

Support for Community Development Professionals

- Education and Training
- Technical Assistance
- Applied Research
- Policy Forums and Symposia
- Internships, Mentoring,
and Job Placement

Who Should Participate?

Staff from local governments, nonprofit organizations, public housing authorities, and the public at large, are invited to draw upon CDI's educational and training resources.

CDI welcomes the participation of practitioners from regulated entities, including municipalities under state supervision, State Plan-endorsed municipalities, and jurisdictions that have received Urban Coordinating Council (UCC) designation.

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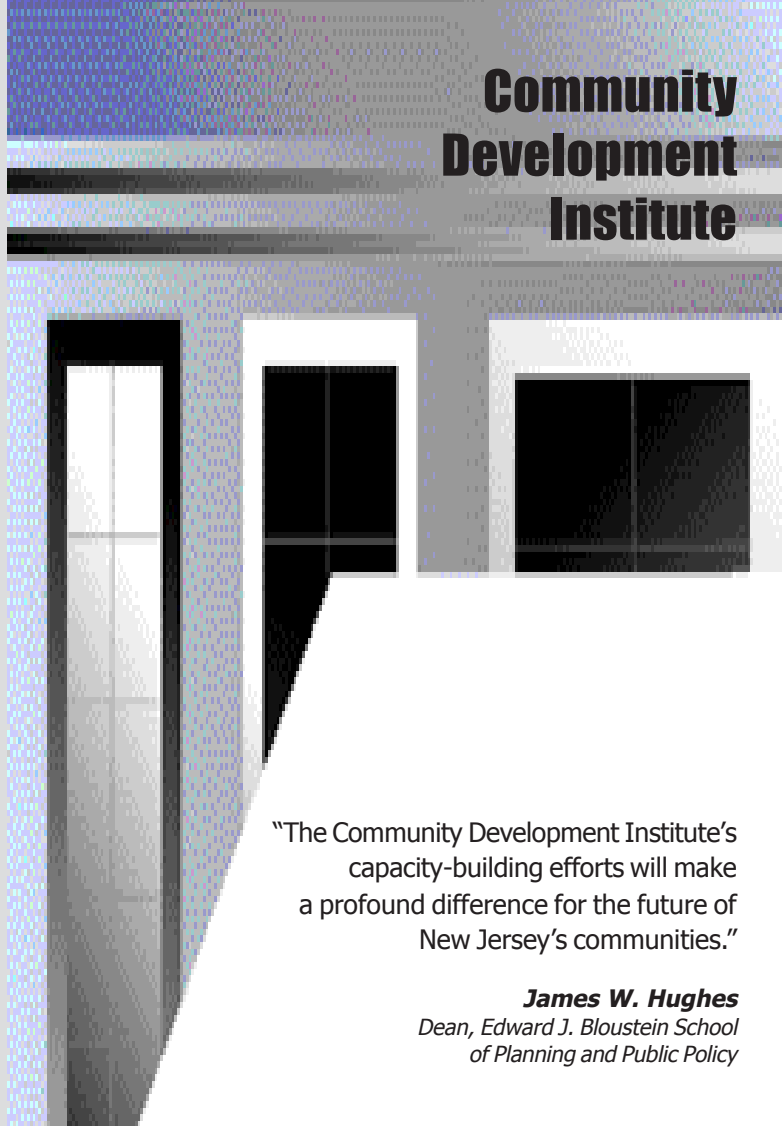
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capacity-building efforts will make
a profound difference for the future of
New Jersey's communities."

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Community Development Institute

The Community Development Institute (CDI) is a state-wide initiative working to strengthen the community development environment in the state of New Jersey through knowledge-based education, skills-based training programs, internships, mentoring, job placement, technical assistance, applied research, and public policy forums. CDI offerings are sensitive to issues of culture, gender, and community that influence effective community-building efforts.

Established at the Center for Urban Policy Research (CUPR) within the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, CDI is an exciting partnership between the school and two of the state's leading agencies assisting municipalities—the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs and the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency. CDI builds on the expertise offered by the academic programs, research centers, and institutes of the Bloustein School and Rutgers University.

CDI emphasizes teaching courses in needed areas of specialization and creating a dialogue for community development collaboration.

Mission and Function

CDI's mission is to serve a broad sector of people working in community development, including practitioners from local governments, public housing authorities, and

nonprofit community-based organizations operating in low- and moderate-income communities throughout New Jersey.

The institute provides "one-stop shopping"—allowing interested individuals to enroll in courses leading to certification in community development, and to participate in forums about best practices and lessons learned in rebuilding distressed communities.

Participants acquire knowledge and skills that facilitate their mobility between the public, nonprofit, and for-profit sectors, promoting the rapid exchange of new ideas and practices. CDI serves as a rallying point to advocate a strong community development vision.

Education and Training

CDI offers introductory to advanced-level courses that highlight real-world training and provide a solid foundation in the community development field year-round. The curriculum prepares practitioners to handle community challenges with the most current techniques. Classes are offered for traditional and continuing education credit and, ultimately, certification. Programs are scheduled in a manner that is sensitive to the time constraints of working professionals and interested community residents.

Technical Assistance

CDI offers targeted technical assistance to help municipalities obtain information and perform the analysis needed to assess community goals. The institute provides information about successful strategies—from both within and outside New Jersey. Communities can draw upon that knowledge to shape a local vision and implement an appropriate plan.

Applied Research

Building upon the Bloustein School's national reputation for excellence in research, CDI conducts research that informs the community development industry in the state.

Policy Forums and Symposia

CDI hosts forums and symposia that bring together people from diverse backgrounds to network, exchange ideas, and form collaborations to address community challenges.

Internships, Mentoring, and Job Placement

Community development experts serve as CDI fellows mentoring junior career professionals.



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