

Midwest Academy Strategy Chart

After choosing your issue, fill in this chart as a guide to developing strategy. Be specific. List all the possibilities.

	Organizational Considerations	Constituents, Allies, and Opponents	Targets	Tactics
<p>Goals</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. List the long-term objectives of your campaign. 2. State the intermediate goals for this issue campaign. What constitutes victory? <p><i>How will the campaign</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Win concrete improvement in people's lives? • Give people a sense of their own power? • Alter the relations of power? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. What short-term or partial victories can you win as steps toward your long-term goal? 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. List the resources that your organization brings to the campaign. Include money, number of staff, facilities, reputation, canvass, etc. <p>What is the budget, including in-kind contributions, for this campaign?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. List the specific ways in which you want your organization to be strengthened by this campaign. Fill in numbers for each: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand leadership group • Increase experience of existing leadership • Build membership base • Expand into new constituencies • Raise more money 3. List internal problems that have to be considered if the campaign is to succeed. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Who cares about this issue enough to join in or help the organization? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whose problem is it? • What do they gain if they win? • What risks are they taking? • What power do they have over the target? • Into what groups are they organized? 2. Who are your opponents? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What will your victory cost them? • What will they do/spend to oppose you? • How strong are they? • How are they organized? 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Primary Targets <p>A target is always a person. It is never an institution or elected body.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who has the power to give you what you want? • What power do you have over them? 2. Secondary Targets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who has power over the people with the power to give you what you want? • What power do you have over them? 	<p>For each target, list the tactics that each constituent group can best use to make its power felt.</p> <p>Tactics must be</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In context. • Flexible and creative. • Directed at a specific target. • Make sense to the membership. • Be backed up by a specific form of power. <p>Tactics include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Media events • Actions for information and demands • Public hearings • Strikes • Voter registration and voter education • Lawsuits • Accountability sessions • Elections • Negotiations