



Center for African American Recovery Development

RCO Toolkit

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Why It Matters

Black-led RCOs thrive when they are embedded in an ecosystem of trusted partners. Too often, our organizations operate in silos, or we're left dependent on systems that don't reflect our realities. Mapping your partnerships helps clarify:

- Who is already at the table.
- Who should be invited in.
- Where the gaps are that limit your impact.
- How to balance power so Black voices remain centered.

This tool is designed for internal planning sessions, board retreats, or community convenings. Use it to spark conversation, then return to CAARD for deeper strategy and facilitation support.

Partnership Mapping Grid

Partner Type	Examples	Current Partners	Missing / Desired Partners	Action Steps
Recovery & Health Services	Local treatment centers, harm reduction orgs, MAT providers			
Community Anchors	Churches, mosques, HBCUs, barbershops, sororities/fraternities			
Advocacy & Policy	Local NAACP, Urban League, racial justice coalitions			
Funding & Sustainability	Black-owned businesses, community foundations, opioid settlement councils			
Culture & Media	Black radio, podcasts, newspapers, influencers, artists			

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Workforce & Economic Partners	Job training programs, unions, Black chambers of commerce			