

## **NNIP Showcase, Part 1**

Wednesday afternoon 1:30 – 2:00 p.m.

These 5-minute presentations give a lightning-quick overview of our new NNIP Partners and their work.

### **New Partner Showcase: Durham**

**John Killen**, DataWorks NC

DataWorks is an independent data intermediary based in Durham, North Carolina. They are dedicated to democratizing the use of quantitative information, engaging in partnerships where data and analysis blend with lived experience and shared stories.

DataWorks NC works with neighbors, non-profits, public agencies, and other partners in social benefit to advance community programming and public discourse. They provide comprehensive neighborhood indicators with the Neighborhood Compass, technical assistance and custom analysis, and collaborative learning opportunities.

Their mission is to democratize data to facilitate an empowered, productive, and equitable community. To that end, they have outlined three primary areas of focus for their work: engage communities with data, convene and contribute to community conversations, and provide community data tools.

### **New Partner Showcase: Milwaukee**

**Katie Pritchard**, Data You Can Use

DATA YOU CAN USE was created in 2016 by a diverse group of local professionals who help people access data and make it useful in improving community conditions.

Data You Can Use connects people who need data to people who have data and assist in accessing, analyzing, translating, interpreting and presenting data. They help the Milwaukee community ask the right questions to get the right data, put it into a local context, present it visually and put it to work in addressing issues important to you.

Their staff works to democratize data by building local capacity, sharing best practices and helping users sort through the data to surface, explain and address issues of concern. The organization brings technical expertise, knowledge of local context, the ability to convene and collaborate with multiple stakeholders and trust. The organization is also aligning efforts with the Milwaukee Data Initiative and the Code for America Brigade, broadening the base and strengthening the effort.

### **Opioid Addiction Is a National Crisis...And It's twice as bad in Massachusetts**

**Luc Schuster**, Boston Indicators

The opioid crisis has received a good deal of public attention, but the actual scale of the crisis may be even worse than you think. In this showcase, Luc Schuster of Boston Indicators will present research into what's causing the crisis and what likely does (and

does not) explain why Massachusetts has an opioid-related death rate that's 2x the national rate. While this research is largely focused on Massachusetts, it includes national data and makes several 50-state comparisons, so hopefully this will still be of interest to all!