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The **Alliance for Nonprofit Management** (http://www.allianceonline.org/) is the leading national knowledge community dedicated to building the capacity of individuals, organizations, and communities working to achieve positive social change and cultural enrichment. Using a "Research to Practice" platform, the Alliance is committed to identifying and exploring both academic and practitioner research and field experiences in peer-to-peer exchanges designed to identify how capacity builders can increase the effectiveness, efficiency, and impact for their clients and communities.

Board Check-Up (https://www.boardcheckup.com/) is a free board development assessment service, which is part of a research project carried out by the State University of New York, Albany, and the University of Victoria, BC, Canada. The goal of the project is to expand knowledge of how boards of directors of nonprofit organizations work and how they might be improved through performance assessment.

BoardSource (https://www.boardsource.org) is a nonprofit organization focused exclusively on nonprofit governance by providing coaching and training to nonprofit leaders.

GuideStar (http://www.guidestar.org/Home.aspx) gathers and disseminates information about IRS-registered nonprofit organizations. Its provides a comprehensive amount of information on its website about each nonprofit's mission, legitimacy, impact, reputation, finances, programs, transparency, governance, and more.

Formerly known as The Association of Small Foundations, **Exponent Philanthropy** (http://www.exponentphilanthropy.org/) provides leadership support to small nonprofit member organizations by addressing issues unique to nonprofit organizations with few or no staff.

The **Midwest Center** (http://bloch.umkc.edu/mwcnl/) is a service and outreach unit of the Department of Public Affairs at the University of Missouri – Kansas City. The mission of the Midwest Center is to enhance the performance and effectiveness in the nonprofit sector through high quality community-oriented education, applied research, problem solving, and service.

The **National Council of Nonprofits** (https://www.councilofnonprofits.org) is the national network of nonprofit state associations. It serves as a coordinator and mobilizer to help nonprofits achieve greater collective impact in local communities across the country. Its website includes tools and resources on numerous areas of capacity building.

The **National Philanthropic Trust** (http://www.nptrust.org/) is a public charity with up-to-date statistics and information on donor-advised fund.

The ***Nonprofit Quarterly*** (*NPQ*, https://nonprofitquarterly.org) is an independent nonprofit news organization that for more than 15 years has been serving nonprofit leaders, charitable foundations, educators, independent activists, and others involved in the civil sector. *NPQ*'s guiding philosophy is that an active, engaged, and sometimes disruptive civil sector is critical to a healthy democracy in the same way that a free and independent press is. *NPQ* produces a quarterly magazine, online articles, and a daily newswire with the latest nonprofit-related stories relevant to practice.

The Philanthropic Initiative (http://www.tpi.org/) has published a wide range of research and writing for all types of donors and grantmakers. Their website features a Learning Center, which covers a broad spectrum of topics from community building to global giving, as well as a variety of issue areas.

The mission of **Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors** (http://www.rockpa.org/) is to help donors create thoughtful, effective philanthropy throughout the world. The organization provides clients with specialized and sophisticated resources usually only available to major foundations. These include managing complex initiatives in remote places, researching and creating novel philanthropic models, and assessing impact.

The **Standards for Excellence Institute** (https://standardsforexcellence.org/) is a national initiative established to promote the highest standards of ethics, effectiveness, and accountability in nonprofit governance, management, and operations, and to help all nonprofit organizations meet these high benchmarks.

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