

Ignite Showcase: Part II

Thursday morning 11:15 – 11:45 a.m.

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

SAVI's New Online Community Assessment Tool

Sharon Kandris, Indiana University-Purdue University

SAVI soon will be launching a new tool to support United Way and other nonprofits in Central Indiana. This easy-to-use tool walks users through a community assessment framework and allows them to define a custom geographic area, view dashboards, and drill into interactive data visualizations. The data format makes it easy for nonprofits to understand needs, socio-economic and geographic disparities, existing programming, and gaps in their service area. After completing their assessment, users can download a custom report in an editable Microsoft Word format. This tool is a big improvement in usability and technology for SAVI users.

Changing the Game: The Power of a Single Indicator

Spencer Cowan, Woodstock Institute

This presentation will show the way that an indicator, specifically tailored to the interests of policy makers, can be used to change policy. Woodstock Institute took a statewide indicator, the number of private-sector workers without access to a retirement savings plan at work, and broke it down to the level of every legislative district in the state. Woodstock and its allies were then able to use those separate indicators to build support in the Illinois legislature to pass the Illinois Secure Choice Savings Plan, becoming the first state in the nation to implement a state sponsored automatic enrollment retirement savings plan for private-sector workers.

Community Surveying as Engagement and Benchmarking

Jodi Petersen, Grand Valley State University

While community data are available on multiple indicators, data on resident perceptions and attitudes are often limited. When such data do exist, sample sizes are often too small to allow for disaggregation by demographic and geographic factors. VoiceGR is a community survey of greater Grand Rapids residents that seeks to provide data on this topic while also serving as an engagement opportunity for residents and nonprofits. This presentation will discuss the purpose of the survey, an overview of the methodology and its current utility.

NNIP Partner Participation Scorecards

Rob Pitingolo, Urban Institute

Partnership in NNIP comes with the expectation that organizations will participate in the network and act as stewards of NNIP. Ways partners participate include attending twice-yearly meetings, presenting in online idea showcases, updating the NNIP website, and maintaining a data inventory. With consultation from the NNIP Executive Committee, Rob has created a simple scorecard that tracks how thoroughly each partner organization is participating in NNIP and compares those metrics against the median for the entire network.