Ignite Showcase: Part I

Wednesday morning 11:00 – 11:20 a.m.

These 5-minute presentations give a lightning-quick overview of a project or technology.

Informing the Conversation on Economic Mobility in Charlotte
Laura Simmons, University of North Carolina-Charlotte
Intergenerational economic mobility (or the lack thereof) is a prevalent issue facing communities across the country. Charlotte is now in the midst of a major community initiative – the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Economic Opportunity Task Force – to build economic mobility and access to opportunity. Over the past year, the UNC Charlotte Urban Institute (with some help from friends at the City, County, and Federal Reserve) has provided research and data support to the Opportunity Task Force. Learn more about the efforts and some of the lessons learned along the way.

Poverty, Race, Place and Young Children: Building Social Capital and Strengthening Families
Charlie Bruner, Children and Family Policy Center
In America, poverty, race, and place are very intertwined and have particularly important implications to the healthy development of young children. Poverty, health, and early childhood scholars are coming to a common recognition that strengthening families in their communities is key to addressing poverty and its impacts. This presentation provides illustrative data to suggest that NNIP partners have the opportunity to play a particular role in providing information to make the case for action at a neighborhood level. It shows that, through combining Census data with other data about services and supports available for young children, NNIP partners can identify opportunities for community-building approaches within poor neighborhoods that build social capital and strengthen families.

Custom Portals: Expanding the use of Greater Portland Pulse through customized data
Liza Morehead, Portland State University
Greater Portland Pulse is an indicators tool serving the seven-county Portland metro area. We are expanding our reach through the creation of custom data portals to track data that better serves the needs of our partners. The custom data allows us to reach more people and access new sources of data. It also presents logistical challenges.

A City on the Rise… But Whose?
Norma Garza, CI:Now
This presentation will provide an introduction to San Antonio and cover some of the key issues facing the city and surrounding region. San Antonio continues to grow rapidly. However, despite the economic and job growth, the poverty level is high, and income inequality is problematic. Despite the "brain gain" of highly educated in-migrants, educational attainment remains flat among San Antonio-born residents, and the high school dropout rate varies by school district.