

Here's a list of important things to remember about **CARS**.

CARS is:

- **A process** not a program
- **A group effort** not an individual effort
- **About collective leadership** and not about one lead organization or person
- **Capacity building** not isolated learning
- **Community driven** not government imposed
- About seeing **evaluation as a beginning activity**, not just an ending activity (**uses Participatory Evaluation methods**)
- About Engaging the **users of services** not just the providers of services
- Focused on **responsiveness of services** not just access to services (service integration)
- About identifying **community assets** not just community needs (partnerships)
- Based on the Identifiers of needs also being the **creators of solutions**
- About linking **community development to public policy development**