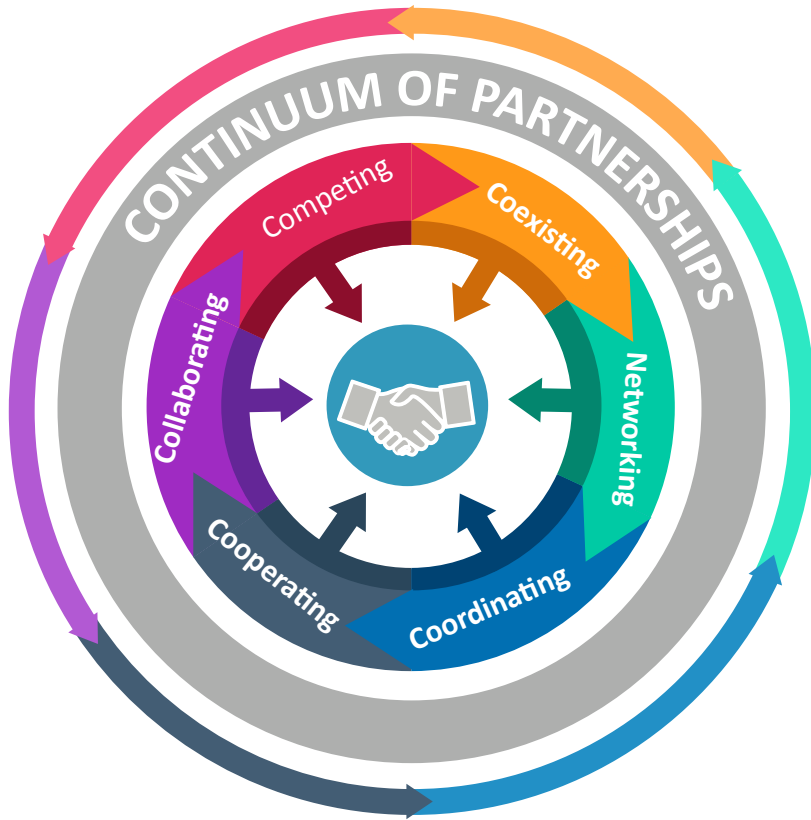


# STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES: Building Strategic Partnerships



One way DYCD pursues its mission is by encouraging programs to view their work through a partnership lens and seek opportunities to join others in empowering and serving their communities. DYCD believes programs that operate as part of a local provider network, through formal and informal arrangements, are better positioned to address the holistic needs of their participants.

The Strategic Partnerships framework illustrates the different stages of partnership as defined by DYCD. The continuum of partnerships can be entered at any point depending on your wants, needs, resources, and level of trust between partners.

“To be greater than the sum of our parts we must embrace a partnership philosophy.”

- Commissioner Chong



Competing	Coexisting	Networking	Coordinating	Cooperating	Collaborating
Competition for clients, resources, partners, public attention.	No systematic connection between Co-existing agencies.	Exchanging information for mutual benefit.	Exchanging information and modifying activities for mutual benefit.	Exchanging information, modifying activities and sharing resources for mutual benefit to achieve a common purpose.	Exchanging information, modifying activities, sharing resources, and enhancing the capacity of another for mutual benefit and to achieve a common purpose by sharing risks, resources, responsibilities and rewards.

\*Adopted from A.A. Himmelman, A Developmental Continuum of Working Together Strategies, 2017.