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As you develop strategies for action you should always start your planning process by addressing these three questions.

- 1. What functions could community residents perform by themselves?**
- 2. What functions can community residents do with some additional help from institutions?**
- 3. What functions must institutions perform on their own?**

Please use the following pages as a guide as you develop your strategies.

What functions could community residents perform by themselves? There are many action items that we are now doing that community residents themselves could perform. For Example, making sure every house in a neighborhood with young children has age appropriate books, organizing reading circles,

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What functions can community residents do with some additional help from institutions? To help support resident action institutions need to look beyond the services they deliver to identify ways they can help support resident action. For example, supporting neighborhood organizing, asking residents to get involved, sharing their meeting rooms, computer expertise, etc.

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What functions must institutions perform on their own? There are activities that only institutions and their trained staff can perform, and it is critical that they save their resources to support these activities. For example, providing medical care, classroom teachers, etc.

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