Congregation Based Community Organizing

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Alinsky, Saul D. *Rules for Radicals: A Practical Primer for Realistic Radicals*. New York: Vintage Books, 1971. This primer tells the "have-nots" how they can organize to achieve real political power for the practice of true democracy.

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Web Sites
Many valuable resources are linked to the following sites:

American Prospect
http://www.prospect.org/

Annie E. Casey Foundation
http://www.aecf.org/

Aspen Institute
http://www.aspeninstitute.org/

Asset-Based Community Development Institute (ABCD), produces practical resources and tools for community builders to identify, nurture, and mobilize neighborhood assets.
http://www.northwestern.edu/ipr/abcd.html

Center for Community Change: includes Organizing newsletter
http://www.communitychange.org/

COMM-ORG: The On-Line Conference On Community Organizing and Development
http://comm-org.utoledo.edu/papers.htm

Community Based Resource Exchange
http://www.commbuild.org/

National Housing Institute and Shelterforce: The Journal of Affordable Housing and Community Building
http://www.nhi.org/

Neighborhood Funders Group
http://www.nfg.org/

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