

Overcome Time and Resource Barriers

Lack of time and resources are some of the most common partnership challenges. Collaborators have good intentions, but they may not have the time to follow through or fully engage in a partnership because of competing demands and capacity limitations. While these barriers are real, you may be able to find creative ways to continue the collaboration (e.g., reducing the scope requested of the partner or offering other resources and supports to allow the partner to continue their involvement at an appropriate level).

This table can help you strategize how you will address barriers your partner may be experiencing and how the partnership can continue.

Partner	Identify Current Partnership Barrier	Proposed Solutions	Rank Proposed Solutions Based on Feasibility/Priority
<p>Example: Crisis Center</p>	<p>A local crisis center lost two major grants and came to you (the Office of Suicide Prevention) to say they were not able to continue their emergency department caring contact follow-up program due to reduced capacity.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Connect the crisis center with the state coalition, which often raises funds for suicide prevention. - Suggest the crisis center connect with an existing university partner that could help write grants to support. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Suggest to the crisis center that they connect with a partnering university that has grant writing capacity. 2. Connect the crisis center with the state suicide prevention coalition, which often engages private sector stakeholders to raise funds for suicide prevention.
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