

Community Mapping Worksheet

Miami Dade County Civics Academy 2026

Session 2: Community Assessment & Empowerment

Instructions

- Choose one community to focus on: a neighborhood, town, district, campus area, faith community, or another place where people share relationships and concerns.
- Name assets before problems. Community mapping approaches emphasize starting with strengths, relationships, and existing resources rather than only listing deficits.
- Be specific. List actual people, places, groups, institutions, and spaces that matter in this community.
- As you map, ask who has access, who is left out, and which assets seem underused or disconnected.
- End by identifying one issue you care about and 2–3 assets that could help address it through local action.

Part 1: Define the community

Community I am mapping: Brownsville

What kind of community is this? Neighbor

Its rough boundaries are:

Who lives, works, studies, worships, or gathers here?

What makes this feel like a community to me?

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Part 2: Identify assets

List examples in each box. Think about people, relationships, institutions, and places—not only formal services.

Asset category	Examples in this community
Individuals: trusted people, helpers, connectors, local leaders	
Associations: clubs, neighborhood groups, congregations, volunteer groups	
Institutions: schools, libraries, nonprofits, agencies, health centers	
Physical spaces: parks, businesses, community centers, gathering places	
Culture and identity: traditions, languages, events, histories, networks	

Part 3: Look more closely

Choose 3 assets from above and reflect on them.

Asset	What does it offer?	Who uses it now?	Who may not have access?	Underused, well-used, or overlooked?

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Part 4: Issues and opportunities

What issues or challenges do I notice in this community?

Which issue matters most to me right now? Why?

Where do I see a mismatch between what people need and what is currently available?

Part 5: From map to action

The issue I want to explore more is:

Assets that could help address it:

People, groups, or offices that may need to be involved:

One realistic next step for local engagement: