Hands on Learning Activity: Mind Mapping

**Purpose:** To practice identifying community resources and needs.

**Materials:**
- Large sheets of paper or white board
- Markers

**Facilitator Instructions:**
- Based on the Community Mapping activity, you identified the needs in your ‘community’. For this exercise you will select one of those needs to delve into. How can you address your issue and what way can you approach it?
- One tool to evaluate the issue is to use the mind mapping tool. Here is an example and then create your own using one of the issues you identified. Instruct participants to:
  - Write the issue in the middle.
  - Think about what some of the causes of the issue could be. In this example one of the main causes of car accidents is bad weather. Notice how many different causes connect from bad weather.
  - Now try to connect the different issues you came up with to the main issue. How do the causes connect to each other?
  - Do you see a pattern?

Each group will create a mind map to identify the source and impacts of the community need that they identified, and share out to the larger group.