

Educational Resources: ACE Act and Philanthropy Reform

Independent Sector is working to put together a list of resources and educational content on the ACE Act and, more broadly, philanthropy reform. This effort is part of our efforts to foster understanding of the issues across the sector in order to drive action, such as best practices, standard-setting, and public policy. This list represents our initial attempt in aggregating resources that provide balanced viewpoints and include data-driven content. We plan to update this list regularly as we engage with the sector and discover new resources.

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Resources are grouped in thematic categories and listed in alphabetical order by author.

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