

FORM 2

CREATING PUBLIC POLICY AND CIVIL SOCIETY SOLUTIONS TO COMMUNITY PROBLEMS

Read the first example of a community problem shown in the middle column below and the examples of (1) a public policy solution to the problem by a government institution acting with or without civic society and (2) a solution to the problem solely by civil society. Then fill out the rest of the chart with your own suggestions for public policy and civil society solutions to the problems noted. Use the last space to identify a problem in your community and give examples of public policy and civil society solutions for it. After you have come up with your responses, share them with your group members or classmates.

PUBLIC POLICY SOLUTION	COMMUNITY PROBLEMS	CIVIL SOCIETY SOLUTION
City officials fund a program to give needy individuals vouchers to use to "buy" food and clothing from participating merchants	Poor families in the community need food and adequate clothing	Members of a civic organization conduct a drive to collect food and clothing and then distribute it to the needy
	School-aged children are out on the streets late at night	
	Parents are not using child protective car seats properly	
	The lake in the community is polluted and filled with litter	
	Owners of a professional football team want to build a stadium in the city	
	Many local high school students have been cheating on homework and tests	