

Convening: Special Gathering Agendas

Special gatherings are usually in-person, often with a meal and speaker/program. We recommended holding several per year, as they help to build relationships. Agendas are similar to regular gatherings, with more time for relationship building, speaker/program content, and coalition updates.

Possible Agenda Items:

Opening Prayer: *Asking for God's blessing and guidance*

Meal: *Something simple and easy to serve (e.g., buffet, box lunch)*

Check-In: *Relational connecting, with guided questions*

Speaker/Program: *Substantially addressing a special topic, such as collaboration, a critical need in the community, etc.*

Needs/Resources: *Open conversation identifying and discussing community needs/resources*

Collaboration: *Reporting from workgroups engaged in collaboration or discussion about a critical need that might call for collaboration and the formation of a workgroup*

Small Group Sharing and Prayer: *Extended time in small groups for personal sharing, prayer requests, and prayer for one another*