



ASSOCIATION OF FUNDRAISING PROFESSIONALS

CHAPTER ROAD MAPPING TOOLKIT

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FARE's Road Map to SUCCESS

This unique visual map depicts the goals, key components, defined roles and expectations that were outlined during the action planning exercise developed by Symphonic Strategies. It should be used to help FARE move from strategic visioning to action.

LEGEND

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Destination
Once we arrive, FARE will have made food allergies a public health issue; raised awareness of our mission, objectives, and brand; identified multiple treatments for food allergies.
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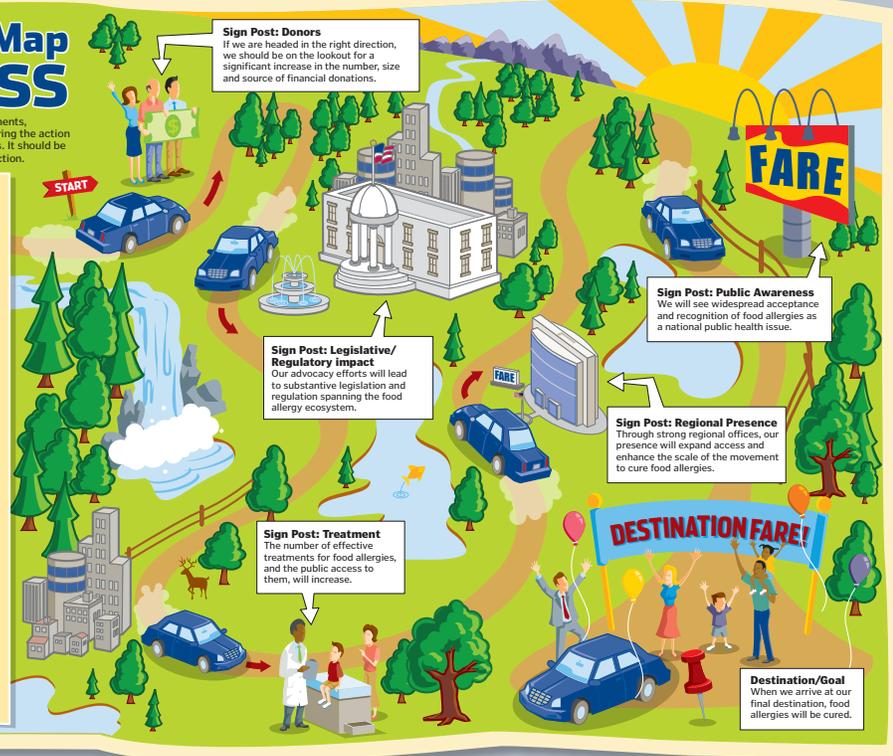
Arrival Date
As a board (by December 2013); as an organization (in the next 3-5 years)
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Vehicles
We'll use these processes to get us there:
1. A strategic dashboard
2. Strong communications
3. Transparent conflict resolution
4. Continuous board self-assessment
5. Select board committees
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Co-Drivers: CEO, Board Chair
Navigators: Management team and board trustees
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Route/Path
We will take a multi-faceted approach that includes both short-term and longer-term tactics and strategies which incorporate safety, inclusion and treatment.
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Fuel
In order to get moving, we'll need greater financial resources, board/management alignment and a comprehensive strategic plan.



ROAD MAPPING

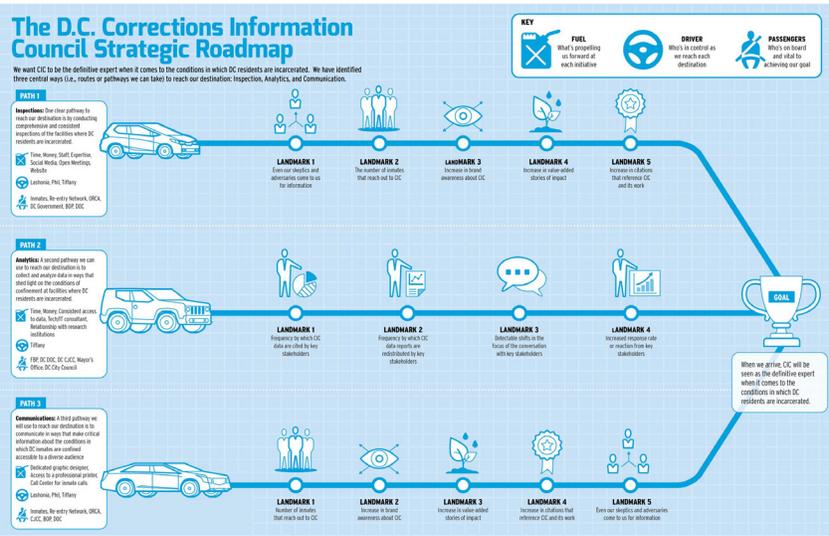
How to explain what you plan on doing or where you plan on going

Road Mapping is a unique action planning exercise developed by Symphonic Strategies to help you move from strategic vision to action. In this exercise participants will work from a shared vision, outlining the various tasks and activities required to achieve your vision.

ROAD MAPPING EXAMPLES



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ROAD MAPPING

The top priority for the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) is to provide value for our membership. There is not a single answer to what “value” means to our diverse membership – there is not a “one size fits all” definition, especially with the COVID-19 pandemic playing out in different contexts—race, gender, places, and organizations, to name a few. As we have created a new Strategic Roadmap for AFP, our intent was to identify and develop pathways that, on their own, contribute to delivering value to our membership. Together, we intend for these pathways to further differentiate, distinguish and elevate AFP – today, tomorrow and into the next decade.

We have partnered with Symphonic Strategies to produce this Chapter Toolkit to help all of our chapters develop their own strategic road map. This action planning exercise is designed to help you move from strategic vision to action. In this exercise participants will work from a shared vision, outlining the various tasks and activities required to achieve your vision.

In this document we present what we scoped out for the AFP Global Strategic Roadmap. If some or all of the pieces do not fit with your chapter, then we invite you to use the pages that follow to sketch out your own process for each strategic pathway.

INSTRUCTIONS

To get started, follow the instructions below.

1. Choose your destination—Select a destination point(s) that is compelling and realistic.

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2. Set the arrival time—The arrival time is the timetable or pace by which you need to move.

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3. Identify the landmarks—The landmarks are the markers that you will use to determine if you’re on the right path and headed in the right direction.

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4. Find the right vehicle—The vehicle is the tool or the item you will have to rely upon to get you to the destination point.

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5. Choose your drivers and passengers—During this step it is important to determine not only who will drive, but who needs to be in the passenger seats.

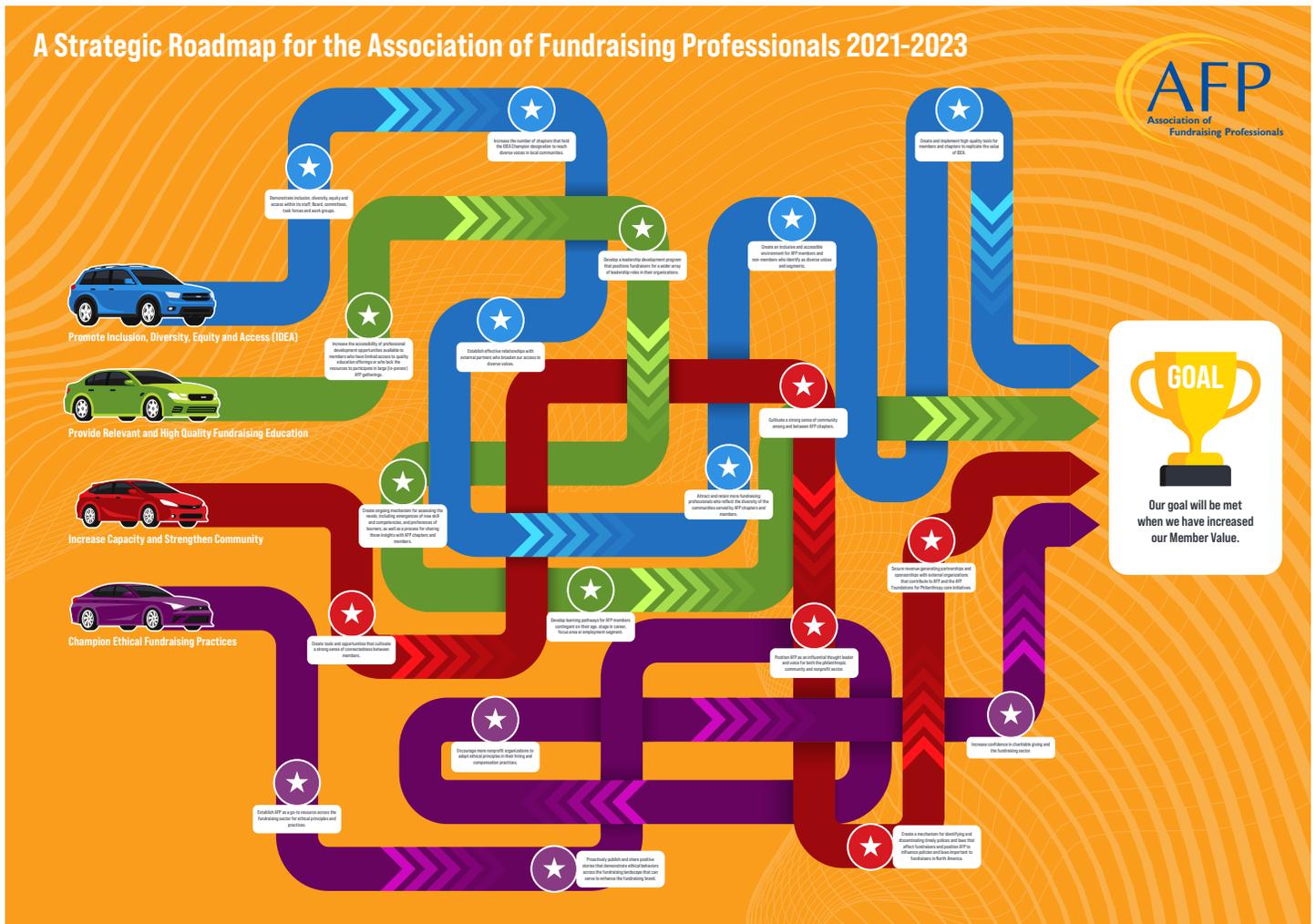
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6. Decide upon the fuel you will need—The fuel are the ingredients you need to keep the vehicle moving.

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7. Draw your road map—Create an image that captures the interaction between the items listed in steps 1-6.

A STRATEGIC ROAD MAP FOR THE ASSOCIATION OF FUNDRAISING PROFESSIONALS 2021-2023



PROMOTE INCLUSION, DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND ACCESS (IDEA)



Destination

We envision a future where: AFP and its members understand the business and social value that IDEA brings to delivering on our impact; at its essence, the ongoing awareness of IDEA's business and social value fosters inclusive behaviors, practices, and environments that become embedded in everything the association touches; and fundraising becomes a professional destination for diverse voices.



Landmarks & Milestones

We will rely on the following landmarks and milestones as broad-based goals throughout our journey (2021-2023):

Demonstrate inclusion, diversity, equity and access within its staff, Board, committees, task forces and work groups.

Increase the number of chapters that hold the IDEA Champion designation to reach diverse voices in local communities.

Establish effective relationships with external partners who broaden our access to diverse voices.

Attract and retain more fundraising professionals who reflect the diversity of the communities served by AFP chapters and members.

Create an inclusive and accessible environment for AFP members and non-members who identify as diverse voices and segments.

Create and implement high-quality tools for members and chapters to replicate the value of IDEA.

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STRATEGIC PATHWAY Promote Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Access (IDEA)

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FUEL

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DRIVER

Who's in control as we reach each destination.



PASSENGERS

Who's on board and vital to achieving our goal.

VEHICLE

1. Culturally Competent Educational Frameworks
2. Modern Teaching Practices
3. Mentoring, Coaching & Networking
4. Intentional Recruiting Practices
5. Metrics & Benchmarks



FUEL

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2. IDEA Training Workshops
3. Intentional & Diverse Relationships
4. IDEA Champions
5. Actionable Data & Data Collection Tools



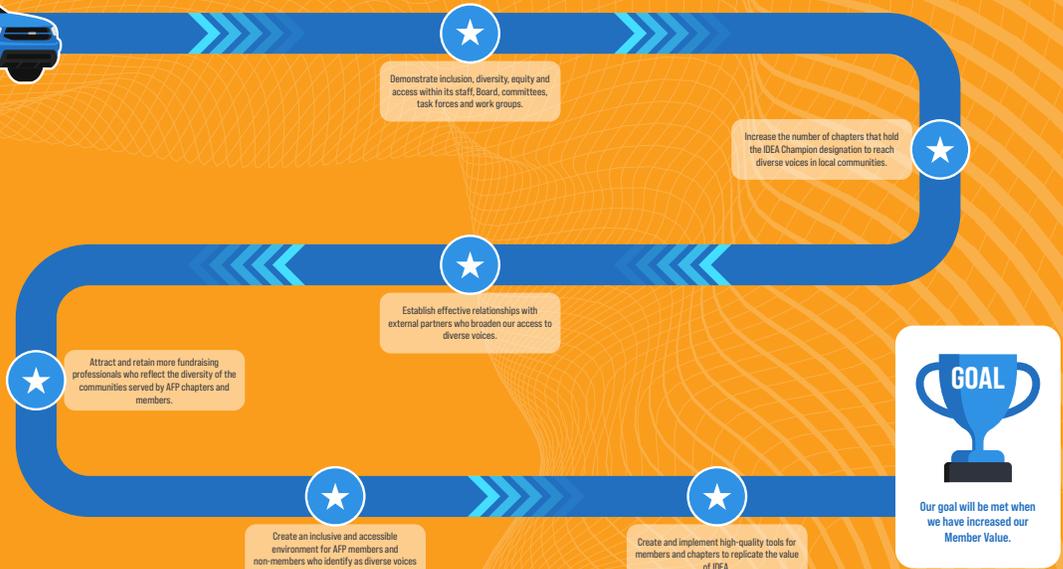
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2. AFP Foundations for Philanthropy
3. AFP Chapter Leaders
4. AFP IDEA Committee
5. AFP Human Resources



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2. AFP IDEA Champion Coaches
3. Strategic Partners
4. Nonprofit Human Resources





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Youth



Educators



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DESTINATION

This is where we're heading:



ARRIVAL TIME

This is when we expect to arrive:



LANDMARKS

The indicators we'll use to confirm we're heading in the right direction:



VEHICLES

The tool(s) we will use to get us to our destination:



DRIVERS

Those who are responsible for guiding our vehicle along the path toward our destination:



PASSENGERS

The stakeholders—internal and external—we need to carry with us to the destination:



FUEL

The resources required to power this vehicle:

PROVIDE RELEVANT AND HIGH QUALITY FUNDRAISING EDUCATION



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Increase the accessibility of professional development opportunities available to members who have limited access to quality education offerings or who lack the resources to participate in large (in-person) AFP gatherings.

Develop a leadership development program that positions fundraisers for a wider array of leadership roles in their organizations.

Create ongoing mechanism for assessing the needs, including emergences of new skill and competencies, and preferences of learners, as well as a process for sharing those insights with AFP chapters and members.

Develop learning pathways for AFP members contingent on their age, stage in career, focus area or employment segment.

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2. Fresh Career Paths
3. Flexible Learning Journeys
4. Strategic Partnerships
5. Mentoring, Coaching & Networking
6. Assessments & Benchmarks



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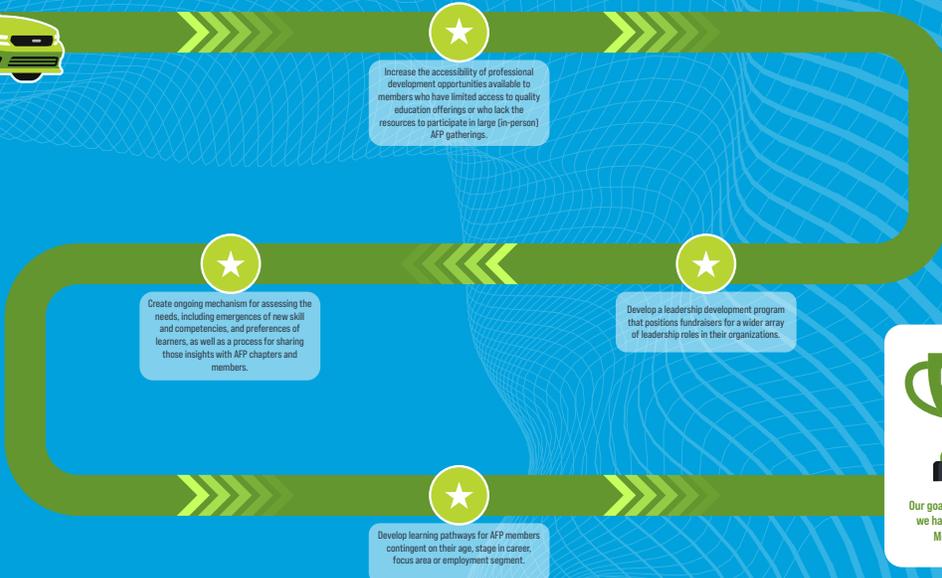
1. Quality Instructors & Compelling Content
2. Tailored Content
3. Leadership-Specific Content
4. Technology for Content Creation and Delivery
5. Continuous Data

DRIVERS

1. AFP Global Board
2. AFP Professional Development Team
3. AFP Foundations for Philanthropy
4. AFP Chapter Leaders
5. AFP Education Advisory Council

PASSENGERS

1. AFP Members
2. ACFRE Board
3. ICDFN Advisory Committee
4. AFP Research Council
5. Executives and Emerging Leaders
6. Early-career Fundraisers
7. Employers



GOAL

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VEHICLE

1. Knowledge Transfer
2. Peer-to-Peer Conversations
3. Mentoring, Coaching & Networking
4. Metrics & Benchmarks



FUEL

1. Leading Practices Database
2. Chapter and Member Profiles
3. Volunteer Management Strategies
4. Actionable Data



DRIVERS

1. AFP Global Board
2. AFP Membership and Chapters Team
3. AFP Foundations for Philanthropy
4. AFP Chapter Leaders



PASSENGERS

1. AFP Members
2. AFP Chapter Support Committee
3. Strategic Partners
4. Policy Makers & Elected Officials
5. AFP Government Relations Committee
6. Media Partners

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2. Training
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FUEL

1. Content
2. Training Workshops
3. Actionable Data
4. Champions



DRIVERS

1. AFP Global Board
2. AFP Marketing and Communications Team
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