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Leadership and Organization for Community Prevention and Intervention in Venezuela

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This book will show you how (and why) participatory communities come into being and what they can accomplish, regardless of the current political climate. It also examines leadership—and the skills community leaders need to develop to be most effective. You'll find ethnographic and psychosocial perspectives on the relationship between families and community organizations, leadership interventions designed to facilitate more effective decision-making, and more—all from organizations making a very real difference in a country that has had a strong community work tradition since the 1960s.

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- providing essential services when the government can't–or won't
- establishing community leadership roles—and helping community leaders to work more effectively
- transforming the perspectives of community leaders from narcissistic to altruistic
- and much more!

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