

Project Spotlight:

JEVS Human Services Nonprofit Leaders Group (NPLG)



Project Type: Strategic Coordination & Implementation Support

Timeframe: September 2025 - Ongoing

About the Client

JEVS Human Services is a nonprofit organization serving individuals and families across the Philadelphia region through programs focused on workforce development, education, behavioral health, and community-based services.

JEVS also convenes the Nonprofit Leaders Group (NPLG), a regional network that includes more than 200 organizations and over 150 participating nonprofit executives across the five-county Philadelphia region. NPLG brings nonprofit leaders together to stay informed about policy and funding developments, learn from one another, strengthen their organizations, and engage with leaders from government, philanthropy, and other sectors.



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Project Scope

JEVS engaged Anavi Strategies to provide strategic coordination and implementation support for the Nonprofit Leaders Group. Nonprofit leaders are navigating a changing environment that includes shifts in public policy, government funding, organizational capacity, and community needs. JEVS wanted the NPLG to provide timely and useful information while creating opportunities for leaders to learn together, engage with decision-makers, and identify issues affecting the broader nonprofit sector.

Anavi Strategies works alongside JEVS leadership to translate these priorities into a thoughtful program of meetings, education sessions, convenings, and communications throughout the year. JEVS sets the group's strategic priorities and maintains final decision-making authority, while Anavi Strategies helps shape the approach and move the work from ideas to implementation. Our goal is to create a consistent structure that remains flexible enough to respond to emerging issues and the changing needs of nonprofit leaders.

Project Activities

Anavi Strategies provides ongoing support across several areas:

Strategic Program Planning	Develops and maintains an annual calendar of topics and speakers informed by nonprofit leaders' interests, policy developments, government budget cycles, philanthropic priorities, and emerging issues affecting the sector.
Meeting Design and Facilitation Support	Works with JEVS to translate broad priorities into focused monthly sessions, including developing agendas, sequencing speakers, preparing run-of-show documents, and designing opportunities for participant discussion and engagement.
Speaker Engagement	Identifies and coordinates speakers from government, philanthropy, nonprofit organizations, and other sectors who can provide useful information and perspectives to nonprofit leaders.
Education Sessions	Coordinates dedicated learning sessions that provide nonprofit leaders with deeper opportunities to build knowledge and practical skills on issues relevant to leading their organizations.
Annual Convening and Networking	Supports the design and coordination of larger, in-person opportunities for nonprofit leaders to build relationships, engage with one another, and explore shared challenges.
Policy and Advocacy Support	Helps JEVS translate emerging policy issues and priorities into accessible information and communications for nonprofit leaders and identifies opportunities to gather feedback from participants.
Documentation and Continuous Improvement	Maintains shared planning and tracking tools to manage registration and attendance to help JEVS understand participation, identify emerging needs, and strengthen the initiative.

Our Approach

Throughout the year, new policy developments, funding decisions, and issues affecting nonprofit organizations emerge. Rather than relying on a fixed calendar, Anavi works with JEVS to determine what nonprofit leaders need at a particular moment, who should be part of the conversation, and how each session can be structured to make the time valuable.

This requires both strategic thinking and practical execution. We help identify priorities and speakers, design sessions, coordinate the details necessary to bring people together, document what we are learning, and use that information to inform future programming. The result is an ongoing partnership that gives JEVS the structure and capacity to move from priorities to action while maintaining the flexibility to respond to a changing environment.



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Looking Ahead

During the 2026–2027 program year, our work will include monthly NPLG sessions, dedicated education sessions, an annual convening and networking opportunity, policy and advocacy support, and ongoing documentation and feedback. As the partnership evolves, Anavi and JEVS will continue using participant



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feedback, emerging issues, and lessons from each session to shape future programming. This approach allows the Nonprofit Leaders Group to remain responsive to nonprofit leaders while providing the structure needed to turn emerging needs and shared priorities into meaningful action.