

Building Successful Partnerships

And why they matter



Qualities of Positive Partnerships

- ☐ It's not all about \$...at first
- ☐ Partnerships can help you focus on outcomes, not outputs
- ☐ Raising money is easier and your organization is more successful if you can demonstrate impact

Where to start?

- ☐ Partner with folks that really align with your mission
- ☐ Not how or what you do, but why you do
- ☐ How do we apply localism and diversity to the current media and tech landscape where many more people have access?
- ☐ Focus partnerships on working with those who serve communities who are not participating in media and tech
- ☐ Who in your community is impacted by the digital divide and would most benefit from gaining 21st century transferable skills?

Considerations

- ☐ **Partnerships take time!**
- ☐ **Don't make assumptions: If they want a bell, help them build a bell**
- ☐ **Content is not always king**
- ☐ **Do what you do. Fund what you do. And don't be afraid to modify what you do.**

Examples



- ☐ Summer Camp to Summer Youth Employment
- ☐ Production Courses to College Course
- ☐ Storytelling and Production to DocuMentorMe