



Creating Solutions

Read the first example of a community problem shown in the middle column below and the examples of (1) a public policy solution to the problem by government acting alone or with civil society and (2) a solution to the problem solely by civil society. In groups of three, complete the rest of the chart with your own suggestions for public policy and civil-society solutions to the problems listed in the middle column. Use the last space to identify a problem in your community and give examples of public policy and civil-society solutions for it. After you have come up with your responses, share them with your classmates. Note that community problems are most often a lack of something people need or too much of something harmful.

Public Policy Solution	Community Problems	Civil-Society Solution
<p><i>EXAMPLE:</i> City officials fund a program to give families who are facing food insecurity a credit to buy food from participating merchants.</p>	<p>← Lack of access to nutritious food →</p>	<p><i>EXAMPLE:</i> Members of a local temple conduct a drive to collect food for families experiencing food insecurity.</p>
	<p>← Lack of affordable housing →</p>	
	<p>← Online harassment → affecting a growing number of students</p>	
	<p>← Increased car accidents → involving pedestrians and cyclists</p>	
	<p>← A lack of safe places to → play outside for neighborhood children</p>	
	<p>← High school students → struggling with mental health issues</p>	
	<p>← →</p>	