



Collaboration at each stage may differ in characteristics and the infrastructure needed to progress to the next stage

STAGES OF COLLABORATIVE INFRASTRUCTURE



1 EMERGING

Groups begin to raise awareness about a community issue and look for like-minded actors for collaboration

-  Noting presence of unifying factors, navigating low trust, having cross-sector conversations, and following fragmented leadership
-  Forums for open dialogue, investment in understanding community needs, narrative of hope



2 FORMING

Groups begin to build shared vision/goals to form a coalition and test interventions to examine what works

-  Identifying partners, integrating perspectives, creating an emerging 'backbone' entity, building trust, and elevating community voices
-  Shared agenda, common metrics, identification of data needs, roadmap, ecosystem mapping, governance structure, accountability mechanisms



3 SCALING

Coalitions are formally established and experience initial successes

-  Using consistent agendas and messaging, maintaining trust, pooling resources, and identifying and scaling successful interventions
-  Data access and analysis, communication of metrics (e.g., impact report), dissemination of success stories, implementation of leading practices, community-informed agendas



5 TRANSFORMING

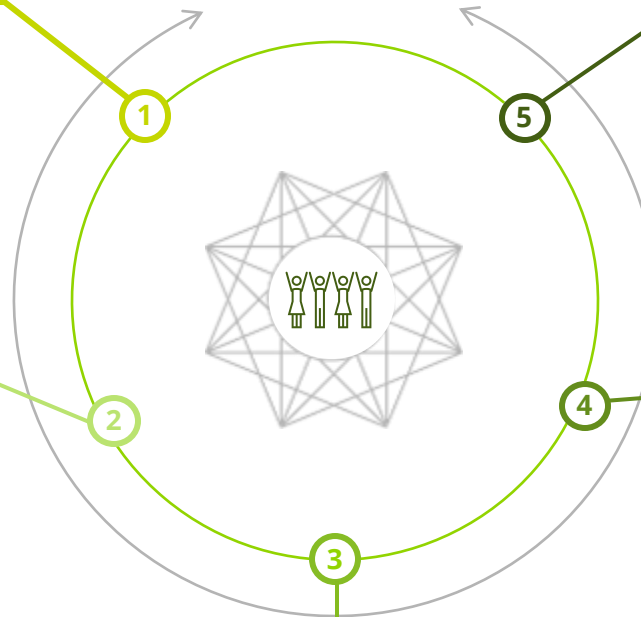
Coalitions are moving beyond programmatic goals to use influence to drive systems level change

-  Conducting advocacy and policy work through narrative of hope, crafting vision and commitment to collaboration, and using a community-driven agenda
-  Strategic use of influence on policy/regulations, continuous learning loops, system mapping, identification of root causes

4 SUSTAINING

Coalitions are growing and adapting to new contexts, priorities, and strategic endeavors

-  Building deep ties within communities, incorporating new groups, and adapting resources to tackle new community needs
-  Feedback mechanisms, strategic learning, shared measurement systems, strategic communications



Legend:

-  Characteristics of coalitions in this stage
-  Infrastructure needed for success