Beginning the Journey to Excellence

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Perfection is not attainable, but if we chase perfection we can catch excellence.
Vince Lombardi

I see the Baldrige process as a powerful set of mechanisms for disciplined people engaged in disciplined thought and taking disciplined action to create great organizations that produce exceptional results.
Jim Collins, author of Good to Great: Why Some Companies Make the Leap... and Others Don’t
Hypothesis

That a framework proven to drive performance excellence in *companies and organizations* – the Baldrige Framework – can be modified to achieve performance excellence in *communities* to benefit the health and wellbeing of all residents. Primary focus on:

- Education
- Health
- Economic Vitality
- Safety

"For America to sustain its vitality, promote opportunity, and create a more equitable society during its second 250 years of existence, we must improve the performance of communities and the people who lead and live in them."
Adapted From:
The Communities of Excellence Framework

National Learning Collaborative

- What is your community, and what is important to it? **Community Profile**
- Where do you want to go? **Vision**
- How will your community prepare for the future? **Community Strategic Planning**
- What are the gaps and how do you as a community engage to prioritize which ones to focus on first, next?
- How will you know when you get there? **Results**
We want to hear from you:

What does a community of excellence look like to you?

What are your community’s core values?

How does your organization contribute to the overall wellbeing of your community?

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