

# Chicago School of Data

If you use data and work to improve lives in Chicago, then you are part of the Chicago School of Data. We are gathering as much information we can about as many practitioners we can find, so that we can amplify the great things you do. Please complete this form so we can talk more about your work and include it in ours. Read more here: <http://www.smartchicagocolaborative.org/the-launch-of-the-chicago-school-of-data-project>.

**Name \***

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**Organization \*****Website****Role \*****Email \*****Phone Number** -  - 

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**Address**

Street Address

Address Line 2

City

State / Province / Region

Postal / Zip Code

Country

**How does your organization use data.****(Check all that apply)**

- Resource allocation (staff, funding)
- Measuring impact (reports to funding agencies, reports to donors, etc.)

- Advocacy and outreach (e.g. reports, press releases, etc.)
- Understanding the needs of the people served
- Donor development
- Operations
- Research
- Other

(if "Other", please specify)

**What are the top three source of data you use as an organization?**

**Upload a recent document or paste a link below to show how your organization uses data.**

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**Link to a webpage that best describes your approach to data.**

**Is there data that you want to use but can't because it costs too much? If so, what is it?**

**Is there data that you want to use but you can't because you can't get permission to use it? If so, what is it?**

**Is there data that you want to use but can't because it's too hard too work with? If so, what is it?**

**Is there any other data that you want to use, but can't for some reason. If so, what is it and what is the reason why you can't use it.**

**Which are some of the greatest challenge your organization faces in using data?**

- Not sure how data can further our mission
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- Not sure where to find or how to collect the data we need
- Unable to gain access to the data we need
- There is no software/website/tool that meets our data needs
- Unable to afford the tools we need to make use of data
- Staff lack the necessary technical skills (computer literacy, data management, data analysis)
- Unable to dedicate the time to data work given other demands
- Other

**If "Other", what challenges does your organization face in using data.**

**Which of the following data tools does your organization used in the past 9 months?**

**(Check all that apply)**

- Desktop Spreadsheets (Excel, Numbers)
- Online Spreadsheet (Google Docs, Fusion Tables)
- Website Data Analysis Tools (Google Analytics, etc.)
- Online Surveys (Google Forms, Survey Monkey, Wufoo, etc.)
- Proprietary CRM/Database Tools (Salesforce, Oracle, Highrise, Access, etc)
- Open Source CRM Tools (CiviCRM)
- Open Source Databases (MySQL, PostGRES, MongoDB, etc.)
- Open Source Data Analysis Tools (R, Python, Pentaho, etc.)
- Proprietary Analysis Programs (Stata, SAS, SPSS, Matlab, etc)
- Proprietary Data Visualization Tools (Tableau, etc.)
- GIS & Mapping Tools (AcrGIS, CartoDB, TileMill, etc.)

**Are there any other data tools you used in the last month?**

**What skills does your organization currently lack, need help developing, or had the most trouble hiring/retaining talent?**

- Basic computer literacy
- Basic data literacy (What is data and how can it be used to help the organization)
- Basic Excel/Spreadsheets
- Data management, storage, and retrieval (Working with

databases, web data, data sets from third parties)

- Data cleaning and preparation
- Basic data analysis (Knowing how to ask and answer basic questions using data)
- Advanced data analysis (big data, predictive analytics, etc.)
- Data visualization & communication/ Data storytelling
- Other

**If "Other", what skills does your organization need the most help developing?**

#### **Participating in the Chicago School of Data Project**

- I'm interested in helping get more organizations to participate in the Chicago School of Data Project
- I'd like to receive updates about the project and participate in stakeholder meetings
- I'm interested in a follow-up conversation with Smart Chicago about my organization
- I'm willing to have my organization be a data ambassador to other organizations like ours
- I'm interested in sharing some of my organizations successes with a wider group of stakeholders
- I'm interested in meeting with organizations like mine to discuss solutions to shared data challenges

**Anything else to add about your organization or about this project?**

**How did you hear about this project? \***