

# Shared Use: Policy, Planning and Implementation Resources

**Shared use**, also called joint use or community use, refers to two or more entities sharing indoor or outdoor spaces for recreational activity. Shared use is most often implemented with schools, community centers, parks and other community facilities such as pools, athletic fields, libraries and senior centers, but can also be implemented at faith based facilities and properties, civic and neighborhood associations and even businesses. The purpose is to provide community access to recreational opportunities where none is found, where standalone or traditional facilities are unavailable, and to serve community populations that have little or no access to other options.

## Shared use benefits:

### Communities

- Provide local, cost effective access to physical activity
- Develop connections, increase community involvement
- Create equitable access to physical activity opportunities

### Facilities

- Develop connections and relationships with the community
- Effective use of facility space
- Provide needed resources to local community
- Cultivate service providers within facility membership, staff

### Service Providers

- Access to local community facility to offer programs, services
- Develop relationships with local clientele
- Increase your exposure to local community, agencies, organizations

**How can HiP-Cuyahoga help?** Check out our Shared Use Webpage at <http://hipcuyahoga.org/shared-use> to find resources and contacts to advance shared use in your community or organization! Assistance includes:

### Policy and Agreement Development Resources

- Shared Use Agreement Resource Guide
- 2015 workshop – Resource document & presentation slides
- HIP-Cuyahoga Sample Shared Use Policy
- Model Open Use Policy for school districts:  
<http://www.changelabsolutions.org/node/5611/product/5525>
- Model Open Use Policy for faith-based organizations North Carolina specific product:  
<http://www.changelabsolutions.org/node/5611/product/5335>

### Planning & Implementation Resources

- Strategic Planning
  - HIP-Cuyahoga Shared Use Workshop 2.0 Worksheet
- Identifying Audiences and Services
  - HIP-Cuyahoga Community Survey information and sample survey tool
- Communication, Marketing and Sustainability
  - Crowd Source funding – [www.ioby.com](http://www.ioby.com)
  - ChangeLab Solutions – <http://www.changelabsolutions.org/unlocking-possibilities>
  - Ohio Department of Aging, STEADY U program for Tai-Chi instructors in your area:  
<http://aging.ohio.gov/classes#73461-tai-chi>

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