



A Template for Session 1 – How to Get Connected

This template can be used as a guide for an opening session using Community Connections activities and worksheets. This template is based on a three hour meeting – 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm. Everyone attending should have a copy of, or be aware of, the ESI (EntrepreneurShip Investigation) Curriculum. Change the times as needed for your Community Connections project . . .

6:30 pm to 7:00 pm	Skittles Icebreaker (Click Here for PDF)
7:00 pm to 7:10 pm	Community Connections Overview (Click here for Power Point presentation)
7:10 pm to 7:45 pm	Who do we Need on Our Team (Click here for PDF of worksheets)
7:45 pm to 8:00 pm	Break
8:00 pm to 8:30 pm	Community Cluster Exercise (Click here for PDF of worksheets)
8:30 pm to 8:45 pm	Report in – What did we learn?? (Use flip charts to gather this information)
8:45 pm to 9:10 pm	Your Dream Community – and Your Part in it Activity (Click here for instructions)
9:10 pm to 9:30 pm	Action Items -- What, When, Why, How

What do we need to do to get the word out about Community Connections?

When do we approach those on our “Need on our Team “ List?

Why do we want them to know about our project?

How do we make the “connection” with our local community?

Take Home Assignment: All participating read ESI Unit 1, Chapter 2 “Investigating Who is Down the Block”. Using the entrepreneur interview sample on ESI Unit 1 Page 5.2, interview at least three local entrepreneurs. Complete the exercises on Pages 2.1 and 2.2. Be prepared to “report what you learned” as our opener for Session 2.