

Continuum of Integration

Integration Process Purpose

Low



Networking

The exchange of information for mutual benefit. This requires little time and trust between partners. Clearing house for information.

Coordination

Exchanging information and altering activities for a common purpose. Match and coordinate needs and activities. Limit duplication of services.

Cooperation

As above plus sharing resources. It requires a significant amount of time and high level of trust between partners.

Collaboration

In addition to the other activities described, collaboration includes enhancing the capacity of the other partners for mutual benefit and a common purpose. Building interdependent systems to address issues and opportunities. Sharing resources and making equal commitment.

High

Integration

Fully integrated activities with single budget, management and accountability processes.
