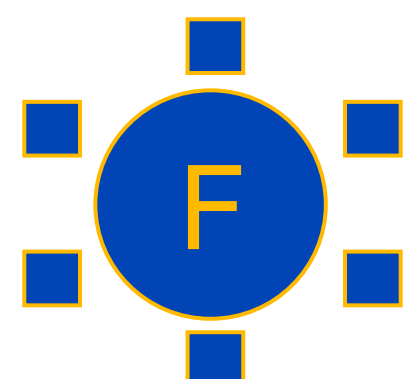
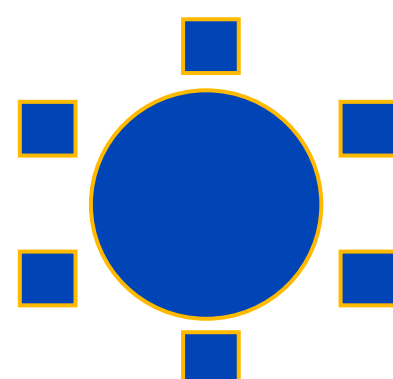
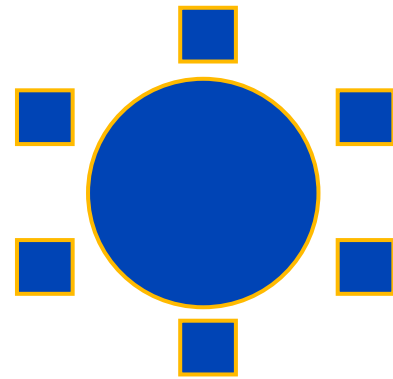
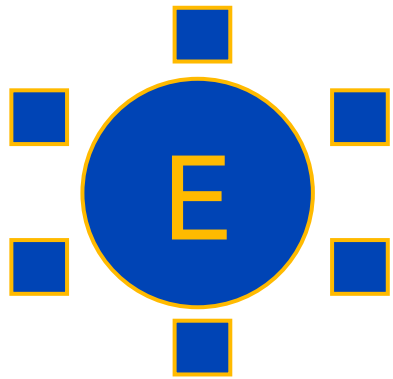
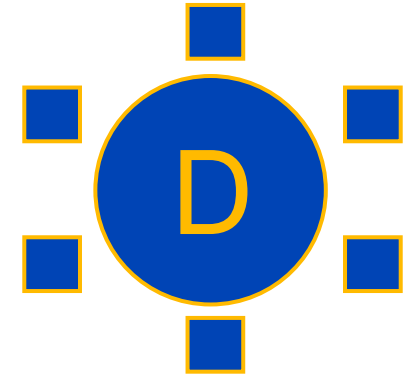
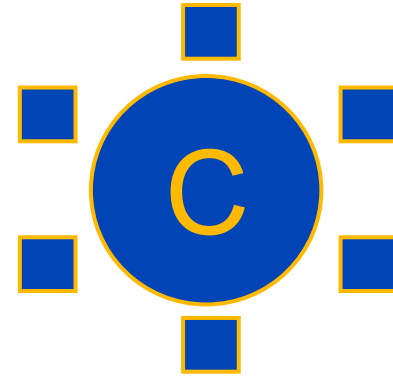
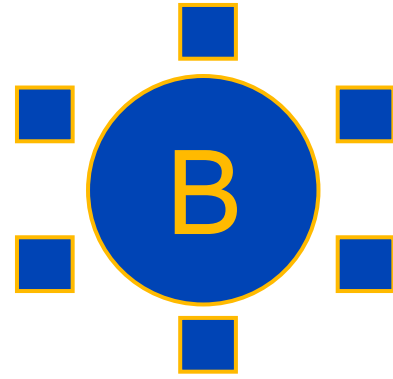
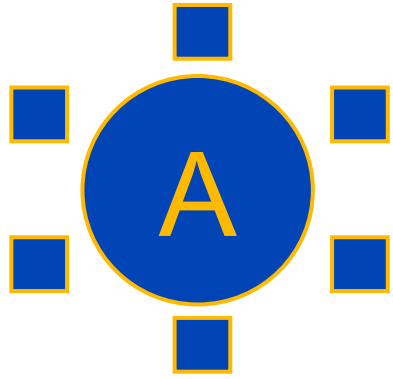
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2 Move to your assigned table

3 Get ready to chat!

Bring your things with you!

Curated Networking Group Assignments



Curated Networking Group #1

Step 1: Intros

(5 min)

- Name + Organization
- What you do

Step 2: The Challenge

(20 min)

As a group, discuss:

- What are you currently working on that others may not know about?
- Where are you seeing overlap or alignment in this group?
- What types of connections have you identified in one area of your work that you would be open to/would benefit from an intentional partnership?

Optional: Further Exploration

- What's a challenge you're currently facing?
- Where could partnership make your work easier or stronger?

Curated Networking Group #1

Share Out – What Have You Learned? (5 min)

Pick one question to share

What's a connecting issue or challenge among your group? Where did you find alignment?

Who in your group has a skill, resource, or relationship that others didn't know about but could really use?

What is something interesting from your group's conversation you would like to share?

Break!

Return in 10 Minutes

Curated Networking

Part 2



Instructions

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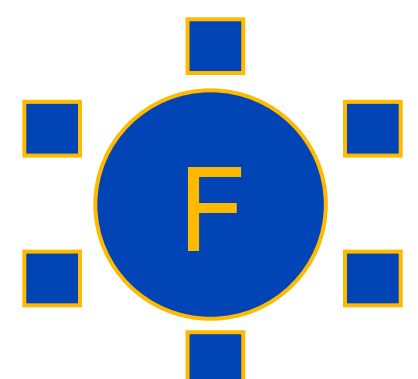
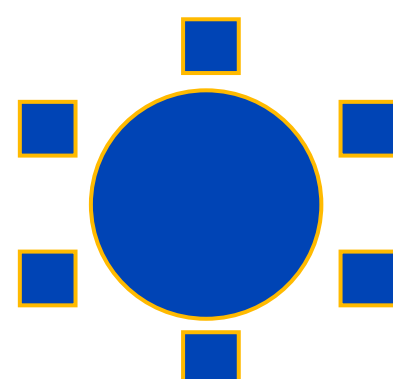
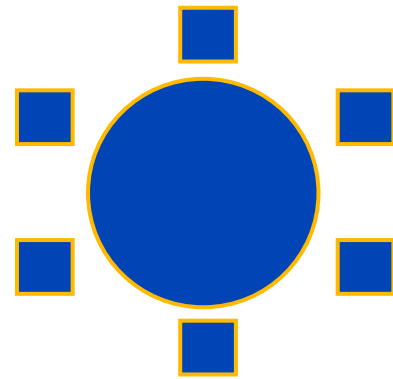
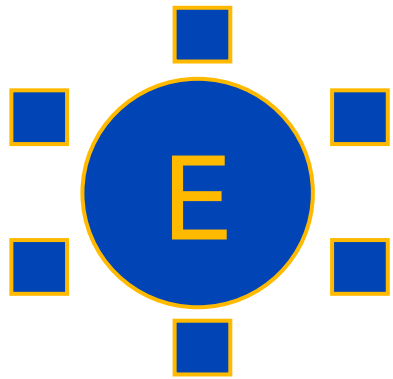
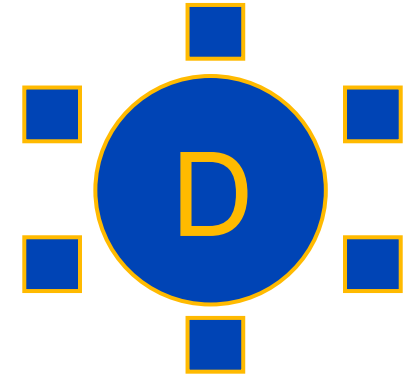
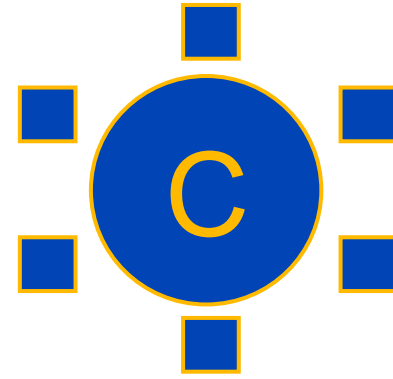
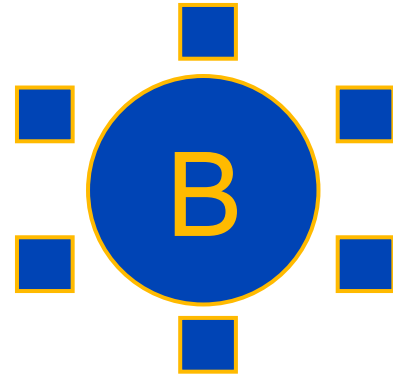
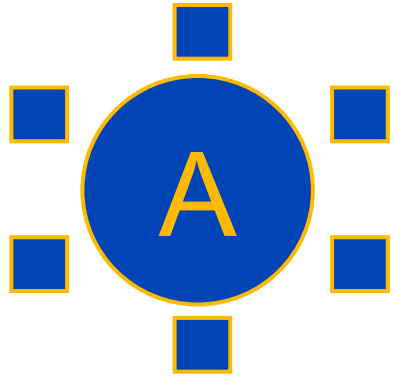
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3 Get ready to chat!

Bring your things with you!

Curated Networking Group Assignments



Curated Networking Group #2

Step 1: Intros

(5 min)

- Name + Organization
- What you do

Step 2: The Challenge

(20 min)

As a group, discuss:

- Where do you see natural intersections across different types of work in this group?
- How does your organization partner with others?
- Looking at the mix of geographies and focus areas in this group, what feels different from your usual network?

Optional: Further Exploration

- What assumption about your own work did this conversation quietly challenge?
- What did this conversation remind you of that you already knew but needed to hear again?
- What would you want to borrow from how someone else in your group works?

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Curated Networking Group #2

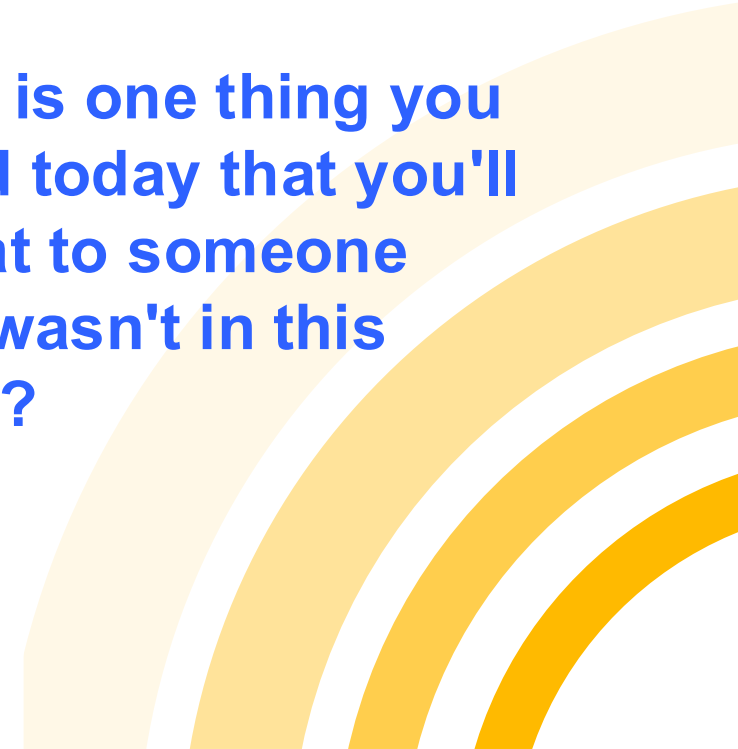
Share Out – What Have You Learned? (5 min)

Pick one question to share

What is one approach to partnership that someone in your group described that resonated with everyone?

Did the mix of perspectives in your group challenge or expand your usual way of thinking about partnerships?

What is one thing you heard today that you'll repeat to someone who wasn't in this room?



Open Networking & Reflection

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Closing Thoughts:

During these last 10 minutes, please take the time to:

- Think about one connection you would like to follow up on.
- Consider one new insight about the partnership ecosystem.
- Make final conversations and connections with fellow participants.
- Leave a post it note on our flip chart with ideas how UWGC can better convene and continue to make intentional connections between partners.



Let us know if we can help!



The United Way team is here to:

- Facilitate direct introductions
- Coordinate a partner huddle
- Learn about how to use the [211](#) website to explore nearby partners and services

Contact us anytime at: impact@uwgc.org



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