



CD PRINCIPLES OF GOOD PRACTICE

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Wow, what a year 2025 has been. A lot has changed for many of us this year and 2026 promises even more and swifter changes. For many, the changes have brought great disruption and hardship, for others new opportunities. No matter which is true for you, in times like these it is important to have a way to make the best decision you can with the best information that is available to you at the time. In our work here at the Center for Community and Economic Development we rely on a set of “principles of good practice” to help guide us in our decision-making and actions. These principles were first developed by the Community Development Society in 1985 and have undergone several revisions since that time. There are eight principles, each with its own set of challenges and opportunities. These include: 1) Co-Learning, 2) Collaboration, 3) Community-Driven Practice, 4) Community Power, 5) Dignity within Diversity, 6) Economic Autonomy,



7) Social Justice, and 8) Sustainability. The reason I am referencing these principles is that I would like to identify one of these principles that I could focus on in 2026 as part of my volunteer life. I am asking you to help me identify the principle I will focus on by [following this link to a survey](#) where you will find a brief description of the principles and the opportunity to vote for your choice: <https://forms.gle/MiCLnAL7yXrKfdXL9>

Thank you to those of you who will take the time to vote and good luck to everyone in 2026!