

***NNIP***

***Partner Reports***

***May 2010***

NATIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD INDICATORS PARTNERSHIP  
AND THE URBAN INSTITUTE

As a requirement of membership in NNIP, NNIP local partners agree to submit to the partnership a summary of their key accomplishments twice a year so Urban Institute staff and their local peers can learn about the wealth of activities occurring at the local level.

While only circulated internally to date, we are now posting them publically in response to interest from funders of local NNIP organizations and from others involved in applications of neighborhood indicators. Please note that these are intended as informal, summary reports and do not reflect all of the partners' work over this time period.



	Atlanta	Baltimore	Boston	Camden	Chattanooga
<b>Comprehensive Indicators</b>					
Regional neighborhood indicators	X				X
City-wide neighborhood indicators		X		X	X
<b>Demographic Analysis</b>					
Demographics/population estimates	X			X	X
Births/deaths				X	X
Migration					
Immigration/naturalization					
<b>Neighborhood Analysis</b>					
Neighborhood market trends					X
Neighborhood typology	X				X
Property conditions				X	X
In-depth individual neighborhood analysis		X	X	X	X
<b>Neighborhood Economic Development</b>					
Workforce/employment	X	X		X	
Social Compact drilldown		X			
Retail development/grocery stores	X	X			X
Impact of new/potential development		X	X		
<b>Housing</b>					
Mortgage lending/foreclosures	X	X	X		
HOPE VI, subsidized housing					
Affordable housing issues					
Homelessness					
<b>Children/Education</b>					
Child wellbeing	X	X			
Early childhood/school readiness	X				X
Schools and teachers		X		X	X
Student mobility		X			
Literacy (adult or child)					
Student achievement (levels/gaps)	X	X		X	
<b>Health and Safety</b>					
Health conditions/disparities	X			X	
Hospitalizations			X	X	
Health care costs/budgets				X	
Weight and obesity					
Crime conditions/trends		X		X	
Prisoner reentry					X
<b>Social and Financial Services</b>					
Services needs assessment					
EITC, financial training/services					
Public Assistance (welfare; food stamps)					
<b>Arts and Culture</b>					
<b>Government Operations</b>					
Budget and taxes				X	X
Performance measurement					X
<b>Other (please list):</b>					
				X	

	Chicago	Cleveland	Columbus	Dallas	Denver	Des Moines
<b>Comprehensive Indicators</b>						
Regional neighborhood indicators				X		
City-wide neighborhood indicators			X	X		
<b>Demographic Analysis</b>						
Demographics/population estimates			X		X	X
Births/deaths			X	X	X	
Migration			X			X
Immigration/naturalization						X
<b>Neighborhood Analysis</b>						
Neighborhood market trends	X	X	X			
Neighborhood typology			X			
Property conditions	X	X	X			X
In-depth individual neighborhood analysis		X		X	X	
<b>Neighborhood Economic Development</b>						
Workforce/employment	X		X			X
Social Compact drilldown						
Retail development/grocery stores						X
Impact of new/potential development			X			
<b>Housing</b>						
Mortgage lending/foreclosures		X				X
HOPE VI, subsidized housing			X		X	
Affordable housing issues	X		X	X	X	X
Homelessness		X				
<b>Children/Education</b>						
Child wellbeing				X	X	
Early childhood/school readiness		X			X	X
Schools and teachers			X		X	X
Student mobility			X		X	
Literacy (adult or child)						X
Student achievement (levels/gaps)			X			X
<b>Health and Safety</b>						
Health conditions/disparities				X		
Hospitalizations						
Health care costs/budgets				X		
Weight and obesity						
Crime conditions/trends						
Prisoner reentry			X			
<b>Social and Financial Services</b>						
Services needs assessment			X	X		
EITC, financial training/services						
Public Assistance (welfare; food stamps)		X	X			
<b>Arts and Culture</b>						
<b>Government Operations</b>						
Budget and taxes						
Performance measurement						
<b>Other (please list):</b>						

	Grand Rapids	Hartford	Indianapolis	Louisville	Memphis	Miami
<b>Comprehensive Indicators</b>	X					
Regional neighborhood indicators	X	X	X		X	
City-wide neighborhood indicators		X			X	
<b>Demographic Analysis</b>	X			X		
Demographics/population estimates		X		X		X
Births/deaths	X				X	
Migration						
Immigration/naturalization						
<b>Neighborhood Analysis</b>				X		
Neighborhood market trends					X	
Neighborhood typology					X	
Property conditions				X	X	
In-depth individual neighborhood analysis			X	X	X	
<b>Neighborhood Economic Development</b>				X		
Workforce/employment		X		X		
Social Compact drilldown				X		
Retail development/grocery stores						
Impact of new/potential development		X				
<b>Housing</b>	X			X		
Mortgage lending/foreclosures	X			X	X	
HOPE VI, subsidized housing			X			
Affordable housing issues	X				X	
Homelessness						
<b>Children/Education</b>				X		
Child wellbeing		X		X	X	X
Early childhood/school readiness				X	X	X
Schools and teachers				X		
Student mobility						
Literacy (adult or child)				X		
Student achievement (levels/gaps)				X		
<b>Health and Safety</b>	X		X			
Health conditions/disparities		X			X	
Hospitalizations						
Health care costs/budgets		X				
Weight and obesity	X					
Crime conditions/trends	X	X			X	
Prisoner reentry						
<b>Social and Financial Services</b>						
Services needs assessment		X				
EITC, financial training/services						
Public Assistance (welfare; food stamps)						
<b>Arts and Culture</b>						
<b>Government Operations</b>						
Budget and taxes						
Performance measurement						
<b>Other (please list):</b>						
		X				

	Milwaukee	Twin Cities	Nashville	New Haven	New Orleans	NYC
<b>Comprehensive Indicators</b>				X		
Regional neighborhood indicators		X				X
City-wide neighborhood indicators	X	X		X		X
<b>Demographic Analysis</b>						
Demographics/population estimates	X	X			X	X
Births/deaths	X					X
Migration						
Immigration/naturalization						X
<b>Neighborhood Analysis</b>				X		
Neighborhood market trends		X				X
Neighborhood typology						X
Property conditions		X		X	X	X
In-depth individual neighborhood analysis	X	X		X		X
<b>Neighborhood Economic Development</b>						
Workforce/employment		X			X	
Social Compact drilldown						
Retail development/grocery stores		X		X		
Impact of new/potential development		X				X
<b>Housing</b>				X		
Mortgage lending/foreclosures		X		X		X
HOPE VI, subsidized housing					X	
Affordable housing issues		X			X	X
Homelessness				X	X	X
<b>Children/Education</b>				X		
Child wellbeing	X			X		X
Early childhood/school readiness	X					
Schools and teachers	X				X	X
Student mobility	X					X
Literacy (adult or child)						
Student achievement (levels/gaps)	X					
<b>Health and Safety</b>				X		
Health conditions/disparities	X	X		X		
Hospitalizations						
Health care costs/budgets						
Weight and obesity				X		
Crime conditions/trends				X		X
Prisoner reentry						
<b>Social and Financial Services</b>				X		
Services needs assessment	X					
EITC, financial training/services						
Public Assistance (welfare; food stamps)				X		
<b>Arts and Culture</b>		X				
<b>Government Operations</b>						
Budget and taxes						
Performance measurement						
<b>Other (please list):</b>						
		X			X	

	Oakland	Philadelphia	Pittsburgh	Portland
<b>Comprehensive Indicators</b>				
Regional neighborhood indicators		X		X
City-wide neighborhood indicators	X	X	X	X
<b>Demographic Analysis</b>				
Demographics/population estimates	X	X		X
Births/deaths				
Migration				
Immigration/naturalization				
<b>Neighborhood Analysis</b>				
Neighborhood market trends	X		X	
Neighborhood typology	X	X	X	
Property conditions	X		X	
In-depth individual neighborhood analysis			X	
<b>Neighborhood Economic Development</b>				
Workforce/employment	X	X	X	
Social Compact drilldown				
Retail development/grocery stores				
Impact of new/potential development				
<b>Housing</b>				
Mortgage lending/foreclosures	X	X	X	X
HOPE VI, subsidized housing			X	
Affordable housing issues			X	
Homelessness				
<b>Children/Education</b>				
Child wellbeing			X	
Early childhood/school readiness	X			
Schools and teachers		X	X	
Student mobility	X			
Literacy (adult or child)				
Student achievement (levels/gaps)		X	X	
<b>Health and Safety</b>				
Health conditions/disparities	X	X		
Hospitalizations	X			
Health care costs/budgets	X	X		
Weight and obesity				
Crime conditions/trends	X	X	X	
Prisoner reentry	X			
<b>Social and Financial Services</b>				
Services needs assessment	X			
EITC, financial training/services	X			
Public Assistance (welfare; food stamps)	X			
<b>Arts and Culture</b>				
<b>Government Operations</b>				
Budget and taxes		X	X	
Performance measurement	X			
<b>Other (please list):</b>	X--Regional growth, income-food stamps			

	Providence	Sacramento	St. Louis	Seattle	Washington
<b>Comprehensive Indicators</b>	X				
Regional neighborhood indicators		X		X	
City-wide neighborhood indicators		X		X	X
<b>Demographic Analysis</b>					X
Demographics/population estimates		X	X	X	X
Births/deaths		X			X
Migration					
Immigration/naturalization					
<b>Neighborhood Analysis</b>					
Neighborhood market trends			X		X
Neighborhood typology			X		
Property conditions			X		X
In-depth individual neighborhood analysis			X	X	X
<b>Neighborhood Economic Development</b>					
Workforce/employment		X	X		
Social Compact drilldown			X		
Retail development/grocery stores		X	X		
Impact of new/potential development					
<b>Housing</b>					
Mortgage lending/foreclosures		X	X	X	X
HOPE VI, subsidized housing					X
Affordable housing issues		X	X	X	X
Homelessness		X			
<b>Children/Education</b>					
Child wellbeing		X			X
Early childhood/school readiness		X			
Schools and teachers		X			X
Student mobility					X
Literacy (adult or child)					
Student achievement (levels/gaps)	X	X			X
<b>Health and Safety</b>	X				
Health conditions/disparities	X	X		X	
Hospitalizations					
Health care costs/budgets					
Weight and obesity		X		X	
Crime conditions/trends		X			X
Prisoner reentry					
<b>Social and Financial Services</b>					
Services needs assessment		X		X	
EITC, financial training/services		X		X	
Public Assistance (welfare; food stamps)		X			X
<b>Arts and Culture</b>					
<b>Government Operations</b>					
Budget and taxes				X	
Performance measurement				X	
<b>Other (please list):</b>					
			X		



## ***Atlanta***

### ATLANTA NEIGHBORHOOD INDICATORS PROJECT

May 2010

1. What are your key accomplishments since October 2009?

#### **Developed an Advisory Board for Neighborhood Nexus**

As part of the operating plan developed for us in conjunction with the Polis Center last fall, it was suggested that an advisory board be formed to help govern Neighborhood Nexus. That Board (or most of it) has now been selected.

#### **Developed a work plan for first three years of operation**

Related to the above item, we have completed a work plan to be presented to the Board during its first meeting – scheduled for May 5<sup>th</sup>. If accepted, the Advisory Board would have primary responsibility to raise funds to implement the plan. The plan calls for the creation of an indicators project to focus on health, education and income. We plan to use indicators from 11 data sets – I'll check off on the list the ones we intend to use.

2. What new activities are you working on?

#### **Mostly organization-building type stuff**

Holding lost of meeting with potential partners, writing work plans, seeking grant funds (from Knight), etc.

3. Have you acquired new data other than routine updates? Have you completed any notable system or web site improvements?

#### **Began to play around with OnTheMap data, but no new source of data as yet**

**Continue to develop WEAVE visualization platform, and we have an external copy running. (no “real” URL yet)**

4. What upcoming events/activities present an opportunity to showcase your work and NNIP?

#### **Neighborhood Summit – September 18, 2010**

Event targeted at neighborhood leaders. Last year more than 500 people showed up. Neighborhood Nexus hosted a section to show what was, at that point, upcoming. By September, we hope to have them something real to show

# ***Baltimore***

## BALTIMORE NEIGHBORHOOD INDICATORS ALLIANCE

May 2010

1. What are your key accomplishments since October 2009?

### **BNIA-JFI Website**

BNIA-JFI released a new website with data, charts, maps, and neighborhood information in March 2010. The website allows greater flexibility and timeliness in releasing data, information, and analyses and reports created by BNIA-JFI. In addition, the website allows users to subscribe to receive updates and to pose questions to BNIA-JFI staff. The website was created by the Community Center for Technology Services (CCTS) and funded by the University of Baltimore and the Annie E. Casey Foundation.

<http://www.bniajfi.org>

### **Vital Signs 8 (2008)**

BNIA-JFI released its Vital Signs 8 report for Baltimore City in March 2010. This report provided data for over 80 indicators at the City and Community Statistical Area (CSA). The report examined both neighborhood and City-wide data and trends for 2000 to 2008. The report received excellent media coverage (Baltimore Sun, Baltimore Daily Record, Baltimore Business Journal, and WYPR news – radio interview).

<http://www.bniajfi.org/vs/vitalsigns>

### **State of the Downtown 2009**

BNIA-JFI conducted a survey of employment trends of businesses located within Baltimore City's downtown area. The results of the survey were included in the Downtown Partnership of Baltimore's annual State of the Downtown Report. BNIA-JFI also assisted with an analysis of the residents and employees in the downtown area.

[http://www.godowntownbaltimore.com/publications/sodt/2009\\_sodt.pdf](http://www.godowntownbaltimore.com/publications/sodt/2009_sodt.pdf)

### **Baltimore City Foreclosure Filings - Interactive Map**

BNIA-JFI created, updates, and maintains an interactive map of foreclosures in Baltimore City by neighborhood from 2007 to 2010. The map is updated on a monthly basis with new foreclosure filings. This map is funded by the Baltimore Homeownership Preservation Coalition and is used by numerous groups in Baltimore to track foreclosure activity and in foreclosure prevention interventions.

<http://www.ubalt.edu/bnia/maps.cfm>

### **Truancy Program Evaluation**

BNIA-JFI provided a series of maps used in an evaluation for one of the State of Maryland's student truancy programs implemented on the Eastern Shore. The evaluation was being conducted by the University of Maryland, Baltimore - School of Social Work.

### **Baltimore Community Engagement Initiative**

BNIA-JFI provided the Baltimore Community Foundation with data and a series of maps that were used to select areas to create a volunteer-driven initiative and to help identify the program issues that would be addressed by the volunteers.

2. What new activities are you working on?

#### **Effects of Foreclosure on Children – Baltimore City**

BNIA-JFI is working on a NNIP cross-site project examining the affects of foreclosures on children. This project will count the number of children affected by foreclosure in Baltimore City's neighborhoods from the 2003/2004 to the 2008/2009 school year and provide a picture of the demographic characteristics of these students as well as their neighborhoods and schools.

#### **Exterior Grant Repair Analysis**

BNIA-JFI is working on an analysis of the exterior grant repair program implemented in the former Baltimore City Empowerment Zone. BNIA-JFI will examine the neighborhood changes that occurred in housing in an attempt to measure the effectiveness of the program and its ability to stabilize the neighborhood.

#### **Walker Development**

BNIA-JFI will be providing a DrillDown snapshot and neighborhood data for a development project that will include a Wal-Mart, Lowes, a grocery store, and other uses in Baltimore City.

#### **Central Baltimore Partnership Program Tracking**

BNIA-JFI is providing data for several indicators used to measure success for four programs being implemented in the Station North/Central Baltimore neighborhood. These programs include housing, safety, sanitation, and code enforcement.

#### **East Baltimore Data Profile**

BNIA-JFI is in discussions to provide the Annie E. Casey Foundation a customized data profile of the residents and conditions within a tailored geographic area in East Baltimore City.

#### **University of Maryland, Baltimore Promise Neighborhoods**

BNIA-JFI has proposed to partner with the Urban Institute to evaluate the creation and implementation of a Promise Neighborhood program in the Upton neighborhood in West Baltimore.

3. Have you acquired new data other than routine updates? Have you completed any notable system or web site improvements?

#### **BNIA-JFI Website**

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<http://www.bnijfi.org>

4. What upcoming events/activities present an opportunity to showcase your work and NNIP?

**Foreclosure Crisis and Our Neighborhoods**

April 29, 2010

*Baltimore, Maryland*

<http://www.cphabaltimore.org/>

**A Dialogue on Urban Education Policy: Conditions for Success**

May 17, 2010

*Baltimore, Maryland*

<http://www.abagmd.org/>

## ***Boston***

BOSTON INDICATORS PROJECT

METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COUNCIL METROBOSTON DATACOMMON

May 2010

### **Open Indicators Consortium (OIC): WEAVE Application**

The Boston Indicators project and MAPC continues work with other NNIP partners (Providence, New Haven, Atlanta, Columbus) and others in the Open Indicators Consortium (OIC) coordinated at UMass-Lowell. Over the past month, we in Boston have created ten applications of Weave, the open source software in development, utilizing local data to demonstrate the power of this new visualization tool -- from 3<sup>rd</sup> grade reading proficiency scores in all Boston public schools by all student cohorts to monthly unemployment rates for all Massachusetts municipalities. The Massachusetts Department of Early Education has joined the OIC as its newest member, and the National Alliance of Community Economic Development Associations (NACEDA), as part of their Managing Neighborhood Change Collaborative (MNC) Competitions, presented an award to OIC, and will be including Weave (when it is released to the public) as part of the MNC toolbox for Community Development Corporations. We anticipate that the Weave platform will be released free of charge to the public and nonprofit sectors in late 2010 or early 2011.

Open Indicators Website

<http://www.openindicators.org/>

### **Knight Foundation Grant to Develop Dashboards Using WEAVE**

The Open Indicators Consortium (OIC) received additional funding from the Knight Foundation to develop dashboards or novice level user interfaces. The four community partners who will be involved in this grant are the Boston Indicators Project and MAPC, The Rhode Island Foundation and The Providence Plan, UMass Lowell and the Lowell Community Foundation and the New Haven Community Foundation. The dashboards will use charts, tables, and maps to visualize relevant secondary data and track foundation program inputs and how they change over time. Boston's applications of the dash boards monitor the progress of the TBF nine program goals measure the regions progress for the Equity Report Card as well as to track the region's progress in achieving MetroFuture.

**Fifth biennial Boston Indicators Report released at a civic leadership forum with Governor Deval Patrick as featured speaker.** Project Director Charlotte Kahn showed that Suffolk County is now one of the nation's most unequal counties, with a concentrated "geography of inequality" in specific neighborhoods and those at greatest risk increasing as a percentage of the population. The report calls for "bending the curve" in educational attainment for African Americans and Latinos, placing "health in front of the health care cart," job growth and a focus on the effects of recent tax policy. Governor Deval Patrick said that the report shows that "the distance between our neighbors is growing," and that he will use it to track progress on educational goals. Boston Mayor Thomas Menino's Chief of Staff said that, "the Mayor relies on Boston Indicators Reports to tell us where we are making progress and what isn't working... We need to be more creative and persistent when it comes to addressing disparities in our city." John LaWare Leadership Forum of civic, community, academic and business leaders, Federal Reserve Bank of Boston auditorium.

*A Great Reckoning: Healing a Growing Divide*, summary findings of the updated web-based indicators report in 10 sectors

Boston Indicators Project website

[www.bostonindicators.org](http://www.bostonindicators.org)

### **MetroBoston DataCommon (MBDC)**

MAPC and the Boston Indicators Project continue to provide data to the region through this online data mapping resource, which had 4,557 unique visitors over the past six months and displayed 39,608 maps. MAPC also held 9 trainings and trained nearly 50 new users. Some of the most popular layers show population, employment and household projections, poverty and income indicators, information on home mortgages and subprime loans, E. coli monitoring data and bicycle trails. In preparation for the next generation of the MBDC (migrating to Weave software), MAPC is conducting user testing to better understand what our users currently like and what they would like changed. In-house usability tests are an efficient way to help guarantee a user-friendly and improved service through the MBDC web portal. Our testing was conducted based on Steve Krug's popular usability testing guide "Rocket Surgery Made Easy". One result was a simple adjustment to help users understand the functionality of the DataMapTool. That fix, completed within about two hours, led to utilization of two and half times more MBDC maps. Testing of our current site will also help to inform the upcoming design process user interface(s) for Weave.

The MetroBoston DataCommon, a partnership between MAPC and the Boston Indicators Project

[www.metrobostondatacommon.org](http://www.metrobostondatacommon.org)

### **Mystic River Electronic Environmental Atlas, Local Application of a New Open Source Resource**

MAPC Data Services created the Mystic River Electronic Environmental Atlas (EEA), another Data Common Affiliate Site. The EEA is an online mapping tool that makes available a wide range of geographic data collected by the Mystic River Watershed Association about water quality of the Mystic River and features in the Mystic River watershed. The EEA also provides access to the Data Common data repository. In addition to the Data Common tools, Data Services developed an interactive map based on Open Source Software, with an easy-to-use map interface where users can click on a feature to get descriptions, charts or photos.

Mystic River Electronic Atlas

<http://maps.mapc.org/myrwa/>

Mystic River DataCommon Affiliate Site

<http://www.metrobostondatacommon.org/mysticriver/>

### **Preparing for Economic Recovery in Ireland: Exploring an All Island Indicators Project**

Charlotte Kahn, Boston Indicators Project Director, and Holly St. Clair, MAPC's Director of Data Services, were invited by the International Center for Local and Regional Development (ICRLD) to speak at its conference titled *Preparing for Economic Recovery: Planning Ireland, North and South, out of Recession*. The ICLRD is focused on building the capacity of regional and local authorities, development agencies, border networks and community and voluntary organizations

to manage spatial planning on the island of Ireland as a whole. This conference was attended by 130 people representing central, regional and local government, elected representatives, policy-makers, cross-border networks, community activists, academics and representatives of the business community. Holly's presentation entitled *Efficiencies in Service Provision through Spatial Planning: The Role of Information in Building Inter-jurisdictional Cooperation* highlighted MAPC's work in two arenas: community indicators and inter-municipal collaboration. Before the conference, Holly and Charlotte held a workshop with local think tanks and regional officials on how to create an "All Island" Indicators project. Workshop participants learned about the Boston Indicators Project, the MAPC/BIP MetroBoston DataCommon and our biennial conference Data Day. They expressed strong interest in adopting similar models.

Conference Website

<http://www.crossborder.ie/discuss/events/preparing-for-economic-recovery-planning-ireland-north-and-south-out-of-recession/>

### **Census 2010 Activities- Technical Role and Outreach**

The Metropolitan Area Planning Council is an Official Census affiliate and has been actively preparing the Boston Region for the 2010 Census, with a technical role in reviewing base files such as LUCA and, more recently, the Primary Statistical Area Program that modifies Census boundaries -- using both a regional and a local strategy. Through media outreach -- press releases for the two weeks before Census Day on April 1 and two weeks after focused on connecting reporters to Census mail-in response rates and technical issues of undercounted populations, with links to local human interest stories -- there were numerous press hits in newspaper and on the radio.

MAPC Interactive Mail in Response Rate map and Census Materials

<http://www.mapc.org/data-services/census-2010>

Example of Media Coverage: Front Page Globe Article

[http://www.bostoncom/business/articles/2010/04/07/urban\\_areas\\_slower\\_to\\_answer\\_census/](http://www.bostoncom/business/articles/2010/04/07/urban_areas_slower_to_answer_census/)

### **Census 2010: Target Outreach to Hard-to-Count Populations**

The Massachusetts Census Equity Fund, funded in part by the Boston Foundation, was created to fund direct outreach to hard to count population. MAPC was awarded one of the grants to conduct outreach to Asian communities in Metropolitan Boston. MAPC worked with the Asian Community Development Corporation (ACDC) and the South Cove Community Health Center (South Cove) to increase the 2010 Census mail-in response rate in the Asian communities of Greater Boston by 5%. The centerpiece of the regional strategy will be the formation of an Asian Complete Count Committee.

Attendees included media, municipalities, non-profits and social service groups. Strategizing with attendees and mapping their outreach to geographic concentrations of Asian populations revealed that South Asian (Pakistanis, Bangladeshis, Bhutanese, Nepalese, Sri Lankans, and people from the Maldives) communities were being overlooked. Holly St. Clair held a Census training for the staff of South Cove Community, the largest Asian focused community health center in New England serving over 24,000 individuals over the next 3 months. Holly strategized with the health center employees about how they could engage patients in discussion around the 2010 Census as those patients made visits to departments such as pediatrics, social

services, or dentistry. All of this work will be highlighted and enhanced through a regional public relations campaign targeting Asian media. Outreach materials in multiple Asian languages were developed that explained the importance of Census and featured a booklet which could be lined up with the Census form for translation. Although outreach was conducted throughout month the largest push was on April 10 “March to the Mailbox” day. MAPC/ACDC held events in Quincy and Malden T stations, we distributed more than 1,000 copies of our flyer, 300 shirts, 300 hats, and more. The visibility event involved 45 volunteers. ]

Chinese language Census pamphlet

[http://www.asiancdc.org/files/uploadsfile/censusbooklet-forprint%20\(2\).pdf](http://www.asiancdc.org/files/uploadsfile/censusbooklet-forprint%20(2).pdf)

### **Participatory Chinatown Urban Planning Video Game: A new way to use Data in a public participation format for planning**

In an effort to redefine the community planning process and better engage youth in local planning meetings, MAPC, the Asian Community Development Corporation (ACDC), and Emerson College’s New Media program, have partnered to create Participatory Chinatown, a fully-immersive, 3D game that puts residents in the driver’s seat as they shape the future of their neighborhood. Community members complete “quests” as one of the game’s virtual residents, allowing them to walk the neighborhood streets in someone else’s shoes.

MAPC just completed the series of meetings and everyone was so engaged at the meetings. There is a four minute video on the project website that gives you a sense of the excitement in the room. It is really taking this idea of using data to make decisions to a different level. We found video games really do appeal to the under 30 demographic who are usually missing from planning meetings. We were lucky to have a positive Globe editorial that agrees this approach is compelling.]

Due in part to the blogging, videos, graphics and youth participation, the project caught the attention of the MacArthur Foundation, the project’s funder, and the White House. The Participatory Chinatown team has been invited to Washington DC to be show-cased by MacArthur and the White House to kick off National Lab Day.

Globe Editorial on Participatory Chinatown

[http://www.boston.com/bostonglobe/editorial\\_opinion/editorials/articles/2010/05/06/chinatown\\_the\\_video\\_game/](http://www.boston.com/bostonglobe/editorial_opinion/editorials/articles/2010/05/06/chinatown_the_video_game/)

Participatory Chinatown Website and link to Video

<http://www.participatorychinatown.org/> .

We actively utilized social media in this project.

<http://twitter.com/ChinatownDML>

### **CDC Foreclosure Mapping**

MAPC, Data Services worked with the Codman Square Neighborhood Development Corporation and the Southwest Boston Community Development Corporation to map foreclosure sites in their respective areas. This series of maps allows the neighborhood organizations to locate concentrations of foreclosed properties, find patterns of foreclosure over time, see how properties of different types (single-family homes, multi-unit apartment buildings,



condos, etc.) differ, and identify where properties have successfully been sold out of foreclosure or where they remain “real estate owned” by the foreclosing banks.

Data Services has also recently released a new data layer on the MetroBoston DataCommon that identifies the location and reach of organizations that offer foreclosure and home buying assistance, which should prove useful for those facing the possibility or act of foreclosure as well as for those looking to become responsible new homeowners of the many properties that have changed hands.

### **Open Data Advocacy- Ignite Spatial: Boston and Massachusetts Open Data Initiative**

On Dec 2, MAPC Data Services staff made presentations at the “Ignite Spatial: Boston” event, held at Microsoft New England Research & Development (NERD). “Ignites” are technology-related events where each speaker delivers a five-minute presentation; PowerPoint slides advance automatically every 15 seconds, ensuring a fast-paced, concise, and exciting event. “Ignite Spatial” narrows the theme to spatial topics. Holly St. Clair presented the “10 Most Wanted Datasets”, and GIS Analyst Christian Spanring presented on potential municipal applications of a “crowd-sourced” mapping project known as OpenStreetMap. The audience of 120 people comprised an interesting mix of representatives from industry, the public sector, media, academia, and non-profit organizations. As a result of this presentation Holly St. Clair was asked to be on the Massachusetts State Government’s committee to guide its New Open Data Initiative. The Massachusetts Open Data Initiative was recently unveiled and seeks to make data gathered by state level departments open to the public and developers.

Top Ten Most Wanted Datasets Presentation

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z2CJ-JalG2A>

What Can Town’s Learn from Open Street Map

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gC2ZPID\\_rXU](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gC2ZPID_rXU)

Massachusetts Open Data Initiative

<https://wiki.state.ma.us/confluence/display/data/Open+Data+Initiative+Home;jsessionid=039BEF31EE722679D1987006B24A9620>

### **Building and Maintaining a Map of Locations for Structures with Addresses**

MAPC, MassGIS, and two other RPAs received a grant application to the National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI) Cooperative Agreements Program (CAP). The grant would be used to develop support development of “point data” for every address and structure in the state. This would be a dramatic improvement over the best currently available address data, which estimates the geographic location of a specific address based on the range of addresses on a given road segment. This grant will help to develop and prototype a scalable methodology that would be applied to all 351 municipalities in the State.

Grant Summary

<http://www.fgdc.gov/grants/2010CAP/projects/G10AC00206>

### **A new Report for Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA)**

MAPC Data Services delivered the final report analyzing the enrollment impacts of school construction and renovation. The report, entitled “If You Build It, Do They Come?” describes the small but statistically significant increase in enrollment patterns that are likely to occur after a new or renovated school opens.

The report was based on a multivariate model that includes over 40,000 grade-years of data from schools with and without construction, and incorporates other factors that may influence enrollment, such as growth rates, income, and MCAS scores. The report includes specific recommendations for adjustments to the MSBA enrollment projection methodology to account for the phenomenon. This report has not yet been released to the public.

# Camden

CAMCONNECT

May 2010

1. What are your key accomplishments since October 2009?

## **Camden Comprehensive Health Database**

CamConnect maintains the Camden Health Database, a collection of all inpatient/emergency room visits for all Camden residents at the city's three hospitals. Variables collected include name, address, age, race/ethnicity, diagnosis(es), insurance status, and hospital charges/receipts. The data is used to track several intervention programs working to manage the city's 'high-utilizers'. CamConnect receives semiannual updates from each of the three hospitals, with data currently added through 2008.

Perspectives in Health Information Management: Hope for New Jersey's City Hospitals: The Camden Initiative.

<http://camconnect.org/datalogue/HopeForNJHospitals.pdf>

## **Transit Analysis Supporting an Additional Camden Stop on a Proposed Light Rail Transit (LRT) Line**

CamConnect partnered with Heart of Camden, a local Community Development Corporation, to analyze the viability of an additional station stop on the proposed Glassboro-Camden Light Rail Line. The longest gap between proposed stations was located in Camden (2.53 miles compared to average of 1.28 miles). CamConnect analyzed the effect of adding a 4<sup>th</sup> stop in the city on ridership and accessibility based on current demographic and economic trends as well as the potential for future growth based on in-process and planned development in the area. The analysis was presented to Delaware River Port Authority CEO who has pledged tentative support and further investigation of an additional station. The line is currently under environmental impact assessment.

## **Member of the Camden Census Complete Count Committee**

With close to \$400 billion in federal/state grant money awarded annually as well as determining political representation over the next decade, CamConnect played an active role in guiding the city's promotion of the 2010 Census. Every Census tract in Camden is considered "Hard to Count" by the Census Bureau - most (18 out of 21) falling into the 10% of the hardest to count nationwide. CamConnect produced a series of reports on the Census, presented to organizations and city officials to raise awareness, and distributed key Census materials (QAC locations) throughout the community. As the mail-back deadline recently passed, Camden's response rate increased 2 percent between 2000 and 2010, from 57% to 59% while the state response rate decreased 1 percent.

Press coverage: Census Months Away, But Promoting Begins in NJ

<http://camconnect.org/datalogue/Census%20Months%20Away,%20CBS3.pdf>

Camden's Count in the 2010 Census

<http://camconnect.org/fact/census.html>

2. What new activities are you working on?

**Childhood Obesity Prevention Initiative**

CamConnect recently partnered with the YMCA of Burlington County to create a city-wide partnership that will build a sustainable system to support active lifestyles and better nutrition via policy and environmental change strategies. CamConnect will be collecting school BMI data and other metrics.

**The Cost of Vacancy and Abandonment in Camden**

While vacancy is widely recognized as a major problem in Camden, little quantifiable information exists on the subject. With different components of the vacancy puzzle falling into numerous government departments, tracking abandonment and facilitating reinvestment is a cumbersome task. CamConnect is working to compile an up-to-date database of vacant properties as well as to understand the cost the city and its residents incur by maintaining these properties (fires, safety issues etc.) versus the cost to demolish.

**Press coverage on vacancy in Camden:**

Camden Must Move on Empty Houses

<http://camconnect.org/datalogue/Camden%20must%20move%20on%20empty%20buildings.pdf>

Camden's 'ugliest house' a hazard, but still standing

<http://camconnect.org/datalogue/Camden's%20ugliest%20house.pdf>

**Monitoring the Progress of Camden's 'Eds & Meds'**

Camden's key anchor institutions, the 'Eds & Meds', include 4 health care institutions, 3 colleges, and 1 medical school. CamConnect has been retained to collect, manage, and map key human, physical, and financial capital stats of these institutions to produce an annual local impact and progress report.

3. Have you acquired new data other than routine updates? Have you completed any notable system or web site improvements?

**PATCO & Riverline Data**

New fare systems on PATCO's high-speed line (Camden suburbs to Philadelphia) and the Riverline (Camden to Trenton) have generated large amounts of transit data that CamConnect is using to monitor the flow of people in and out of the city and the role of Camden in the health of the transit system. Ultimately, these numbers will be combined with several other sources to measure the city's daytime population as a vitality and live/work balance indicator.

PATCO Daily Ridership

<http://camconnect.org/datalogue/PATCODailyRidership.pdf>

**FDIC Broadband Data**

As the FDIC unveiled its National Broadband Plan, tract level data was made available on the percentage of "high-speed" (modestly defined) internet connections. Less than 1/3 of

Camden households have access to “high-speed” internet at home, with only 4 of 21 Census tracts having greater than 40% of households connected.

Internet Access In Camden

<http://camconnect.org/datalogue/InternetAccessInCamden.pdf>

### **Social Security Master Death Index**

CamConnect is using the SS death index to supplement the Camden Health Database and provide an extra source for vital statistics on the city.

### **Public Document Finder**

Howard Gillette writes, “In Camden, the condition of public records, like much of the rest of the city’s infrastructure, is extremely poor... Records of public works are stashed in impossible environmental conditions in attic space above facility headquarters, without an index or any conscious effort to organize them.” (Camden After the Fall, 2005) In line with CamConnect’s mission to democratize access to information, CamConnect works to OPRA request and digitize all public documents and records and make them available to the general public. Using the open-source programming framework ‘Exhibit Simile’, we have developed a searchable online database of documents and are making the full-text of documents searchable.

[www.camconnect.org/publicdocuments](http://www.camconnect.org/publicdocuments)

4. What upcoming events/activities present an opportunity to showcase your work and NNIP?

### **The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Data Fair: Information as a Tool for Civic Engagement (*just passed*)**

The Data Fair is an annual opportunity for organizations working in the Camden community to showcase interesting and innovative ways of employing data to support their work. Press coverage here: [Data Unit Argues for Transit Stop](#).

*April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010*

*Camden, NJ*

[www.camconnect.org/datafair](http://www.camconnect.org/datafair)

# Chattanooga

OCHS CENTER FOR METROPOLITAN STUDIES

May 2010

1. What are your key accomplishments since October 2009 (headlines – the things you have done you believe to be most important – should include major reports or data presentations)

## **Ochs Center analysis of local visioning effort Stand**

In May 2009, Chattanooga Stand initiated a community visioning effort for the Chattanooga region. Over the course of five months, Stand staff and volunteers collected responses from over 26,000 Chattanooga area residents to four open-ended questions, designed to encourage thoughtful input on the region's assets, the challenges that it faces and what can be done to create the best future for Chattanooga through the visioning campaign that engaged tens of thousands of area residents. Stand contracted with the Ochs Center for Metropolitan Studies to assist in the compilation of the information from the questionnaires. The purpose of this report is to identify the most common themes that emerged from the Stand responses and to provide supplemental information and data—much of it from the 2006 and 2008 State of Chattanooga Region Reports—that relate to the identified challenges and opportunities in the Chattanooga region.

Chattanooga Stand results

[http://results.chattanoogastand.com/static-media/media/Ochs\\_Report\\_long.pdf](http://results.chattanoogastand.com/static-media/media/Ochs_Report_long.pdf)

## **Speech to Downtown Rotary Club**

President and CEO of the Ochs Center, David Eichenthal, gave a speech to the Rotary Club, using four numbers, 1, 20, 37 and 48, to illustrate the region's successes and challenges. Chattanooga is the only city to with more than 100,000 residents to have lost more than ten percent of its population in the 1980s and then gain population in the 1990s, hence the number one. Twenty is the percent of the city's population living in poverty. In Hamilton County, thirty seven percent of our children are born to mothers who receive no prenatal care until after their first trimester of pregnancy, if at all. Finally, the State of Tennessee is forty eighth in the nation in State spending per capita on public education. In his speech, Mr. Eichenthal used the first number to demonstrate the city's ability to overcome seemingly insurmountable odds, while he used the last three numbers to discuss how the city has more work to do in order to overcome its challenges.

David Eichenthal's Rotary Speech

[http://www.ochscenter.org/documents/rotaryspeech\\_12102009.pdf](http://www.ochscenter.org/documents/rotaryspeech_12102009.pdf)

## **A Spatial Analysis of Grocery Stores and Food Prices in the City of Chattanooga and Hamilton County**

**Description:** *Food Access and Price* is a follow up to a 2009 Ochs Center analysis that more than 70% of outlets that accept food stamps are “fringe food” outlets that often do not carry fresh produce. *Food and Price* found that while Hamilton County and Chattanooga residents overall have adequate access to grocery stores, residents in parts of the inner city of Chattanooga and the outlying areas of the county lack access and as a result pay higher prices for essential food items. The Ochs Center study also found that access is linked to price. Based on a market basket survey, residents of East Chattanooga and Highland Park/Bushtown – where there are no grocery stores, only fringe food outlets – pay prices for

food that are approximately thirty percent higher than the county average and approximately fifty percent higher than prices in East Ridge.

Food Access and Price

<http://ochscenter.org/documents/foodaccessandprice.pdf>

### **An analysis of School Readiness and the 2009-2010 Kindergarten Class in Hamilton County Schools**

This report is an analysis of a first ever survey of parents of children registering for kindergarten in Hamilton County. The Ochs Center survey was a follow up to an August 2008 report which found that one out of four children in Hamilton County were at risk of not being ready for school. The survey of 2,363 parents found that 19.5% of children were beginning school without any past participation in child care or preschool programs. Children whose mothers had less than a high school education – those most at risk of not being ready for school – were more than twice as likely (41.7%) not to have participated in a child care or preschool program: 28.1% of children of parents with a high school degree or GED had not participated in a program, compared to just 9.5% of children with parents with a college degree. The survey found that participation rates in child care programs were lowest for children between birth and age three.

School Readiness and the 2009-2010 Kindergarten Class in Hamilton County Schools

[http://ochscenter.org/documents/school\\_readiness.pdf](http://ochscenter.org/documents/school_readiness.pdf)

### **The Role of Metropolitan Areas as the Economic Engines of the State Economy**

*Metropolitan Tennessee* is a first-ever analysis of the role of the state's ten metropolitan areas in jobs, human capital and state tax revenue. These ten metropolitan areas cut across traditional divisions between rural, suburban and urban and are located in each of the state's grand divisions.

Metropolitan Tennessee: the Role of Metropolitan Areas as the Economic Engines of the State Economy

[http://www.ochscenter.org/documents/Metropolitan\\_Tennessee.pdf](http://www.ochscenter.org/documents/Metropolitan_Tennessee.pdf)

### **This report examines the potential -- and economic impact -- of meeting future energy needs through energy efficiency in Georgia.**

This report is part of a series with of studies by the Ochs Center examining economic and financial issues related to the construction of new coal-fired power plants in the Southeast United States.

Energy Efficiency as an Alternative Strategy for the Power4Georgians EMCs

<http://ochscenter.org/documents/PlantWashington.pdf>

### **Durham One Call**

In December 2008, The Ochs Center for Metropolitan Studies partnered with ICMA and GFOA to conduct a case study on the City of Durham's efforts at connecting its 311 system to performance measurement and budgeting.

Linking 311/CRM Data to Performance Measurement and Budgeting Case Study: Durham One Call

<http://icma.org/upload/library/2009-06/%7BFD3150C2-924C-4D32-B381-D33469FA62B0%7D.pdf>

**This report is a detailed analysis of the Kansas City, Missouri 3-1-1 Action Center 311/CRM Data to Performance Measurement and Budgeting Case Study: Kansas City 3-1-1 Action Center City of Kansas City, Missouri**

<http://icma.org/upload/library/2009-12/%7BB2639BE0-31DE-40BA-BCCF-9D9878795B69%7D.pdf>

**Co-host of the 2010 Public Performance Measurement and Reporting Network Annual Conference in Chattanooga, TN**

The Ochs Center co-hosted the annual Public Performance and Reporting Network Conference, along with PPMRN based in Rutgers University in Newark, NJ. The conference brought together professionals in government and nonprofits in the field of performance measurement.

**Presentation at the 2010 PPMRN Conference by David Eichenthal**

Where the Rubber Meets the Road: Linking 311/CRM Data to Performance Measurement and Budgeting

**Panel Discussion at the 2010 PPMRN Conference by Dr. Eileen Robertson Rehberg and Ione Farrar**

Neighborhood Revitalization: Indicators for Success

**Presentation at the 2010 PPMRN Conference by Dr. Eileen Robertson Rehberg**

Parents are First Teachers Evaluation: Measuring Performance to Improve Program Strategy

**Presentation at the 2010 PPMRN Conference by Monique Berke**

The Use of Performance Measurements in Low Performing Elementary Schools in Chattanooga, TN

2. What new activities are you working on?

**2010 State of Chattanooga Region Report**

The Ochs Center's core product is the *State of Chattanooga Region Report* (SOCRR). The 2010 reports are being released throughout the Fall of 2010. Funded by local foundations and released for the first time in 2006, the *State of Chattanooga Region Report* offers a comprehensive look at conditions in Hamilton County in the areas of health, public safety, the local economy, education and community development. Using survey data and administrative data from national, state and local government agencies, the report compares conditions in Hamilton County with 13 other benchmark jurisdictions around the country. SOCRR also examines differences in 36 subregions or neighborhoods across Hamilton County from Alton Park to Walden.

**Community convening meeting to discuss the implementation of Tennessee's recently awarded federal Race to the Top grant with key stakeholders in the community.**

The Ochs Center is working with a local foundation and the Hamilton County Department of Education to convene a meeting of elected officials and key stakeholders to discuss how



Tennessee's Race to the Top grant can be used to improve student performance in Hamilton County.

3. Have you acquired new data other than routine updates? Have you completed any notable system or web site improvements?

**The Ochs Center Fan Page on Facebook**

In an effort to get out work out to the most people in a systematic way, the Ochs Center has created a more robust social networking presence on Facebook and Twitter.

The Ochs Center Facebook Fan Page

<http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#!/pages/the-Ochs-Center-for-Metropolitan-Studies/108085309209484?ref=ts>

**@theochscenter Twitter feed**

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@theochscenter twitter feed

<http://twitter.com/theochscenter>

4. What upcoming events/activities present an opportunity to showcase your work and NNIP?

N/A

## **Chicago**

METROPOLITAN CHICAGO INFORMATION CENTER (MCIC)

May 2010

1. What are your key accomplishments since October 2009?

### **Measuring Economic Burdens**

MCIC held a forum in December 2009 that illustrated unique ways of estimating housing burdens, unemployment distress and medical uninsured for PUMS areas in the Chicago metro area.

*Metro Chicago Information Center*

[www.mcic.org](http://www.mcic.org)

### **MCIC Project Director Taryn Roch Selected for Next American Vanguard 2010**

In recognition for her outstanding work in urban planning and community development, Roch is one of 35 people from around the country selected from hundreds of applicants to participate in the 2010 Vanguard Conference hosted by Next American City Magazine. The Vanguard Conference is an opportunity for up and coming urban leaders and thinkers to meet, learn from each other and network. Roch is a project director with the independent, non-profit research organization Metro Chicago Information Center (MCIC).

*Metro Chicago Information Center*

[www.mcic.org](http://www.mcic.org)

### **Identifying gaps in affordable housing**

MCIC conducted an affordable housing market analysis for Lake County, Illinois that used a variety of data sources to identify gaps in the supply of affordable housing for very low income and large families.

*Metro Chicago Information Center*

[www.mcic.org](http://www.mcic.org)

2. What new activities are you working on?

### **Chicago Area Human Relations Survey**

MCIC completed negotiations with the Chicago Community Trust to design and execute the first in a series of regional household surveys to assess the status of human relations in the Chicago area. The survey is designed to facilitate trends analysis from national and local benchmark measures, and will be repeated every other year as part of a social indicators tracking project for the region.

*Metro Chicago Information Center*

[www.mcic.org](http://www.mcic.org)

3. Have you acquired new data other than routine updates? Have you completed any notable system or web site improvements?

N/A

4. What upcoming events/activities present an opportunity to showcase your work and NNIP?

N/A

## ***Cleveland***

CENTER ON URBAN POVERTY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT,  
CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY  
May 2010

1. What are your key accomplishments since September 2009 (headlines – the things you have done you believe to be most important – may be things listed below and others)

- Released report on Center's ten years of work in the evaluation of early childhood programming in the region. Titled "Inform, Influence, Impact," the piece illustrates the use of data in driving and evaluating a major community initiative.
- Provided the chapter "REO and Beyond: The Aftermath of Foreclosures" to the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland. This chapter is to be included in "REO Properties and Strategies for Neighborhood Stabilization", a Federal Reserve System publication series on vacant property.
- Participated in a project, funded by the MacArthur Foundation (Building Resilient Regions Network) and the National League of Cities, to examine how different metropolitan areas around the U.S. have responded to the foreclosure crisis.

2. What major reports have you produced? What major data presentations have you delivered?

Fischer, R. L. (2010). Evaluating the effects of community-based health interventions: Seeking impact and saving lives via organ and tissue donation promotion efforts. Chapter 16 in *Understanding Organ Donation: Applied Behavioral Science Perspectives*, E. M. Alvaro & J. T. Siegel (eds.). 257-271. Malden, MA: Wiley-Blackwell. January.

Coulton, C., & Fischer, R. L. (2010). Using early childhood wellbeing indicators to influence local policy and services. Chapter for *From Child Welfare to Child Well-being: An International Perspective on Knowledge in the Service of Making Policy*, S. B. Kamerman, S. Phipps, & A. Ben-Arieh (eds.). 101-116. New York: Springer. January.

Lim, Y., Coulton, C.J. & Lalich, N. (2009). State TANF policies and employment outcomes among welfare leavers. *Social Service Review*, 83(4), 525-555.

### **Reports:**

Coulton, C. J., Chan, T. & Mikelbank, K. (2010). *Finding Place in Community Initiatives: Applying GIS to Resident Perceptions of their Neighborhoods*. Washington, D.C., The Urban Institute.

Fischer, R. L., & Bartholomew, J. (2010). *Women religious in a changing urban landscape: The work of Catholic Sisters in metropolitan Cleveland*. Cleveland, OH: Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences, Case Western Reserve University. April.

Coulton, C., Fischer, R., Hardy, P., & Lalich, N. (2009). Cuyahoga County 2009 Child Well-Being & Tracking Update. Cleveland, OH: Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences, Case Western Reserve University. December.

Coulton, C., & Fischer, R. L. (2009). Inform, Influence, Impact – The Role of Research in Supporting a Community's Commitment to Its Children. Cleveland, OH: Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences, Case Western Reserve University. December.

Vadapalli, D., Hirsh, A., Coulton, C., & Schramm, M. (2009). Behind the Numbers, Brief No. 8. Trends in 'home purchase loan' origination in Cleveland and Cuyahoga County: 1995-2008. Cleveland, OH: Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences, Case Western Reserve University. November.

### **Presentations:**

Coulton, C.J. (2010). So What Makes an Inclusive, Child-Friendly Community? Second Greenville Family Symposium, Greenville, SC.

Coulton, C.J. (2010), Reducing Place-Based Disparities in Family and Child Wellbeing: Alternative Policy Approaches. Arnulf M. Pins Memorial Lecture, Paul Baerwald School of Social Work and Social Welfare, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel,

Coulton, C.J., Theodos, B. & Turner, M. (2010). Residential Mobility and Neighborhood Change: New evidence and implications for community initiatives. Society for Social Work and Research, San Francisco.

Fischer, R. L., & Dorman, R. (2010). The state of Ohio's children: Cuyahoga County child well-being indicators (0-5). 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Human Services Institute. Westlake, OH: The Center for Community Solutions. April.

Fischer, R. L., & Bartholomew, J. (2010). Women religious in a changing urban landscape. Research ShowCASE 2010. Cleveland, OH: Case Western Reserve University. April. [poster]

Fischer, R. L., Peterson, L., Lalich, N., & Coulton, C. (2010). Getting ready for school: Monitoring a UPK pilot program in an urban setting. Research ShowCASE 2010. Cleveland, OH: Case Western Reserve University. April. [poster]

Coulton, C., Fischer, R. Dorman, R., & Staib, R. (2010). The data difference – Using evaluation research to inform policy and practice in early childhood. Research to Practice Seminar. Cleveland, OH: Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences. March.

Fischer, R. L. (2009). Women religious in a changing urban landscape. Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action Annual Meeting. Cleveland, OH. November.

Fischer, R. L. (2009). You've got the data...now what? The Limits & Challenges of Outcome Measurement Data. Cleveland, OH: United Way of Greater Cleveland. October.

Fischer, R. L. (2009). Leading with data: Achieving excellence through effective use of information. Keynote address. Early Childhood Leaders: Meeting the Demands of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Cleveland, OH: Corporate College East. October.

Fischer, R. L. (2009). Informing program planning for Universal Pre-Kindergarten in Cuyahoga County. Early Childhood Leaders: Meeting the Demands of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Cleveland, OH: Corporate College East. October.

Schramm, M. R. (2009). NEO CANDO: A data-driven response to foreclosure in Cleveland and Cuyahoga County. NeighborWorks, Rising to the Challenge: Stabilizing Communities in the Wake of Foreclosure. Washington, DC. December.

Schramm, M. R. (2010). NEO CANDO: A data-driven response to foreclosure in Cleveland and Cuyahoga County. Fannie Mae Neighborhood Stabilization. Washington, DC. January.

3. What new analysis/program efforts are you working on?

- Conducting an evaluation of the Human Services Restructuring Pilot, an innovative effort by regional funders to educate nonprofit leaders in integration opportunities and encourage initiatives that will promote efficiencies and reduce redundancies. Approximately 140 nonprofits participated in the first phase of the project and 17 moved on to the more intensive readiness assessment phase.
- Developing a new study of school readiness that will examine the factors that are correlated with the State adopted measure, Kindergarten Readiness Assessment – Literacy (KRA-L), that is administered to all public kindergarten students. The study will link data at the child level across time and domains, including birth certificates, child welfare, public assistance, early childhood service receipt, and the KRA-L, and use neighborhood measures of disadvantage as well.
- Assisting a local consortium in data analysis needed to craft a proposal for a “Promise Neighborhood” application.
- Helping to stratify neighborhoods for sample selection in Cuyahoga and Lorain County for the National Children’s study.
- Providing NEO CANDO data directly to/from the newly established Cuyahoga County Land Bank via XML streams.

3. Have you acquired new data other than routine updates? Have you completed any notable system or web site improvements?

Cuyahoga County Landbank property ownership

4. What upcoming events/activities present an opportunity to showcase your work and NNIP?  
N/A

## ***Columbus***

COMMUNITY RESEARCH PARTNERS (CRP)

May 2010

1. What are your key accomplishments since October 2009?

### **Neighborhood Stabilization Program II**

In January 2010, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development awarded the State of Ohio \$25.4 million for the second round of the Neighborhood Stabilization Program. CRP helped the state's Department of Development prepare the application to HUD, including the analysis of housing and community data and the collection of information from the seven non-profit regional partners involved in the application.

### **Middle Schools Research**

To improve middle school performance in Columbus City Schools (CCS), Superintendent Gene T. Harris, Ph.D., asked CRP to research perceptions regarding barriers to student learning and school performance, as well as what needs to be done to turn schools around. CRP reviewed literature on best practices, conducted focus groups with teachers and non-teaching support staff at all 23 CCS middle schools, conducted interviews with principals and vice-principals, facilitated a group discussion with middle school Parent Consultants, and documented lessons learned from a successfully reconstituted local school. CRP also analyzed the unique characteristics of each school's student population, as well as trends and conditions in surrounding neighborhoods.

<http://communityresearchpartners.org/14651.cfm?action=detail&id=148>

### **Help Wanted: A Lead State Workforce Official**

A review of Ohio's multi-agency state workforce structure and a blueprint for strengthening workforce development in Ohio. Included in the report are examples of how several other states have aligned roles, programs, and resources to elevate workforce development and examples of successful local and regional workforce development initiatives in southwest, central, and northeast Ohio. Funding for the report was provided by The Joyce Foundation as part of the national Working Poor Families Project.

<http://communityresearchpartners.org/14651.cfm?action=detail&id=152>

### **State of Poverty in Ohio: Building a Foundation for Prosperity**

This annual report from the Ohio Association of Community Action Agencies (OACAA) provides an update on the evolving extent and characteristics of poverty across the state. It also highlights innovations of Community Action Agencies and recommendations from the Ohio Anti-Poverty Task Force to address poverty. Poverty continued to rise in 2008, reaching a rate of 13.7% of all Ohioans. Poverty was increasing before the economic downturn, but now higher unemployment appears to be accelerating the number of Ohioans moving into poverty.

<http://communityresearchpartners.org/14651.cfm?action=detail&id=147>

**Social Impacts of Casinos**

Research on the social impacts of casinos, undertaken for the Columbus Human Services Advocates. The most direct impacts are those associated with increases in gambling problems, which are double for a person living within 50 miles of a casino. CRP estimates that when a casino is built in Columbus, there may be over 22,000 new problem and pathological gamblers in Franklin County. Using figures from The National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago, CRP estimates that the ongoing, annual costs to address this increase in problem gambling could be \$28 million, and the one time/lifetime costs for events such as divorce and bankruptcy could be \$223 million. These social costs will be borne by human services systems, businesses, government, and individuals and families.

[http://www.dispatch.com/live/content/local\\_news/stories/2010/01/21/CASINO\\_ILLS.ART\\_ART\\_01-21-10\\_B1\\_PCGC7HO.html?sid=101](http://www.dispatch.com/live/content/local_news/stories/2010/01/21/CASINO_ILLS.ART_ART_01-21-10_B1_PCGC7HO.html?sid=101)

**Columbus and Franklin County Consolidated Plan, 2010-2014**

CRP completed a city, county, and joint Consolidated Plan per HUD specification for jurisdictions to receive funding from HUD programs – CDBG, ESG, HOME, HOPWA, and NSP.

<http://communityresearchpartners.org/14651.cfm?action=detail&id=139>

**CRP Data Byte #4: Population Migration Patterns**

Analyzing IRS migration data, CRP found that from 2007 to 2008, 407,288 people moved into Ohio from other parts of the U.S., and 442,980 moved out of state to elsewhere in the country, for a net loss of 35,692 people to domestic migration. The top five states for net in-migration to Ohio were Michigan (1,802 people), Utah (148 people), West Virginia (135), Pennsylvania (129), and Hawaii (116). The top five destinations for out-migration from Ohio were Florida (3,999 people), Texas (2,799 people), North Carolina (2,601), Arizona (1,844), and Kentucky (1,811).

<http://communityresearchpartners.org/14651.cfm?action=detail&id=138>

**CRP Data Byte #5: Census 2010: Celebrating 200 Years of the Census in Ohio**

As part of CRP's activities to promote the 2010 Census, this report analyzes census data from 1810, 1860, 1910, 1960, 2000, and 2008. In 1810, Ohio had 230,760 people, with 55% under age 16 and over 99% who were white. "Spirits distilled" was the top manufacturing category in product value. The last 200 years have seen Ohio transition from rural to urban to suburban development patterns and from agriculture to manufacturing to services economies. Ohio has grown more populous and older, with 11.5 million residents in 2008 who had a median age of 38.2 years. The state is more diverse than ever, with African Americans at 12% of the population and fast-growing Hispanic and Asian populations that each nearly doubled from 1990 to 2008.

<http://communityresearchpartners.org/14651.cfm?action=detail&id=150>

2. What new activities are you working on?

**Update of CRP Strategic Plan**



### **Ohio Workforce Development Policy Platform**

The Ohio Workforce Coalition, convened by CRP, is preparing to release its second public policy platform. This platform represents several months of planning by Coalition members, stakeholders, and leadership. Policy priorities of the Coalition were in a policy planning meeting in Columbus and through regional conversations with educators, workforce development professionals, businesses, and community based organizations. The new platform will include three goals: reduce barriers to education and training for adults; meet the workforce needs of Ohio employers; and improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the state-level workforce development system.

### **CRP reports now available on IssueLab**

IssueLab is an online archive of nonprofit research from around the world on social issues.

As part of CRP's continuing efforts to share our work with the broader community, we have started posting reports here. These reports are licensed under Creative Commons to foster access and use.

<http://www.issuelab.org/home>

3. Have you acquired new data other than routine updates? Have you completed any notable system or web site improvements?

### **Prison and jail releases and supportive housing admittances, 2007-2009**

The Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH) has asked CRP to match and analyze datasets from the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, Franklin County Jail, and Community Shelter Board. The analysis will provide information on overlapping use of the prison, jail, and shelter systems. CSH is funding the work through the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Returning Home reentry initiative. Datasets are specific to this project with no planned update.

### **Public housing developments, tax credit and bond projects, and USDA rural development projects**

The Ohio Preservation Compact has contracted with CRP to build a database of federally-assisted housing in Ohio. The database will provide the Compact with ready knowledge of expiring affordability restrictions and other information pertinent to risk and priority preservation. A portion of the database will be available through a searchable public website. Datasets are specific to this project but good client relationship is promising for ongoing updates.

4. What upcoming events/activities present an opportunity to showcase your work and NNIP?

### **Data Driven – Strategically using data to navigate challenging times**

This conference will provide practical, up-to-date information about accessing and making use of data in your day-to-day work. There will be three tracks that focus on how to *get*, *see*, and *use* data. Data experts will discuss how to obtain and interpret data about employment and the economy, education, housing, and health and safety. Presentations will cover innovative ways to analyze, display, and communicate data including participatory data analysis, management dashboards, “sticky” data, and visualization technology. Plenary panelists will share strategies for using data for funding, programming, and advocacy.

*Date:* May 13, 2010

*Location:* Columbus, Ohio

<http://communityresearchpartners.org/17247.cfm>

## ***Dallas***

INSTITUTE FOR URBAN POLICY RESEARCH (IUPR) AT UT DALLAS  
May 2010

1. What are your key accomplishments since October 2009?

### **IUPR Research Used as Basis for Editorial Effort**

*The Dallas Morning News* contracted with the Institute for Urban Policy Research to collect and analyze original and secondary neighborhood data as the basis for their multi-year editorial effort focusing on the gap in quality of life between North- and South-Dallas.

*UT Dallas Contributed Data to Pulitzer-Winning Team*

[http://www.utdallas.edu/news/2010/4/14-2491\\_UT-Dallas-Contributed-Data-to-Pulitzer-Winning-Tea\\_article.html](http://www.utdallas.edu/news/2010/4/14-2491_UT-Dallas-Contributed-Data-to-Pulitzer-Winning-Tea_article.html)

### **IUPR Introduces Brief Issues Scans to Help Foundations**

Working with a local community foundation, IUPR introduced a series of brief issues scans, 4-5 page documents that offer a brief local contextual review of pressing community issues, designed to provide an overview and orientation for board members.

### **IUPR Partners with Local Institutions to Deliver Forum on Zero Tolerance Policies**

Working with a variety of local partners, the Institute delivered the first in a series of three symposia to provide public discussion around the issues of zero tolerance-based policies of school discipline.

### **Forum Looks for Solutions to Schools' Zero Tolerance Disciplinary Policies**

[http://www.dallasnews.com/sharedcontent/dws/news/localnews/stories/DN-zerotolerance\\_25met.ART0.Central.Edition1.4d4cdf9.html](http://www.dallasnews.com/sharedcontent/dws/news/localnews/stories/DN-zerotolerance_25met.ART0.Central.Edition1.4d4cdf9.html)

2. What new activities are you working on?

### **IUPR Selected to Provide Data and Analytical Support to Local Hospital**

The Institute is working with a local hospital to provide data management, analysis, and interpretation for indicators of childhood health in a multi-county area.

3. Have you acquired new data other than routine updates? Have you completed any notable system or web site improvements?

### **IUPR Experimenting with Payday Lenders Database**

Working with a local policy organization, the Institute has acquired a dataset from the State's database of payday lenders. The dataset has been geocoded, and the Institute is working to identify ways that this information might best be used for public information.

### **LEHD Used to Exploring Housing Issues In Dallas**

Working with the North Texas Housing Coalition, the Institute has been exploring ways to use the LEHD data to assist in planning efforts for low- and moderate-income housing.

4. What upcoming events/activities present an opportunity to showcase your work and NNIP?

N/A

## **Denver**

THE PITON FOUNDATION

May 2010

1. What are your key accomplishments since October 2009?

***Mapping the Next Generation: helping organizations understand how the demographics of Colorado's early childhood population are changing and how this population is being served.***

Our goal is to equip the organizations within the early care and education community with the information they need to make informed decisions and positively affect change. The application uses vital statistics birth data to help users gain insight into the trends of the early childhood population. Additionally, the application displays information about select service providers working to deliver quality services to these populations.

The following sources feed the application:

- Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment vital statistics to provide characteristics of newborns, such as total births, births to teen mothers, birth to mothers with low education, births by race and ethnicity and more.
- Qualistar Early Learning provider data that includes locations, quality rating and availability of subsidies.
- Colorado Department of Education to show CSAP performance on third grade reading tests.
- IRS 990 data to display registered 501c3 organizations who work on youth related issues.

*Mapping the Next Generation*

URL link: TBD

***Colorado School Choice / Escuela Para Mis Hijos:***

Piton has built off its partnership with Channel 9News (local NBC affiliate) and launched a version of the application with the local Univision/Telefutura station to reach the Spanish speaking population. The application allows parents to evaluate local schools based on several criteria (performance, demographics, etc) to make more informed decisions on where to send their children.

*Colorado Escuela Para Mis Hijos*

<http://www.escuelaparamishijos.com/>

2. What new activities are you working on?

***Developing a Children's Corridor in Denver***

The foundation's research staff is spending the majority of their time developing a new place-based strategy to improve education and health outcomes for low-income children. Staff are exploring other children-focused, community based initiatives across the country, studying target area demographics, identifying potential indicators and exploring new partnerships.

**Mapping Summer Food Sites**

The foundation is working with The Denver Foundation and Hunger Free Colorado to identify new host sites for its summer food program (a continuation of the school year's free and reduced lunch program). Piton is helping to identify candidate sites based on areas with concentrations of low-income children. Further, we will be helping with the development of a new planning tool and parent focused web-platform to support the effort.

**Developing an Inventory of low-income subsidized housing In Denver**

The foundation is working with the Urban Land Conservancy and the City and County of Denver's Office of Economic Development to create a robust and updatable inventory of all low-income housing in Denver. Piton has already developed an inventory of rental units and its partners are contracting for the construction of a database of affordable, for-sale properties. When combined with the rental database, the inventory will be used to serve preservation and acquisition efforts, particularly around transit stations.

3. Have you acquired new data other than routine updates? Have you completed any notable system or web site improvements?

**Inventory of low-income rental housing**

Compilation of affordable rental housing units including: LIHTC, Section 8 (with expiration), and public housing.

4. What upcoming events/activities present an opportunity to showcase your work and NNIP?

N/A

## ***Des Moines***

CHILD AND FAMILY POLICY CENTER

May 2010

1. What are your key accomplishments since October 2009?

**New community information system in beta version for Central Iowa**

United Way of Central Iowa contracted with The Polis Center to develop a community information system for Central Iowa.

*Diglowa*

<http://beta.digiowa.org>

2. What new activities are you working on? We are customizing the site for Central Iowa, and in the process of training users.

**Assessing the visual appeal and quality of life of two inner city neighborhoods of Des Moines**

Thrivent Builds Neighborhoods is a community based initiative intended to transform two inner-city distressed neighborhoods (also part of Making Connections Des Moines), so that residents can enjoy a higher quality of life. A visual data survey and resident phone survey was conducted to collect data on the physical makeup and the quality of life of residents respectively. The data is uploaded onto an online database and used for descriptive purposes only.

*Success Measures Data System (password protected)*

<https://www.successmeasures.org/SMDS/login.aspx>

3. Have you acquired new data other than routine updates? Have you completed any notable system or web site improvements?

*Diglowa*

<http://beta.digiowa.org>

4. What upcoming events/activities present an opportunity to showcase your work and NNIP?

N/A

## ***Grand Rapids***

COMMUNITY RESEARCH INSTITUTE, GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY

May 2010

1. What are your key accomplishments since October 2008 (headlines – the things you have done you believe to be most important – should include major reports or data presentations)

***CRI presented the latest residential foreclosures numbers for Kent County and Grand Rapids neighborhoods at the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fair Housing Luncheon and Workshops Series.***

Sponsored by the Fair Housing Center of West Michigan, the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fair Housing Luncheon and Workshop Series was an opportunity for CRI to highlight the latest trends on residential foreclosures and vacancy rates using local administrative records from the Kent County Bureau of Equalization and HUD's aggregated USPS Administrative Data on Address Vacancies. Overall numbers suggest a decrease in residential foreclosures between 2008 and 2009 of 13% for Kent County and 23% for Grand Rapids. However, during the last quarter of 2009 both the county and the city experienced an increase in the total number of foreclosures (12.1% and 1.9% respectively). Although the City of Grand Rapids still counts for roughly half of all residential foreclosures in the county between 2004 and 2009 (7,090 of 14,659), residents in surrounding suburbs are increasingly experiencing foreclosure events.

*23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fair Housing Luncheon and Workshops Series*

<http://www.fhcwm.org/>

***2010 West Michigan Regional Indicators released***

The “2010 West Michigan Vital Signs” report shows that West Michigan ranks 9th overall compared to 26 similar U.S. regions on key social, economic, and environmental indicators. West Michigan was 17th on economic indicators, 10th on social indicators, and 6th on key environmental indicators. This year's report added achievement targets for 2015 on each of the 15 indicators.

*Annual ‘State of the Region’ Touts Success – WMSA One of Five Examples of Regional Leadership in Council on Competiveness Report*

Website: [http://wm-alliance.org/publications.php?initiative\\_id=3](http://wm-alliance.org/publications.php?initiative_id=3)

Press Release: [http://wm-alliance.org/documents/news\\_items/SOTR\\_10\\_Release-FINAL-4-27-10.pdf](http://wm-alliance.org/documents/news_items/SOTR_10_Release-FINAL-4-27-10.pdf)

***Census 2010 Updates – HTC Michigan 2010 Census Planning Website***

As of April 27, 2010, Michigan ranked among the top 5 states with a participation rate of 77% as compared to 72% nationally. Wisconsin has the highest participation rate with 81%, followed by Minnesota (80%), Iowa (78%) and Indiana (78%). Michigan now matched the same participation rate it reached during the 2000 Census. To help local nonprofits track current participation rates in Michigan, CRI in partnership with Data Driven Detroit and the Michigan Nonprofit Association incorporated the “Tract Participation Rate” widget in the HTC Michigan 2010 Census Planning website. Users can enter any address to get the associated participation rate for the tract and lookup Mail Return Rates from the 2000 Decennial Census.



*HTC Michigan 2010 Census Planning*

<http://www.cridata.org/htc/>

2. What new activities are you working on?

***Kent County Community Indicator's Sharehouse***

An effort is underway to align multiple indicators projects in Grand Rapids and Kent County with the intent to produce an indicators sharehouse. The sharehouse would document indicators currently being used by organizations, coalitions and funders across Kent County as well as an analysis of the fidelity of the data associated with each indicator and an explanation of what that indicator can tell us. The sharehouse would include quality of life indicators across a range of domains that impact children, families and the community providing us with a comprehensive picture of audiences, from parent teacher associations and neighborhood organizations to state legislators and policy makers. CRI would provide both technical assistance for documenting the indicators and the online platform using its existing data search tool (<http://www.cridata.org/demo/search.aspx?q=education>). The tool will be modified to facilitate the scanning of indicators across geographies, sources, organizations, etc.

3. Have you acquired new data other than routine updates? Have you completed any notable system or web site improvements? Please make sure your data inventory is up to date at [https://surveys.urban.org/cb/nnip\\_data.aspx](https://surveys.urban.org/cb/nnip_data.aspx) – email [dprice@urban.org](mailto:dprice@urban.org) with any questions.

***New Community Research Institute (CRI) Website Demo launched***

The new demo site provides users with a pick of the new features we have been working on for the last few months. The new site will provide users with a more interactive site for customizing community profiles, a comparison tool that allows the user to define and compare up to five different geographies using tables and graphs, feature projects/reports, and a more up-to-date data catalog.

*New Community Research Institute Website Demo*

<http://cridata.org/demo/>

***MAPAS v.1.5 released***

The Community Research Institute released a new version of its MAPAS online mapping application. The new version brings enhancements on its reporting capabilities (create/customized) and functional enhancements based on users feedback.

*MAPAS v.1.5 released*

<http://open.cridata.org/maps/mapas/>

4. What upcoming events/activities present an opportunity to showcase your work and NNIP?

***2010 IMAGIN Conference***

IMAGIN is a professional development organization committed to providing opportunities for its members to network with professionals who are using, creating, or maintaining spatial resources within Michigan. IMAGIN serves as a crossroads for spatial information

users/developers at all levels of government, business, and non-profit organizations by providing its members partnership opportunities to recognize, share, and create spatial data resources for both traditional and new applications.

*Date:* May 3 and 4, 2010

*City, State:* Lansing, Michigan

*URL link (optional):* <http://www.imagin.org/conference/index.htm>

## ***Hartford***

HARTFORD INFO, HARTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY  
May 2010

1. What are your key accomplishments since October 2009?

*HartfordInfo.org and the Hartford Public Library have sponsored a variety of community programs and panel discussions, often in collaboration with other organizations, bringing data and information about Hartford to inform a variety of issues.*

### **Dialog on Health Care Reform Video**

Panel Discussion on health care reform, October 17, 2009, featuring, among others, candidate for CT Senate, Ned Lamont, Hartford Councilman Dr. Larry Deutsch. This was part of the “Democracy in Actions” series of programs held at the Hartford Public Library

*Dialog on Health Care Reform Video*

[http://www.hartfordinfo.org/issues/wsd/Videos/wsd\\_10\\_17\\_2009.asp](http://www.hartfordinfo.org/issues/wsd/Videos/wsd_10_17_2009.asp)

### **Youth Making an Impact: Celebrating Teens’ Contributions to Hartford**

This program showcases various projects and activities of youth in Hartford which make an impact on the community

*Youth Making an Impact Video*

[http://www.hartfordinfo.org/issues/wsd/Videos/wsd\\_11\\_05\\_2009.asp](http://www.hartfordinfo.org/issues/wsd/Videos/wsd_11_05_2009.asp)

### **HartfordInfo Today: Economic Recovery: Creating Jobs in Hartford and the Region**

A panel discussion about the development of jobs in the city of Hartford and the region, including Congressman John Larson’s chief of staff, John Rossi.

*HartfordInfo Today: Economic Recovery: Creating Jobs in Hartford and the Region Video.*

[http://www.hartfordinfo.org/issues/wsd/Videos/wsd\\_02\\_16\\_2010.asp](http://www.hartfordinfo.org/issues/wsd/Videos/wsd_02_16_2010.asp)

### **Making the Count: Building Hartford Using the 2010 Census**

The Hartford Public Library, as a Census Partner, sponsored this panel discussion about the importance of the census for the future development of Hartford.

*Making the Count: Building Hartford Using the 2010 Census Video*

[http://www.hartfordinfo.org/issues/wsd/Videos/wsd\\_03\\_10\\_2010.asp](http://www.hartfordinfo.org/issues/wsd/Videos/wsd_03_10_2010.asp)

### **HartfordInfo.org and the Hartford Public Library is Hosting Hartford Votes/Hartford Vota Coalition web page**

The Hartford Votes/Hartford Vota Coalition is a group of organizations that have come together with the common goal of increasing voter turnout in the City of Hartford.

*Hartford Votes/Hartford Vota web page*

<http://www.hartfordinfo.org/hartfordvotes/default.asp>

**HartfordInfo.org and the Hartford Public Library have been collaborating with several other organizations to promote an online schools choice project which allows parents to select schools, called Smart Choices.**

Families in the Greater Hartford region face a growing number of public school choices, rising from the Sheff v. O'Neill regional school desegregation remedy and the Hartford Public School's all-choice initiative. This website provides city and suburban residents needed user-friendly, comprehensive information about their options in order for public school choice to achieve its dual goals: racial integration and increased quality through competition.

*Smart Choices*

<http://smartchoices.trincoll.edu/>

**HartfordInfo.org and the Hartford Public Library have been involved in hosting and promoting community discussions about the Plan of Conservation and Development (One City, One Plan) which is being updated.**

Every ten years, the Hartford Planning and Zoning Commission is charged to prepare a Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) for the City. Hartford's last Plan was adopted in 1996. Since then, Hartford has experienced many changes in economic and physical conditions while many of its assets have become more valuable. A series of public forums have been held around the City to provide opportunities for input. The Planning & Zoning Commission will also be holding community listening sessions around the city to promote discussion of the Plan of Conservation and Development.

*One City One Plan*

[http://www.hartfordinfo.org/issues/wsd/Government/wsd\\_OCOP.asp](http://www.hartfordinfo.org/issues/wsd/Government/wsd_OCOP.asp)

**HartfordInfo.org and the Hartford Public Library have been hosting a series of public workshops about the future of the “Aetna Viaduct,” the elevated section of I-84 that runs east-west through the heart of Hartford. It has reached the end of its useful life, and needs to be replaced.**

The Connecticut Department of Transportation recently completed an evaluation of the I-84 viaduct in Hartford. That study concluded that the ¾ mile long structure through the central area of Hartford while in need of immediate repairs, will also need to be fully reconstructed or replaced within 10-15 years. The City of Hartford, working through a committee of stakeholders entitled the HUB of Hartford, and Connecticut Region Council Of Governments (CRCOG) have agreed to undertake the initial phase of this process. CRCOG is managing this phase of the Viaduct planning process on behalf of the City. The goal of the study is to identify several preliminary, technically sound alternatives to reconstruct, replace or remove this structure and evaluate their ability to improve the quality of life in surrounding neighborhoods, support existing businesses and promote economic development.

*I-84 Viaduct Newsletter*

<http://www.hartfordinfo.org/issues/wsd/Transportation/20091106ViaductNewsletter1.pdf>

2. What new activities are you working on?

**HartfordInfo and Hartford Public Library will host a community dialogue and planning forum on Youth of Incarcerated Parents**

A day-long dialog about the impact of incarceration on children, families, care providers, schools, and communities. We will be talking about the well being of youth of incarcerated parents, and what is currently being done to support them in the city and the state. An action plan will result from this event.

3. Have you acquired new data other than routine updates? Have you completed any notable system or web site improvements?

#### **Data on Noise Ordinance Enforcement**

The City of Hartford, in an effort to improve residents' quality of life instituted a stricter ordinance on noise, and recently released data on stepped-up enforcement

*Hartford Noise Ordinance Enforcement*

[http://www.hartfordinfo.org/hpd/noise\\_violations.asp](http://www.hartfordinfo.org/hpd/noise_violations.asp)

#### **Data on Digital Access**

The digital divide is such that in Hartford it is estimated that only 1/3 of all households have access to the internet at home. Data are hard to find. We have posted data from the Current Population Survey, which provides a rough estimate.

*Digital Access in the Hartford Region*

[http://www.hartfordinfo.org/issues/wsd/Education/wsd\\_internet\\_access.asp](http://www.hartfordinfo.org/issues/wsd/Education/wsd_internet_access.asp)

#### **COMPASS**

The library is a partner in the development of this regional indicators project, which is being led by the Capitol Region Council of Governments

4. What upcoming events/activities present an opportunity to showcase your work and NNIP?

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#### **Candidate Forums**

HartfordInfo.org will be hosting several Candidate Forums in June 2010. These will include candidates for Governor, US Senator and Secretary of State

#### **Youth of Incarcerated Parents**

Follow up programs on the topic of Youth of Incarcerated Parents

## ***Indianapolis***

THE POLIS CENTER

May 2010

### 1. *What are your key accomplishments since October 2009?*

#### **SAVI Helps Near Eastside Community Secure Grants from 2012 Super Bowl Host Committee**

The John H. Boner Community Center was required to provide the most recent community profile information when it applied for funding to support neighborhood projects. The 2012 Super Bowl Host Committee is a large funder and supporter of the Legacy Project, which supports the development of the Near Eastside. In order to continue receiving grants, the staff was required to report the realities of the community to their partners. The John H. Boner Community Center used SAVI data to accurately provide the neighborhood data in the following areas: income levels, education levels, graduation rates, current school data, academic enrollment and ethnicity data.

*Case Study - John H. Boner Community Center*

<http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs036/1102437387898/archive/1102796532384.html>

#### **Published 47 new health indicators in SAVI on topics of Communicable Diseases and Birth Defects**

As part of SAVI's continuing efforts to publish health data, we added datasets from the state health department related to birth defects and communicable diseases. The data are available from the source provider by county for the entire state. Indicators include total birth defects and birth defects by type per 10,000 live births. Communicable disease indicators include Hepatitis, Salmonella, and E. Coli cases per 100,000 population.

### 2. *What new activities are you working on?*

#### **SAVI Assists with a Church's Search for a New Location.**

The Polis Center met with New Life Christian Fellowship (NLCF) which is currently searching for a location to build a new church. The group would like their church to be in a racially-diverse middle class neighborhood with a high concentration of families with children.

Using SAVI variables such as percent of population by race, median family income, and percent of families with children, we identified which census tracts in Marion County met with NLCF's general criteria. The results showed several tracts in Pike Township, Speedway and the far eastside as potential locations. NLCF planned to further research these areas in person to determine their viability as locations.

3. Have you acquired new data other than routine updates? Have you completed any notable system or web site improvements?

#### **SAVI Acquires HUD's "A Picture of Subsidized Households – 2008"**

Subsidized housing has long been a dataset that SAVI users have expressed interest in but has been lacking from the SAVI data inventory. With the publication of HUD's new subsidized household dataset SAVI can fill the data gap. Data are available for census tracts, counties, and other geographic areas for the 2008 data year. Categories include public housing, section 8 vouchers, section 236 projects, and LIHTC. SAVI hopes to publish aggregated data by June, 2010.

4. What upcoming events/activities present an opportunity to showcase your work and NNIP?

#### **2010 Nonprofit Capacity Building Conference**

SAVI and 5 other partners (Nonprofit Solutions, IN Attorney General's Office, United Way Nonprofit Training Center, IU Center on Philanthropy, and IN Grant Makers Alliance) will host a capacity building conference for executives, program staff, and consultants in the nonprofit industry; neighborhood and civic leaders; planners; evaluators; and grant writers.

This year's conference theme is The Amazing Race: Prepare, Measure, Succeed. How can organizations and communities be more proactive? Conference workshops will teach how organizations can better:

- PREPARE (through more effective planning, program management, and needs assessments, for example.)
- MEASURE (by being accountable for their impact by defining their goals and measuring their progress and successes), and
- SUCCEED (and sharing their real world strategies, solutions, and success stories with others).

*Date:* October 12, 2010

*City, State:* Indianapolis, IN

[www.savi.org/conference](http://www.savi.org/conference)

## ***Louisville***

### COMMUNITY RESOURCE NETWORK

May 2010

1. What are your key accomplishments since October 2009?

#### ***Social Compact Partnership***

Since late 2009 we have been working with Social Compact to create an innovative data partnership to combine Social Compact's groundbreaking Drill Down methodology and comprehensive proprietary data with the capacities of community organizing, systems reform and policy change. This partnership will continue to build throughout 2010 and beyond. Social Compact has already loaded significant information into its award-winning City DNA format, and within the next few weeks, MCN/CRN staff will be using the platform for learning and decision-making. Over time, we will also add qualitative data to the picture and build out an evaluative framework as well as broader community access.

#### ***Data Support for Network Census Campaign***

As with many low income neighborhoods or communities of color, the Making Connections neighborhoods have experienced notable Census undercounts (Social Compact's DrillDown of Louisville Kentucky found an undercount of 21.4% for 2008 in the four MCN neighborhoods, compared to the traditional estimates). In order to combat that trend and to support the Network Organizers of the Making Connections Network, CRN developed a comprehensive data collection strategy, database and set of maps of each mailing address in the four MCN neighborhoods. This project allowed CRN staff and Network Organizers to go door-to-door in the neighborhoods to encourage residents to turn in their Census forms. As of 4/26/10, six of the seven neighborhood Census tracts have exceeded their 2000 participation rate. At the same time, staff was able to catalog vacant and abandoned properties in the neighborhoods. These maps, currently under development, can be used to inform revitalization strategies in the neighborhoods.

#### ***Foreclosure Conciliation***

MCN and CRN continue to build out the Foreclosure Conciliation Project (FCP). CRN has been integral to the process by building the FCP database, beginning with the filing of foreclosure complaint, mapping the complaints at the parcel level, creating route maps for FCP outreach workers and capturing data from each step of the conciliation process. As a result, the community will have a rich body of knowledge to understand conditions, measure results and inform future interventions. The database and its data are used by the stakeholder group to evaluate the program's effectiveness.

In addition, CRN has produced data presentations and maps on foreclosure conditions in for local council members, court representatives and other civic leaders. We will continue to process the initial foreclosure complaints, track outreach and outcomes, analyze the data and produce presentations as more information is acquired through the FCP process.

MCN and CRN are working as part of a partnership to develop a state-wide foreclosure intervention in 2010.



2. What new activities are you working on?

**Social Compact Partnership**

See above

3. Have you acquired new data other than routine updates? Have you completed any notable system or web site improvements?

**Social Compact Partnership (see above)**

The Social Compact Partnership will bring new data (public and proprietary) as well as the Drill Down methodology and other innovative tools, to CRN and MCN

4. What upcoming events/activities present an opportunity to showcase your work and NNIP?

N/A

## **Memphis**

### **MEMPHIS CBANA-INFOWORKS**

May 2010

1. What are your key accomplishments since October 2009?

#### **CBANA releases analysis for city-wide Neighborhood Residential Property Survey and Problem Properties Audit**

Findings identify a city-wide blight rate of 22%, including environmental concerns, with blight rates varying significantly by “neighborhood zone.” Issues with apartment complexes are stimulating discussion of a local rental quality assurance policy, beginning with the Community Development Council work on rental registration.

#### **CBANA presents to Shelby County Mayoral Taskforce on Core Cities**

A comprehensive set of community development taskforces, appointed by Shelby County Mayor Joe Ford, is examining ways to leverage community development policies and dollars. CBANA presented on decentralization of poverty, affordable housing, neighborhood blight, and the implications of the foreclosure epidemic.

#### **CBANA partners with United Way of the Mid-South to grow the Information Commons**

Building on CBANA’s InfoWorks Memphis community and neighborhood indicators database and United Way’s Community Issues Management platform, United Way and CBANA established “I-PACT Partners” (Information Partnership in Action) to promote the integration and web-based portal dissemination of local and metropolitan data from government performance indicators to emergency preparedness planning to shared social service client tracking to enhanced asset-mapping through 211. I-PACT Partners include City and County government, local foundations, data providers, and data users. The Information Commons will go live by fall 2010. The link with CIM will provide access to regional, state, and national data for regional planning and comparison purposes.

<http://cbana.memphis.edu>

<http://www.cim-network.org>

#### **CBANA signs on as data partner for Memphis Strive**

Memphis Strive, a Living Cities funded comprehensive initiative to support “cradle to career” education reform and innovation, is modeled on the original Cincinnati Strive. The “community infrastructure” approach to reform and innovation includes five implementation cities and five planning cities, with Memphis among the planning cities currently using data to identify key issues, formulate priorities, and design interventions in support of Memphis City Schools’ Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation-funded teaching effectiveness strategy and Race to the Top-funded comprehensive reform. Memphis Strive will also work to support Shelby County Schools and innovative charter and private schools efforts toward strategic cradle to career thinking.

*The Strive model and Living Cities support for replication at the Cincinnati Strive website*

<http://www.strivetogether.org/>

**CBANA signs on as data partner for Memphis Shelby County Early Success Coalition**

Growing out of an HHS-SAMHSA grant to expand evidence based home visitation for pregnant women and their young children (the Nurse Family Partnership) and reduce infant mortality and other negative birth outcomes, a coalition of over sixty-five service providers and advocates for early childhood development is creating a data-driven strategic infrastructure to integrate, leverage, and triage local resources leverage. CBANA is developing a segmentation model for at-risk families and advising on key indicators for tracking outcomes and community impact.

*The Early Success Coalition website*  
<http://www.earlysuccescoalition.com>

**CBANA signs on as data partner for the Memphis Talent Dividend**

Leadership Memphis has been tapped to lead Memphis's participation in the national Talent Dividend Strategy. The Talent Dividend strategy, conceptualized and promoted by the national urban innovation organization CEO's for Cities, is based on research by Brookings Fellow Joe Cortright. Cortright's research calculates the return from incremental improvement in the college attainment rate on per capital income in the nation's fifty metro areas. Leadership Memphis, with support from the City of Memphis, is assembling a multi-faceted implementation team whose charge is to design and implement data-driven interventions to improve the college attainment rate in the Memphis metro area by 1% in the next five to ten years. This modest increase in college attainment is expected to be accompanied by a one billion dollar increase in aggregate per capita income.

<http://www.leadershipmemphis.org>  
<http://www.ceosforcities.org>

**2. What new activities are you working on?****CBANA works with Operation Safe Community's "Safeways" to develop data-driven "Community Action Partnership" concept.**

Piloting the concept with the Southeast Memphis CDC, neighborhood level data has enabled the CDC to establish outreach and intervention strategies with apartment complexes, the Memphis City Schools, the Early Success Coalition, Memphis Strive, and the Health Memphis Common Table. "Community profile" data is being used to highlight key neighborhood issues, around which "working groups" have been formed to link with city-wide strategies and innovate more effective local outreach and support systems. The link with Operation Safe Community emphasizes community safety, and recognizes the need for long-term crime prevention through robust community development. The CAP strategy was presented to a community forum featuring Senator Lamar Alexander (R) and Representative Steve Cohen (D).

**CBANA works with Center for Community Criminology and Research to develop curriculum for Community Safety and Neighborhood Vitality Extension Service.**

The Extension Service will partner with Neighborhood Watch and local community development corporations to build the capacity of residents and other stakeholders to participate in crime prevention and community revitalization activities. Seed money is being sought through grants, with the City of Memphis agreeing to sustain the concept; a

demonstration training project in Midtown Memphis generated positive feedback that is guiding the development of the expanded curriculum.

**CBANA is translating national “Fragile Families” Data (Sara McClanahan et. al) to local analysis, creating estimates for the size of the population at various levels of risk for Memphis and Shelby County.**

With “segments” identified, more detailed understanding of risks and assets for families at various levels of risk will be made possible by applying the segmentation model to 1000 mothers/primary caregivers and their children 1-3 (and other family members) that participate in the University of Tennessee Health Science Center CANDLE study (Conditions Affecting Neurocognitive Development and Learning in Early Childhood). The CANDLE study includes a range of standardized data collection instruments and protocols for a range of variables from nutrition to environmental to social and psychological issues.

[www.fragilefamilies.princeton.edu](http://www.fragilefamilies.princeton.edu)

[www.candlestudy.org](http://www.candlestudy.org)

**Key Indicators being selected for two basic InfoWorks (CBANA’s public information portal) domains.**

Based on input from an array of domain stakeholders, CBANA-InfoWorks is finalizing a set of key indicators to monitor change for two “inaugural” domains that will roll out with the InfoWorks public information portal: community safety and housing and neighborhoods. Housing and neighborhoods will feature early warning and stress indicators housing market by local housing market, while community safety will include precursor indicators such as 16-24 year olds neither working nor in school neighborhood by neighborhood.

3. Have you acquired new data other than routine updates? Have you completed any notable system or web site improvements?

**CBANA has acquired access to an expanded city-wide set of address/parcel level public records.**

Data now includes indicators such as bankruptcies, evictions, and liens going back to 2000 and ongoing through a partnership with the Memphis Daily News. The partnership reduces the cost of records preparation for CBANA; records will be updated quarterly for near real time ongoing analysis.

4. What upcoming events/activities present an opportunity to showcase your work and NNIP?

Neighborhoods USA Annual Conference

Little Rock AK

May 26-29, 2110

[www.nusa.org](http://www.nusa.org)

Panel presentation including Environmental Court Judge Larry Potter, the Community Development Council (policy committee), and the Medical District Problem Properties Initiative; CBANA will present on the Neighborhood Survey and Problem Properties Audit and policy implications.

## ***Miami***

THE CHILDREN'S TRUST

May 2010

1. *What are your key accomplishments since October 2009?*

**The Children's Trust applies a results-driven planning process, focusing on the conditions of well-being the Miami-Dade community wants for all its children, to guide its investments over the next five years.**

This plan identifies four overarching results sought for children and families in Miami-Dade County: (1) Children are healthy, physically and emotionally; (2) Children are supported by safe, nurturing families and communities; (3) Children are ready to succeed when entering school; (4) Children are succeeding in school and society. Additionally, it displays the current trends of community-level indicators that are being used to measure progress in each result area, specifies strategies that have a reasoned chance of working to improve these results, and identifies data not currently available but important to our community to improve the measurement of these results. This plan is intended to be a living document with regular reviews to measure progress.

*The Children's Trust Results-based Strategic Plan for Investments 2011-2015*

[http://thechildrenstrust.org/images/stories/inside\\_trust/about\\_us/agendas/board/2010/strat/The\\_Childrens\\_Trust\\_Strategic\\_Plan\\_DRAFT-032910.pdf](http://thechildrenstrust.org/images/stories/inside_trust/about_us/agendas/board/2010/strat/The_Childrens_Trust_Strategic_Plan_DRAFT-032910.pdf)

*Results-based Strategic Plan for Investments 2011-2015 Data Appendix:*

[http://thechildrenstrust.org/images/stories/inside\\_trust/about\\_us/agendas/board/2010/strat/Appendix\\_Charts\\_032410.pdf](http://thechildrenstrust.org/images/stories/inside_trust/about_us/agendas/board/2010/strat/Appendix_Charts_032410.pdf)

**New Enhancements and Modifications to KidStats and Maps, The Children's Trust interactive GIS mapping website**

With this new enhancement, users can now display multiple asset/point datasets on the maps page of KidStats and Maps. This includes new icons and colors, and the ability to compare asset/point locations across different datasets.

*KidStats and Maps*

<http://maps.thechildrenstrust.org/Miami/index.jsp>

2. *What new activities are you working on?*

**Creation of The Children's Health and Education Data Exchange to allow immediate and informed access to medical, educational and social service data to benefit children and improve their well-being.**

A collaborative that currently includes The Children's Trust, Health Choice Network, the Early Learning Coalition, Ready Schools Miami, Miami-Dade County Public Schools, John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, and the Microsoft Corporation is developing a groundbreaking, live data exchange that will connect families, healthcare providers, educators and child-serving organizations using 21<sup>st</sup> century technology. This Data Exchange intends to eliminate barriers and create unprecedented levels of data sharing that

will (1) improve access to effective and responsive care services for children and families; (2) build capacity to evaluate the collective impact of public and private investments on improving outcomes for the quality of life of children and families; (3) establish effective and efficient connected community partnerships across service sectors – reducing costs and increasing the effectiveness of care plans; and (4) engage adolescents and their families through personal health records to empower active health and wellness management.

### **Future Enhancements and Modifications to KidStats and Maps, The Children’s Trust interactive GIS mapping website**

The Children’s Trust is collaborating with Community Research Institute (NNIP partner in Grand Rapids) to further develop a new set of utilities and tools for 2010. These website improvements and enhancements are expected to have a positive impact on user experience and increased utility for its users.

#### *KidStats and Maps*

<http://maps.thechildrenstrust.org/Miami/index.jsp>

3. Have you acquired new data other than routine updates? Have you completed any notable system or web site improvements?

### **New Demographic Estimated/Projected Data**

Purchased Easy Analytic Software Inc. (EASI) demographic data. This data is estimated for 2009 and projected for 2014. It has over 326 variables including age by sex, race by households, income, family characteristics including income, ancestry, education enrollment at public and private schools down to the block group level.

4. What upcoming events/activities present an opportunity to showcase your work and NNIP?

*Title: Generating New Knowledge for Social Policy through Integrated Data Systems*

*Date: June 14/15, 2010*

*City, State: Philadelphia, PA*

# **Milwaukee**

NONPROFIT CENTER OF MILWAUKEE

May 2010

1. What are your key accomplishments since October 2009?

### **Milwaukee Public Schools Head Start Comprehensive Community Assessment**

Milwaukee recently delivered a Community Assessment to Head Start program managers and the School Board. This assessment is required every three years and is an evaluation of need within the community and the Head Start population. We approached this assessment using a neighborhood by neighborhood approach

### **Social Development Commission Voter Locator**

Milwaukee staff created a lookup system for the auditors and staff of the Social Development Commission to determine which district a constituent resides in for their commissioner election in April.

### **Milwaukee Health Department Lead Program Testing Penetration Analysis**

Milwaukee staff assisted the City of Milwaukee Health Department in an analysis of lead testing rates for the entire city within several geographies. This work involved creating several population projection models based on individual birth records and trends over the time period of the study.

### **Milwaukee Lectures and Other Work**

Todd Clausen presented several lectures to GIS classes at University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee on Spatial Analysis and the use of data, and a lecture to a Marquette Law School class on Race and Place in Milwaukee, and presented a GIS Day workshop on the use of GIS by Community Organizations in Milwaukee. Todd was also invited to a special discussion session in April with the Honorable Thomas E. Perez, Asst Attorney General for Civil Rights, on the challenges faced within Milwaukee in the area of Civil Rights. Milwaukee Staff presented 4 other workshops in the areas of community data and GIS, assisted 42 community organizations with data and information needs and provided 143 hours of service to Community Development Block Grant funded Organizations. This could not have been done without the assistance of 5 interns who volunteered 850 hours during the period.

2. What new activities are you working on?

**Nothing of note to report. We are planning for some major changes to our website starting late summer - early fall 2010.**

3. Have you acquired new data other than routine updates? Have you completed any notable system or web site improvements?

### **Police Department Calls for Service (CAD) Data**

Milwaukee is working on an automated system for collecting Milwaukee Police Department Dispatch data from an online system that posts the calls for the past 90 minutes. We have been using Python and the Scrapy module which has proved quite powerful for pulling data from web based systems.

**Real Estate Transfer Returns**

Wisconsin went to an electronic system for all property transfer recording and we have been able to also obtain several years worth of scanned / ocr data which we are still trying to put to practical use.

4. What upcoming events/activities present an opportunity to showcase your work and NNIP?

**We are constantly offering workshops on the use of community data and continue our work with many planning efforts around the city of Milwaukee.**



## ***Minneapolis-St. Paul***

CENTER FOR URBAN AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA  
May 2010

1. What are your key accomplishments since October 2009?

### **Local Food Systems Inventory and Mapping**

CURA, Hennepin County, the City of Minneapolis and NorthPoint Community Health Center recently finished data collection and mapping of the food environment in the City and County. Categories of data include: farmers' markets, CSA drop sites, community gardens, grocery stores, co-ops, convenience stores, ethnic grocery, fast food outlets, bars/restaurants, liquor stores, food shelves, soup kitchens & co-ops.

### **CURA approved as Non-profit Representative to MetroGIS Coordinating Council**

At the December meeting of the MetroGIS Coordinating Council CURA staff person Jeff Matson was approved as a committee member representing the non-profit community. The Coordinating Committee's purpose is to advise the Policy Board on matters concerning the implementation and operation of MetroGIS. This committee sets the agenda and workplan and is directly involved in regional GIS application decision making. Of primary concern to non-profits in relation to this committee is open and free access to regional parcel and address data and the development of applications which have a community purpose.

*MetroGIS Coordinating Council Meeting Minutes 12/17/09*

[http://www.metrogis.org/teams/cc/meetings/09\\_1217/09\\_1217mf.pdf](http://www.metrogis.org/teams/cc/meetings/09_1217/09_1217mf.pdf)

### **Census 2010 Complete Count Committee Outreach**

CURA has led outreach efforts for the City of Minneapolis Complete Count Committee for Census 2010. Approximately two dozen Census related events have taken place in the three months leading up to Census Day April 1, 2010. The events primarily involve outreach activities and educational sessions in traditionally hard to count areas and among disadvantaged populations and immigrants. The response rate in Minneapolis is currently 5% higher than in 2000 while the U.S. rate is down 3%.

*2010 Census Quarterly Status Reports*

<http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/2010census/status-reports.asp>

<http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/2010census/docs/Mpls-Census-Participation-Rate.pdf>

### **Community GIS Project Completed Oct. 2009 – Apr. 2010**

CGIS staff completed approximately 25 community-based mapping projects during the period and handled another 10-15 requests for data from students and researcher during the period Jan. 2010 – Apr. 2010.

2. What new activities are you working on?

### **Housing Preservation Project – ARRA Mapping**

HPP has asked CURA to help in mapping federal stimulus dollars, jobs created and overlay this information on population figures, unemployment rates and other thematic layers in an effort to study the equitable distribution of funding throughout the state.

**OnTheMap Analysis of Employment along Hiawatha LRT 2002-2008**

We are performing a detailed station by station analysis of residential employment change along the Twin Cities single light-rail line. A preliminary analysis showed a significant increase in the number of persons both living and working within ½ mile of the stations despite an overall decline in employment between 2002 and 2008. Further analysis is necessary to examine changes in wages, age of worker and industry of occupation.

**Web Mapping of CURA projects statewide**

As part of its website redesign we will add an interactive map of current and past project with click-able link to project reports and partner websites. This site is currently a draft and will be completed in 2010.

*CURA Projects in MN 2001-2010(Draft)*

<https://netfiles.umn.edu/users/eric0887/cura/projects.html>

**Rondo Community Land Trust Suburban Suitability Analysis**

RCLT is proposing to acquire property to be put into land trusts in suburban Ramsey County (St. Paul). As part of its site selection process CURA will be mapping property sales, median value, and ratios of land to building value at the block level throughout the county. RCLT hopes to get at neighborhoods of relative affordability within each city in Ramsey County.

3. Have you acquired new data other than routine updates? Have you completed any notable system or web site improvements?

**City of Minneapolis Assessor and Regulatory Services Data**

Received City-wide data on Property Condition, Demolition Orders, Rental Licenses.

**Hennepin County Taxpayer Services**

Received County-wide data on Tax Forfeitures and Delinquencies. Most recent date of delinquency is Oct 15, 2009.

**St. Paul Planning and Economic Development**

Building and Remodeling Permits from 2000-2010 for entire city at address level.

**Food Systems Data in Hennepin County**

Collected and geocoded data on farmers' markets, CSA drop sites, community gardens, grocery stores, co-ops, convenience stores, ethnic grocery, fast food outlets, bars/restaurants, liquor stores, food shelves, soup kitchens & co-ops.

4. What upcoming events/activities present an opportunity to showcase your work and NNIP?

N/A

## ***New Haven***

DATAHAVEN

May 2010

### **2010 New Haven Neighborhood Quality of Life Survey**

DataHaven completed collection of the 2010 New Haven Neighborhood Quality of Life Survey between January and April 2010. Results will be analyzed for presentation at neighborhood workshops and in a final report in Summer 2010. Serving its role as an impartial, third-party source of community information, DataHaven has assisted the Community Management Teams and other neighborhood associations with survey collection and outreach, including attending a number of evening meetings to answer questions about data collection. Several of the management teams, including Westville, East Rock, Downtown and Dixwell, formed active “survey committees” to collect information. Over 1,200 residents responded to the survey.

*New Haven Neighborhood Quality of Life Survey: 2010, DataHaven.*

[http://www.ctdatahaven.org/newhaven/index.php/New\\_Haven\\_Survey](http://www.ctdatahaven.org/newhaven/index.php/New_Haven_Survey)

### **DataHaven Transition**

A 501c3 organization, DataHaven hired a full-time Executive Director, Mark Abraham, and moved out of the Holt, Wexler and Farnam offices on January 1, 2010. We have rented space at a sublet leased by SeeClickFix, a company developing worldwide open data and planning software tools for government and civic engagement.

### **DataHaven Website Redevelopment**

DataHaven plans to complete all aspects of the new website, including new Barometer, assets (resources) database, and Understanding New Haven knowledge center, this spring. The website design has been revamped and is now live on the site. The Understanding New Haven knowledge center allows posting and searching of documents of all types as well as “data by topic” analyses. Community indicator pages have also been rebuilt and are now functional, though the data system is planned to transition to Open Indicators functionality (OIC) later in the year. We have enlisted additional users and organizations to help build online resources on the Understanding New Haven knowledge center. These pages will be combined with access to quantitative indicator data and related resources for use in civic planning efforts.

*DataHaven, 2010.*

<http://www.ctdatahaven.org/>

### **Data Development Activity: Health and Health Equity**

DataHaven has been asked to join the steering committees and/or data workgroups of several health-related groups. We expect this to allow further development of health resources on our site as well as possible contract opportunities:

- New Haven Community Services Administrator’s Healthy City working group, which deals with city planning and health services
- Yale CARE Community Interventions for Health project, which is developing content based on its survey and mapping project
- Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholars, which meets regularly to discuss community-based research initiatives underway by students and community partners

- We continue to serve on the Health Equity Alliance planning committee and data workgroup.

### **Data Development Activity: Education, Safety and Economic Development**

Activities include:

- We have updated the Barometer of Community Conditions with crime information from the City of New Haven's crime analyst. We are currently working to add additional variables to the monthly indicator system.
- We developed a plan for data collection for the New Haven Early Childhood Council. DataHaven has helped to prioritize data development responsibilities. Our next step will be to help collect and present annual benchmarks of system and program success. We hope to use this project to build our relationship with New Haven Schools Foundation and Board of Education.
- DataHaven gave a presentation to the City of New Haven's Economic Development staff on February 18<sup>th</sup> and will be developing a prioritized plan for economic development data collection.
- We have completed a survey regarding the closing of Shaw's Supermarket, New Haven's only inner city supermarket, receiving and analyzing 2,500 responses from citizens

## ***New Orleans***

GREATER NEW ORLEANS COMMUNITY DATA CENTER  
May 2010

1. What are your key accomplishments since October 2009?

### **Report on Housing Production Needs in New Orleans**

Four years after Katrina, how much more housing and of what type does New Orleans need? This report provides a clear comparison between supply of subsidized rentals and current demand for subsidies. It also examines future overall demand and demand for subsidies and compares these to the number of units in the pipeline. Finally, this report tackles the tough question: What do you do when market rate vacancies are rising but many people still cannot afford housing?

*Plyer, A., E. Ortiz, M. Turner, & K. Pettit. (Nov 2009). "Housing Production Needs: Three Scenarios for New Orleans."*

<http://www.gnocdc.org/HousingProductionScenarios/index.html>

### **Brief on Post-Katrina Commuter Patterns in the New Orleans region**

The Census Bureau and the State of Louisiana have teamed up to publish Local Employment Dynamics data — a robust new set of data on commuter patterns. By combining job location data (reported to the state by employers for unemployment insurance purposes) with worker residence data (from federal data sets such as IRS, Social Security, etc.) this new data set indicates where folks live compared to where they work — by low, moderate and high-wage levels. In this brief, we explore where jobs of various wage levels are located and commuter patterns across the New Orleans metropolitan area. Specifically,

- Job centers and bedroom communities
- Location of low and moderate-wage jobs
- Residency choices of high-earning workers
- Low-wage labor flows to Orleans and Jefferson
- Metro-wide commuting patterns among low-wage workers
- Moderate-wage worker flows
- Residency of Jefferson Parish's low-wage labor force

*Plyer, A., E. Ortiz, & K. Pettit. (Jan 2009). "Post-Katrina Commuter Patterns Based on 2008 Local Employment Dynamics data from the U.S. Census Bureau."*

<http://www.gnocdc.org/CommuterPatterns/index.html>

### **Fact sheet on prevalent wages and affordable rents**

This one-page fact sheet shows the number of workers in the New Orleans area by income range and affordable rent for various occupations making less than \$35,000 a year.

*A. Plyer. (Nov 2009). "Prevalent wages and affordable rents."*

<http://www.gnocdc.org/AffordableRent/index.html>

### **Report on housing affordability in the New Orleans Metro**

This report based on 2004, 2007 and 2008 American Community Survey data from the U.S. Census Bureau examines housing affordability in the New Orleans Metro. The key finding was that in 2008, homeowners in New Orleans were more likely to face unaffordable

housing costs than homeowners nationwide. And renters across the entire metro area faced a housing affordability crisis more severe than the nation.

*Plyer, A., E. Ortiz, & K. Pettit. (Oct 2009). "Post-Katrina housing affordability challenges continue in 2008, worsening among Orleans Parish very low income renters: Based on 2004, 2007 and 2008 American Community Survey data from the U.S. Census Bureau*  
<http://www.gnocdc.org/HousingAffordability/>

### **Report and slideshow on demographic changes in parishes in the New Orleans metro.**

This brief and presentation examines 2008 data for Orleans, Jefferson, St. Tammany, and the metro area, and identifies significant changes since 2000. Included are data on race and ethnicity, poverty, homeownership, educational attainment, children, access to vehicles and the foreign born population.

*Plyer, A. & E. Ortiz. (Oct 2009) "Who lives in New Orleans and the Metro Area now? Based on 2008 U.S. Census Bureau Data."*  
<http://www.gnocdc.org/2008Demographics/index.html>

### **Facts for Features – Hurricane Katrina Impact**

An easy-to-read 1-pager of basic statistics on the immediate impact of Katrina and the floods targeting the media, which, during the upcoming 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary, will be reflecting on the immediate and devastating impact that the storm had on New Orleans and the entire Gulf Coast region.

*Plyer, A. (Apr 2010). "Facts for Features – Hurricane Katrina Impact."*  
<http://www.gnocdc.org/Factsforfeatures/HurricaneKatrinaImpact/index.html>

### **Facts for Features – "Who Dat" Data: Facts about New Orleans' recovery from Katrina**

An easy-to-read 1-pager of basic statistics on New Orleans recovery targeting the media, which was very interested in New Orleans around the Super Bowl.

*Plyer, A. (Jan 2010). "Facts for Features – "Who Dat" Data: Facts about New Orleans' recovery from Katrina."*  
<http://www.gnocdc.org/Factsforfeatures/HurricaneKatrinaImpact/index.html>

## 2. What new activities are you working on?

### **Possible brief on Jobs in the New Orleans metro area**

This brief will use 2008 Local Employment Dynamics Data from the US Census Bureau to look at where jobs are located in the New Orleans metro and compare that to where workers live in the metro area. It will also look at what industries low-wage jobs represent and how they are clustered geographically.

### **Possible brief on employment and "export" or "traded sector" industries in the New Orleans metro**

This brief will examine historical and recent trends in general employment growth and the composition, wages and employment growth in "export" or "traded sector" industries.

**Possible brief on the middle class in the New Orleans metro**

This brief will use 2008 Local Employment Dynamics Data from the US Census Bureau to look at where middle class jobs are located in the New Orleans metro and compare that to where these workers live.

**5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary New Orleans Index**

This report will be published before the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Katrina and will examine data from the past several decades to provide a complete picture of where New Orleans has come from and where it is now to provide the basis for a common understanding moving forward.

3. Have you acquired new data other than routine updates? Have you completed any notable system or web site improvements?

**We've begun working with 2008 Local Employment Dynamics Data from the US Census Bureau.**

See above - "Brief on Post-Katrina Commuter Patterns in the New Orleans region," "Possible brief on Jobs in the New Orleans metro area," "Possible brief on employment and "export" or "traded sector" industries in the New Orleans metro," and "Possible brief on the middle class in the New Orleans metro."

4. What upcoming events/activities present an opportunity to showcase your work and NNIP?

N/A

## ***New York***

NEW YORK CITY HOUSING AND NEIGHBORHOOD INFORMATION SYSTEM,  
NEW YORK UNIVERSITY  
May 2010

1. What are your key accomplishments since October 2009?

### **Release of Report: State of New York City's Housing and Neighborhoods Report 2009**

The 2009 report profiles the recent building boom, evaluates the state of mortgage lending in the City, highlights the state of immigrant New Yorkers and immigrant neighborhoods, and provides detailed data on housing and demographic trends in each of the City's 59 community districts. Of particular note is this year's finding that 170,000 new units had been built over the past 8 years (between 2000-2008); more than two and a half times the amount built during 1992-2009, the previous 8 year period.

*Furman Center Releases State of New York City's Housing and Neighborhoods Report 2009*  
<http://furmancenter.org/research/sonychan/>

### **Release of policy brief: How Have Recent Rezoning's Affected the City's Ability to Grow?**

As Mayor Bloomberg celebrates the 100<sup>th</sup> rezoning during his tenure, this report provides a comprehensive statistical analysis of the City's rezoning strategy. It examines the net impact of the 76 rezonings initiated by the City between 2003 and 2007. The report finds that the rezonings created 100 million new square feet of residential capacity in mixed use areas, but is skeptical that new capacity will be built out for residential use. Additionally, the study concludes that lower-income minority neighborhoods were more likely to gain capacity than more affluent, white neighborhoods.

*Furman Center Releases New Analysis of the City's Rezoning's*  
[http://furmancenter.org/files/publications/Rezoning's\\_Furman\\_Center\\_Policy\\_Brief\\_March\\_2010.pdf](http://furmancenter.org/files/publications/Rezoning's_Furman_Center_Policy_Brief_March_2010.pdf)

### **Furman Center Establishes New Institute for Affordable Housing Policy**

The current housing crisis has confronted developers, lenders and owners of affordable housing, policymakers and non-profit housing providers with daunting new challenges, from the foreclosure crisis to the credit freeze to the overwhelming need for affordable housing by families beset with job loss. Leaders of the affordable housing community urgently need both evidence-based and objective policy analysis and new tools and skills to meet those challenges. Recognizing that need, the Furman Center launched the Institute for Affordable Housing Policy in February 2010 to improve the effectiveness of affordable housing policies and programs by providing housing practitioners and policymakers with information about what's working and what isn't, and about promising new ideas and innovative practices.

*Furman Center Launches New Institute for Affordable Housing Policy*  
<http://furmancenter.org/institute/>



### **Foreclosed Properties in NYC: A Look at the Last 15 Years**

This report provides new insight into critical questions about foreclosure in New York City by analyzing the outcomes of 1-4 family properties that entered foreclosure between 1993 and 2007. Particular emphasis is placed on trends over recent years. While foreclosure filings continue to rise, little is known about what happens to those properties—how many homeowners are able to stay in their home, how many sell their homes, how many complete the foreclosure process and end up in REO.

*Furman Center Releases New Report on Foreclosed Properties in New York City*  
[http://furmancenter.org/files/publications/Furman\\_Center\\_Fact\\_Sheet\\_on\\_REO\\_Properties.pdf](http://furmancenter.org/files/publications/Furman_Center_Fact_Sheet_on_REO_Properties.pdf)

2. What new activities are you working on?

### **The Preservation Data Project**

The Furman Center is working with New York City's Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD), as well as other city and state housing agencies and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, to collect data on housing projects that are expiring out of affordability contracts. Data will be organized and into a comprehensive database and web-based interactive system. We will combine that data with our neighborhood level data, available at [www.nychanis.com](http://www.nychanis.com).

We will analyze the data to produce annual reports describing the quantity and characteristics of properties that have opted or failed out of the subsidy program, and units at risk of opting out. In addition, we are designing an "early warning/opportunity" system to identify the properties most likely to either opt out, or fail out of their subsidy programs. The warning system will also offer special potential to be saved.

The Furman Center is working with experts in real estate physical assessments and market evaluation to develop an extensive analysis of those properties the early warning/opportunity system identifies as priorities for attention.

*Coming Soon!*

### **The Impact of Foreclosures on Children**

In the last few years, the mortgage foreclosure crisis has affected millions of households around the country, but few have considered the collateral costs on children who may, as a result of foreclosures, experience considerable stress and leave their homes, communities and schools. We are using a unique data set on New York City students linked to building-level foreclosure data to estimate the number of students living in properties going through foreclosure, to examine their characteristics, to describe the characteristics of the schools where affected students are concentrated, and to study the impacts of foreclosure on their mobility rates. We focus on students from the 2003-04 and 2006-07 academic school years.

### **The Impact of Foreclosures on Neighborhood Crime**

Many have voiced concern that foreclosures may lead to increases in crime. This may be due to resulting vacancies and abandoned buildings that may invite vagrants and drug activity or simply signal disorder in the community. Even when foreclosures don't result in widespread vacancies, they do typically lead to increased rates of turnover in a community,

as owners are forced to sell. Such heightened turnover may undermine safety in a community because local residents are less able to maintain effective social controls and engage in collective efforts to improve safety. In this project we will use crime data from 2004-2008 in New York City to estimate several different models that will help to address the charge that foreclosures, rather than leading to heightened crime, are simply more likely to occur in higher crime areas. By exploring impacts on different types of crime, we hope to shed light on the causal mechanisms by which foreclosures may affect crime

3. Have you acquired new data other than routine updates? Have you completed any notable system or web site improvements?

**Through our preservation data project, we have acquired a whole new area of data on subsidized affordable housing. Below is a table of data sources and data sets we either have acquired or will acquire by the end of the summer 2010.**

<b>HUD</b> Sec 8 contract properties	<b>HUD</b> Sec 8 contracts
<b>HUD</b> 236 list	<b>HUD</b> 202/811 list
<b>HUD</b> Current Insured Mortgages	<b>HUD</b> Terminated Insured Mortgages
<b>HUD</b> Picture of Subsidized Housing	<b>HPD</b> M-L Access Database
<b>HPD</b> LIHTC Access Database	<b>HPD</b> LIHTC Compliance Data
<b>HPD</b> Spreadsheets- owner/managers. Current/Buy outs	<b>HPD</b> Mortgage Info (.pdfs)
<b>HPD</b> Rent Increase Cards	<b>HPD</b> HPD Info (Home Data, Tax Abatement Info, PLP data)
<b>HDC</b> Legal Files	<b>HDC</b> Oracle Database
<b>HDC</b> Oracle Database	<b>DHCR</b> Samis
<b>DHCR</b> Office of Housing Management Database	<b>DHCR</b> SHARS (Includes Housing Trust Fund)
<b>DHCR</b> HUD Buildings	<b>DHCR</b> CGI Section 8 data
<b>HFA</b> EIS System	<b>HFA</b> Mortgage Info

4. What upcoming events/activities present an opportunity to showcase your work and NNIP?

We have submitted research papers to various research conferences including the APPAM conference (Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management) and the Association for Collegiate Schools of Planning.

*Title:* Bimonthly Furman Center Brown Bags

*Description:* Bimonthly colloquium where staff present ongoing research

*Date:* 2010-2010

*City, State:* NYU School of Law: 110 MacDougal Street  
New York, NY 10012

*URL link*

# Oakland

URBAN STRATEGIES COUNCIL

May 2010

## 1. What are your key accomplishments since October 2009?

### **Released the Alameda County Reentry Services Database**

A searchable database for service providers and the public to find out about and make referrals for all services available to formerly incarcerated people in Alameda County and beyond, with over 450 service providers listed.

*Alameda County Reentry Services Database*

[www.alamedareentryservices.org](http://www.alamedareentryservices.org)

### **Purchased first homes for the Oakland Community Land Trust**

*Description:* The Oakland CLT began its acquisition of homes and has begun work on the rehabilitation of our first properties.

*URL Title:* *the Oakland Community Land Trust*

*URL link:* [www.oakclt.org](http://www.oakclt.org)

### **Headline: Statewide foreclosure analysis in partnership with CRC**

*Description:* Mapping project for a report by the California Reinvestment Coalition on redlining practices contributing to foreclosures.

*URL Title:* *From Foreclosure to Re-Redlining report*

*URL link:* <http://www.calreinvest.org/system/assets/214.pdf>

### **Headline: Appointed to expand the Alameda County Reentry Network into Contra Costa County**

*Description:* The California Endowment funded the Council to help establish a Reentry Network in Contra Costa County based on our successful model functioning in Alameda County.

*URL Title:* *Contra Costa Reentry Network planning*

*URL link:* [www.cocoreentry.org](http://www.cocoreentry.org)

### **Headline: Appointed to manage the Alameda County Violence Prevention Initiative**

*Description:* The Council has taken over implementation of the county's Violence Prevention Initiative Work Plan II. The work plan focuses on developing a violence prevention plan within six target neighborhoods and has identified youth and formerly incarcerated people as the two target populations. The Council began serving as program manager for implementing the Work Plan in January 2010.

*URL Title:* *Violence Prevention work*

*URL link:* <http://www.urbanstrategies.org/programs/csj/vp.php>

### **Headline: Released the ACCAN Banking Menu**

*Description:* This is a tool developed by AC CAN member organizations to help service providers connect their clients with the "best fit" financial product for that person's particular needs and preferences. Our assessment is based on consumer research and

feedback from providers and clients on the needs and experiences of low-income people in the financial system.

*URL Title:* Bay Area Banking Menu web service

*URL link:* <http://www.alamedacountyca.org/FinancialProductsV2/index.php>

2. What new activities are you working on?

**Headline: Oakland Police Department Crime Analysis Partnership**

*Description:* Secured funding for a part time crime analyst to work in partnership with the OPD to carry out advanced crime mapping and spatial analysis focusing on burglary, robbery and shooting crimes in East Oakland. Focus on gang activity and expanding to community policing efforts in future.

**Headline: Connection of Foreclosure and Youth**

*Description:* In early 2010 the Council began connecting its databases on foreclosure and public school students to identify schools and communities with the most youth at risk of their families losing homes due to foreclosure in an effort to direct services and counseling to the most impacted schools.

3. Have you acquired new data other than routine updates? Have you completed any notable system or web site improvements?

**Headline: Oakland Police Calls For Service**

*Description:* Obtained historical calls for service data for the City of Oakland as well as gang data, crime suspect and vehicles involved in crimes.

4. What upcoming events/activities present an opportunity to showcase your work and NNIP?

*Title:* ESRI User Conference

*Description (optional):* Presenting on the use of GIS in social justice

*Date:* July 2010

*City, State:* San Diego, CA

# Philadelphia

TEMPLE UNIVERSITY, DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY AND URBAN STUDIES  
May 2010

## 1. What are your key accomplishments since October 2009?

MPIP provides three major forms of data/issue releases – our annual *Where We Stand* report, to be released in June, 2010 (details to be included in the fall meeting update); Policy Briefs (summaries of issues that affect the Philadelphia region, using the MPIP data and mapping platforms); and special projects. We summarize our Policy Briefs first, followed by our special projects work.

### **POLICY BRIEFS**

#### **Policy Brief: School Violence**

Sparked by a number of violent incidents, MPIP analyzed reported incidents of violence in the schools of the region. As expected, a number of low-income communities along the Delaware River - on both the Pennsylvania and New Jersey sides - show higher rates of school violence than most other school districts in the region. The mapped data also suggest that high levels of violence can show up in suburban areas where it is unexpected – for example, in more affluent districts producing high scholastic performance.

MPIP Policy Brief: School Violence

<http://mpip.temple.edu/index.php?q=node/66>

#### **Policy Brief: Ambulatory Surgical Centers**

The health care delivery system is rapidly changing in response to rising costs, insurance reimbursement schedules, technological improvements, and shifts in medical practice preferences including the rise of ambulatory surgical centers (ASCs – free-standing facilities which offer procedures that once required stays in general hospitals. Nationally, the number of ASCs grew 38 percent between 2002-03 and 2007-08; within the Philadelphia region, the growth in numbers was much greater: 69 percent.

MPIP Policy Brief: Ambulatory Surgical Centers

<http://mpip.temple.edu/index.php?q=node/65>

#### **Policy Brief: Paying for Police**

Pennsylvania is considering charging communities who use the State Police as their local policing body, charging new fees to about 1700 municipalities that currently rely on state police. On one hand, residents of communities relying on state police clearly have higher incomes than citizens who pay for their own police, supporting the claim that the pattern of state police coverage is unfair. However, these communities are generally smaller in population size and tend to have lower crime rates than towns with established police forces, supporting those who argue that crime rates in many small communities do not justify establishing local police forces. Finally, population growth rates and densities suggest that state police coverage is concentrated in municipalities at the edges of the region that are attracting new growth, yet still remain less built-out than the region's inner suburbs.

*MPIP Policy Brief: Paying for Police*

<http://mpip.temple.edu/index.php?q=node/64>

### **Policy Brief: Taxing Arts and Culture**

Pennsylvania recently experienced the most protracted budget impasse of any state facing fiscal shortfalls. The Commonwealth will impose the state sales tax on the price of admission to performing arts, museums historical sites, zoos and parks. This new tax, however, apparently reserves some portion of the new sales tax revenues for a dedicated fund to support arts institutions, a goal long sought by the arts and culture community.

*MPIP Policy Brief: Taxing Arts and Culture*

<http://mpip.temple.edu/index.php?q=node/62>

### **SPECIAL PROJECTS**

None of these projects have a specific URL link or title. They are summarized by the partner organization MPIP worked with.

#### **National Institute of Justice Grant**

MPIP is providing data and GIS support to a Temple University research effort that recently received NIJ funding. The grant title is "Forecasting Municipality Crime Counts within a Metropolitan Area." David Elesh of MPIP will be working with Ralph B. Taylor and Elizabeth Groff of Temple's Criminal Justice Department.

#### **Philadelphia Corporation for Aging**

MPIP worked with PCA to present a major regional conference in November on "Evaluating Neighborhood Programs: Measuring Outcomes, Determining Effectiveness."

#### **St. Christopher Hospital**

MPIP data and maps focused special attention on Latino residents in North Philadelphia neighborhoods served by St. Christopher Hospital in the hospital's lecture series on Community Pediatrics and Child Advocacy. David Bartelt made an invited presentation for residents and staff on "North Philadelphia: Evolution, Change, and Challenge."

#### **Campus Philly**

MPIP worked with Campus Philly on methods for surveying both students currently enrolled in regional colleges as well as students between 3 and 5 years after graduation (exact year to be determined), and also on the construction of a sample.

#### **Mayor's Office of Community Service**

MPIP worked with the Mayor's Office of Community Service (MOCS) staff and advisory board on a comprehensive needs assessment plan. MPIP contributed census tract and zip code level maps of key indicators. MPIP also conducted a training session on MetroPhilaMapper to the MOCS staff, so that they could further identify indicators that would be relevant to their work.

**Rutgers/Camden, state and nonprofit organizations serving ex-offenders**

MPIP joined Chancellor Wendell Pritchett and colleagues at Rutgers/Camden to design and organize a regional conference on April 8, 2010, focusing on ex-offenders re-entering the communities of southern New Jersey and southeastern Pennsylvania.

2. What new activities are you working on?

**Greater Philadelphia Cultural Alliance**

MPIP is working with the Cultural Alliance on an analysis on the impact of frequent attendance of cultural events in civic engagement. MPIP will map and investigate the relationship between frequent attendance of arts events and voter participation.

**GreenSpace Alliance and DVRPC**

At the invitation of these two organizations, MPIP participated in early planning for a study of the economic value of open space in the 5-county southeast Pennsylvania region.

**Encyclopedia of Greater Philadelphia**

Other major U.S. cities like Chicago and New York have generated encyclopedias that depict the history, identity, and changing conditions of their subject cities. Philadelphia is developing a digital version of its encyclopedia, led by the Historical Society of Pennsylvania. MPIP is a partner in the digital task force, bringing to Philadelphia experts from nationally-significant projects that have used digital approaches

3. Have you acquired new data other than routine updates? Have you completed any notable system or web site improvements?

**New Data Sets: Public Safety Indicators**

Working with the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency we have collected, cleaned, and organized crime data at the state level for municipalities across a greatly expanded set of public safety indicators, including:

- Arrest indicators for specific Part I crimes
- Victim indicators for specific Part I crimes
- Juvenile arrests and victims indicators

*MetroPhilaMapper: Public Safety indicators.*

<http://mpip.temple.edu/exploredata.aspx>

**MPIP Increases Geographic Boundary Choices**

MPIP is in the process of bring state legislative boundaries into its portfolio of geographic analysis units, which now include tracts, MCDs, and both elementary and high school districts. This increased utility will allow for greater use of MPIP's capacity in policy development at the state and local levels. We will be releasing more details when this capacity goes "live".

4. What upcoming events/activities present an opportunity to showcase your work and NNIP?

**We have no currently scheduled events that would fit these criteria. We continue to reference NNIP at any opportunity that arises.**



## ***Pittsburgh***

### PITTSBURGH NEIGHBORHOOD AND COMMUNITY INFORMATION SYSTEM (PNCIS) May 2010

#### 1. Key accomplishments

##### **First Ever PNCIS Users Conference to be held June 11, 2010.**

This is our first ever PNCIS Users Conference. This inaugural Users Conference will bring together PNCIS users, national neighborhood experts, and others interested in using information more effectively to reduce blight, promote neighborhood investment, and revitalize communities in the Pittsburgh area. The conference is designed to build a community of local users, and raise the visibility of the PNCIS. Kathy Pettit of the Urban Institute's National Neighborhood Indicators Partnership, Rob Renner from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of Policy Development and Research, and Mike Schramm from Case Western Reserve University will be featured speakers. Local users will tell their stories of using PNCIS and PNCIS data to assess conditions, inform plans and strategies, and affect positive change in their neighborhoods.

##### *PNCIS User Conference*

URL link: [http://www.ucsur.pitt.edu/files/misc/PNCIS\\_2010\\_User\\_Conference.pdf](http://www.ucsur.pitt.edu/files/misc/PNCIS_2010_User_Conference.pdf)

##### **PNCIS established and convened the PNCIS Advisory Board October 30, 2009**

The PNCIS established an Advisory Board and convened the first annual meeting on October 30, 2009. The 15 member Board provided advice and guidance in the areas of fundraising, technology, research, special projects, outreach and promotion.

##### **Homewood Children's Village Partnership with PNCIS**

The PNCIS is supporting the work of the Homewood Children's Village, an initiative based on the Harlem Children's Zone initiative in New York City. The Children's Village is working to improve the environment for children and families in Pittsburgh's Homewood neighborhood. The PNCIS is being used to document neighborhood conditions, develop a vacant land management strategy, and create instruments for collecting visual property survey data.

##### **250 New PNCIS Users Trained Since September, 2009**

Since launching our new PNCIS Web mapping product in September, 2009, the project has trained nearly 250 new users. Overall, the PNCIS has trained nearly 450 users involved with over 150 different organizations. Approximately 25-30 people use the Web map each day.

##### **PNCIS featured in set of articles in Pittsburgh Economic Quarterly**

*Pittsburgh Economic Quarterly*, published by UCSUR, features articles on or about the PNCIS. These included: "The Challenges of Vacant Property: New Data and Information Available through the PNCIS" (December 2009) and "Property Tax Collection and Neighborhoods" (March 2010).

##### *Pittsburgh Economic Quarterly*

<http://www.ucsur.pitt.edu/publications.php>

## 2. What new activities are you working on?

### **Pittsburgh Public Schools GIS Training**

The Pittsburgh Public Schools has contracted with UCSUR to provide GIS training and technical assistance services. Up until this time, the District had no internal capacity to perform demographic or geographic analysis. District officials are very interested in understanding how neighborhood and market factors impact school enrollment in Pittsburgh. This knowledge will drive facility planning and feeder pattern reassignment efforts.

### **Land Recycling Task Force**

The PNCIS is a member of Pittsburgh's Land Recycling Task Force. Dan Kildee and Amy Hovey of the Center for Community Progress are working with local stakeholders to help the City of Pittsburgh develop a plan to better recycle blighted and abandoned properties and improve neighborhood viability. The Land Recycling Task Force was formed by the Mayor's office to provide guidance to these efforts.

*Land Recycling Task Force Materials*

<http://landrecycling.pittsburghpa.gov>

### **HUD Partnership**

The PNCIS is in the process of developing working relationships with the Pittsburgh office of the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Over ten staff at the Pittsburgh office have been trained to use the PNCIS, and the PNCIS is working with Rob Renner of HUD's Policy Development and Research Office to link data from the PNCIS and HUD for the benefit of the Pittsburgh field office.

### **Vacant Land Data Modeling**

The PNCIS is modeling parcel-level data to understand relations between parcel-based data sets in the PNCIS to develop a deeper understanding of key indicators impacting neighborhood change. This work will also help better-understand how to apply some data in areas outside the City of Pittsburgh where only a more-limited collection of data is found.

### **Federal; Reserve Bank of Cleveland Green Recovery**

Presentation and panelist on the Sustainable Strategies for Land Reuse, Policy and Practice at the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland Green Recovery Applied Research Seminar Series

## 3. Have you acquired new data other than routine updates? Have you completed any notable system or web site improvements?

### **Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board Liquor Licenses**

Allegheny County Liquor Licenses. This is the first update we've received since 2006 from the State Liquor Control Board.

### **HUD's 2008 A Picture of Sustainable Households**

Data from HUD's 2008 A Picture of Sustainable Households includes locations of properties receiving subsidies, and tract level data on all residents benefitting from a HUD program, including a separate breakout for Housing Choice Voucher recipients

### **Allegheny County Tax Liens**

April 2010 tax liens in Allegheny County. This is the first update we've received since 2006.

### **Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics (LEHD)**

We are now preparing LEHD data by place of work and residence for the PNCIS.

4. What upcoming events/activities present an opportunity to showcase your work and NNIP?

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*Date:* June 11, 2010

*City, State:* Pittsburgh, PA

*URL link:* [http://www.ucsur.pitt.edu/files/misc/PNCIS\\_2010\\_User\\_Conference.pdf](http://www.ucsur.pitt.edu/files/misc/PNCIS_2010_User_Conference.pdf)

#### **Reclaiming Vacant Properties Conference**

The PNCIS will be presenting with NEO CANDO at the upcoming National Vacant Properties Campaign Conference (applied)

*Date:* October 13-15, 2010.

*City, State:* Cleveland, OH

*URL link:* <http://reclaimingvacantproperties.org/>

## ***Portland***

INSTITUTE OF PORTLAND METROPOLITAN STUDIES, PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY  
May 2010

1. What are your key accomplishments since October 2009?

### ***Becoming a member in NNIP***

NNIP accepted our application to become a member in February. We are happy to be part of such an accomplished group!

*IMS become NNIP member*

<http://www.pdx.edu/ims/>

### **Completed the Self Sufficiency Standard report for Oregon**

This report is a demographic analysis of all households in Oregon that do not meet the Self-sufficiency standard for their county and household type.

*Where the Ends don't meet: Measuring Poverty and Self-Sufficiency Among Oregon's Families*

<http://mkn.research.pdx.edu/2010/01/self-sufficiency/>

### **Foreclosure activity report**

Using RealtyTrac Zip-code level data, we described and mapped foreclosure activity in the region.

*Foreclosure Activity in the Portland MSA*

<http://mkn.research.pdx.edu/2010/03/foreclosures/>

2. What new activities are you working on?

### **Greater Portland-Vancouver Regional Indicators Project**

We are embarking on an 18-month project to choose, measure, and use regional indicators the Portland region to assess the status of key goals for the region. This project will use data at a variety of scales: regional, city/county, and neighborhood level. Our partners in this effort include Metro, the Portland Development Commission, each of the 4 counties in the region, several cities, and the United Way. Metro will be submitting a HUD Sustainable Communities Initiative Grant that will include funds to support this project.

*Greater Portland-Vancouver Indicators*

<http://www.pdx.edu/ims/Indicators>

### **Regional Equity Atlas v. 2.0**

Decades of careful research have documented the linkages among the built environment, socioeconomic characteristics of a neighborhood, and the health outcomes of the neighborhood's residents. The ultimate objective of the second version of the Regional Equity Atlas project is to address these differences by affecting the policies that influence

the distribution of resources and amenities that correlate with good health. IMS will support the Coalition for a Livable Future by developing the data and visualization tools to demonstrate the geography of opportunity in the region and its impact on health outcomes. We have submitted a grant to the Northwest Health Foundation to support this project.

*Regional Equity Atlas Project*

<http://www.equityatlas.org/>

3. Have you acquired new data other than routine updates? Have you completed any notable system or web site improvements?

**Census tract level estimates of population by age, race/Hispanic Origin and Sex for Multnomah County for 2008**

These estimates, developed for the Multnomah County Health Department, are almost complete.

4. What upcoming events/activities present an opportunity to showcase your work and NNIP?

**West Coast Nonprofit Data Conference**

Sheila Martin and Jill Fuglister about how universities can work as data intermediaries to support nonprofits. She will talk about the Regional Equity Atlas update.

*Date:* April 23-24, 2010

*City, State:* Portland, OR

*URL link (optional):* <http://www.inpm.pdx.edu/seventh-annual-west-coast-nonprofit-data-conference>

## ***Providence***

### THE PROVIDENCE PLAN

May 2010

1. What are your key accomplishments since October 2009?

#### **Statewide residential address to parcel lookup table completed**

Funded by the RI Department of Health, the goal of this project was provide the Health Department with an intermediate database table that allows joining of administrative data (blood lead tests, etc) to property data. This will allow the “stacking up” of elevated blood lead cases on properties rather than addresses, likely triggering many more interventions.

#### **LISC Sustainable Communities First Year Report completed**

ProvPlan is serving as the local Data Partner on a three-year project with the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC). LISC has developed a Sustainable Communities initiative to evaluate and monitor the health of eleven U.S. communities. LISC will be focusing on the five dimensions of Sustainable Communities—real estate investment, family income and wealth, economic activity, education, and healthy environments and behaviors. Four of these communities are being analyzed in depth—Indianapolis, Milwaukee, Providence, and Minneapolis. Select neighborhoods in both Providence and Woonsocket are being evaluated by ProvPlan with a set of measures for tracking and monitoring community trends for demographic, social, and economic conditions.

2. What new activities are you working on?

#### **ProvPlan’s Ready to Learn Providence program commissioned to redevelop InfoWorks, the RI Department of Education’s primary public data portal**

The goal is to completely redevelop the department’s data offerings to provide dynamic data access and drilldown rather than the existing static PDF format.

#### **Tobacco Mapping Makes the Local NPR Station!**

One of ProvPlan’s many current projects with the RI Department of Health (HEALTH) is mapping disparities in tobacco availability and advertising. Working with volunteers from local anti-tobacco coalitions, HEALTH has gathered data on tobacco vendors, presence and amount of advertising, and sale of loose cigarettes (loosies). HEALTH Director Dr. David Gifford recently spoke about the project on WRNI Rhode Island Public Radio.

*Map of the Month March 2010: Tobacco Mapping*

[http://provplan.org/matriarch/MultiPiecePage.asp\\_Q\\_PageID\\_E\\_170\\_A\\_PageName\\_E\\_fom201003](http://provplan.org/matriarch/MultiPiecePage.asp_Q_PageID_E_170_A_PageName_E_fom201003)

#### **Headline: Indicator work for HEALTH’s Initiative for Healthy Weight**

For the next three years, HEALTH will track ten Rhode Island cities and towns using the CDC’s 24 Recommended Community Strategies and Measurements to Prevent Obesity. Among the goals of this effort is curbing childhood obesity. ProvPlan is working to compile data and provide analysis to track progress in this effort. Along with HEALTH, we are also providing data and technical support to the Communities Supporting Healthy Lifestyles

project. Olneyville Housing Corp recently became the first beneficiary of technical assistance, funding and other support under this potentially multi-year, multi-city project.

3. Have you acquired new data other than routine updates? Have you completed any notable system or web site improvements?

**Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) Warwick oversample data acquired for Airport Ultrafine Particulate Matter Study**

In order to better inform studies of health risks around the Warwick, RI airport the RI Department of Health funded an oversampling of zip codes adjacent to the facility.

**Tobacco Mapping Data**

Data gathered by volunteers from local anti-tobacco coalitions on tobacco vendors, presence and amount of advertising, and sale of loose cigarettes (loosies).

4. What upcoming events/activities present an opportunity to showcase your work and NNIP?

N/A

# ***Sacramento***

COMMUNITY SERVICES PLANNING COUNCIL

May 2010

1. What are your key accomplishments since October 2009?

## **Sacramento Building Healthy Communities**

The planning phase for the Sacramento Building Healthy Communities Initiative, sponsored by the California Endowment, has been completed. The Community Services Planning Council, working with community members, local stakeholders, and services providers, was able to provide data support to workgroups for Infrastructure and Assets, Youth Development, and Health Access. The workgroups have adopted specific strategies based on the indicators and The Endowment is now accepting proposals for the implementation phase.

<http://www.calendow.org/healthycommunities/>

## **2-1-1 Sacramento**

The number of calls placed to 2-1-1 Sacramento increased by 39% between 2008 and 2009. Last year, 2-1-1 answered 82,767 calls requesting information on health and social services. This year, working in partnership with the Sacramento Coalition for Working Families, 2-1-1 Sacramento answered 7,255 calls related to EITC and scheduled 2,753 appointments for “Super Tax Day” and AARP volunteers.

<http://www.211sacramento.org/>

2. What new activities are you working on?

## **Healthy City**

The Community Services Planning Council is working with The Advancement Project, Sacramento Housing Alliance, and the University of California, Davis, Center for Regional Change on the Healthy City Sacramento Region Partnership. Healthy City is a one-stop internet resource for data, mapping, and finding services. It provides users with access to data from more than 200 sources and has functions that allow users to create and map their own geographical boundaries and examine indicators within the selected boundary areas. The site also allows users to post and share their own data and reports. CSPC and all of the partner agencies are actively promoting the site and training service providers and advocates on its use.

<http://www.healthycity.org/region/sac>

## **Sacramento County Children’s Report Card**

The Children’s Report Card is a comprehensive overview of the health and well-being of children and youth in Sacramento County. The report includes more than 46 indicators in five result areas: Family Economics, Education, Health, Safety and Social and Emotional



Well-Being. The Community Services Planning Council is currently working on the new edition to be published in the spring of 2011. For past versions of the Report Card please visit:

<http://www.communitycouncil.org/level-4/2008ReportCard.pdf>

### **Child Care Portfolio**

The Community Services Planning Council is partnering with Child Action Inc., to provide countywide mapping for child care providers and demographic profiles for children and their families in Sacramento County. The project includes identifying child care capacity (slots), subsidized programs, programs with extended services (evenings, overnight and weekends), and providers who serve children with special needs and have staff who speak a language other than English in each ZIP Code.

<http://www.rnetwork.org/our-research/child-care-portfolio.html>

3. Have you acquired new data other than routine updates? Have you completed any notable system or web site improvements?

Not at this time

4. What upcoming events/activities present an opportunity to showcase your work and NNIP?

### **Presenting at Neighborhood Summit**

The City of Sacramento Neighborhood Services Department will be hosting the 2nd Annual Neighborhood Summit on Friday, May 21, 2010 at the Sacramento Convention Center. This is a "free" event, sponsored by the Nehemiah Corporation, JB Management, Inc, UC Davis Campus Community Relations and Sacramento Consolidated Charities. The "summit" is a one-day event that includes workshops, guest speakers, green living (sustainability) workshops, and health screenings. The day is devoted to neighborhood groups, businesses, local government officials and community leaders to help build leadership capacity, provide networking opportunities, and help create healthy communities.

# Seattle

PUBLIC HEALTH, SEATTLE & KING COUNTY

May 2010

1. What are your key accomplishments since October 2009?

## **Unprecedented grant for combating smoking and obesity**

Public Health was awarded over \$25 million in federal stimulus dollars, the largest grant in its history, for two successful grant proposals in an intensely competitive field. The two-year Centers for Disease Control and Prevention grant is focused on policy and system change rather than individual education, and includes intensive media campaigns, community-based interventions such as resources for neighborhood corner stores to include healthy foods, and community advocacy around policies to restrict cigarette advertising and support for healthy foods and physical activity in schools. As part of the grant proposals, epidemiologists carried out an innovative analysis comparing racial, income and education disparities in King County to the other 15 largest U.S. counties. More on this topic is below under presentations.

*Communities Putting Prevention to Work*

<http://www.kingcounty.gov/healthservices/health/partnerships/CPW.aspx>

## **Communities Count releases Recap of 2009 Recession Indicators' Updates**

In response to the current economic recession and the many requests for more timely and new information related to the economic downturn, Communities Count is providing monthly updates on recession sensitive indicators and adding supplemental data related to the impact of this recession.

*Recap of 2009 Data Updates*

<http://www.communitiescount.org/uploads/pdf/reports/2009%20Recap%20of%20Real%20Time%20data.pdf>

## **Moving Data to Action: Focus Childhood Poverty**

The Communities Count Initiative received twelve letters of intent to apply for funding that will focus on impacting policies targeted to the reduction of childhood poverty. The Communities Count 2008 report highlighted several related indicators such as living wage income and income inequality, affordable housing, access to health insurance, and discrimination. Successful applicants will identify a specific policy or organizational practice and describe how mobilization and/or advocacy efforts to change policies and/or practices will reduce childhood poverty and related indicators.

*Moving Data to Action: Focus on Childhood Poverty*

<http://www.communitiescount.org/uploads/pdf/RFP/CC%20LOI%202010.doc>

2. What new activities are you working on?

## **Presentation on analysis of disparities across 15 largest counties**

As part of an analysis supporting a successful grant proposal (see above), we found that race, income and education health disparities in King County were among the largest experienced by the country's 15 largest counties. Of the 11 indicators examined, these extreme disparities were clustered in smoking and lack of health insurance. We gave a department-wide presentation showing the severity of disparities in the county. We also found that these disparities were largely driven by the presence of an unusually advantaged white majority population in King County, compared to other counties. The presentation will be given again to widen the conversation about the appropriate response when communities of color and disadvantaged neighborhoods do not proportionately share the degree of health and wellness of the overall population. The analysis has spawned the search for new disparities metrics (see below under new analysis/programs).

### **Testing metrics of disparities**

As an outgrowth of an analysis showing extreme health disparities in King County, Public Health is testing several metrics that measure the many dimensions of disparities. Using a free program called HD\*Calc, we are looking at trends and severity of health disparities in several indicators to see how choice of indicator can affect results. Because choice of indicator is closely tied to value judgments—e.g., should relative or absolute disparities be primary, and should they be population-weighted (utilitarian) or not weighted (prioritarian)? If proven useful, the software, by readily computing several different measures, will help move the conversation beyond technical issues, showing the complexity of the issue and the need to transparently come to consensus around values.

### **Developing measures of environmental determinants of health**

We are developing measures of environmental determinants of health (EDWG), largely based on the built environment, as a pilot to assess and track population-level conditions in this area. We hope to make these new measures a routine additional tool in the measurement of population health status. This process has become part of the new CDC stimulus grant mentioned above and is expected to be completed within the two year period of the grant.

### **Developing new surveillance methods that will yield data resources for policymakers and communities**

Using CDC stimulus funds, we plan to pilot a semi-automated surveillance system utilizing EDWG, vital statistics, and survey data what will produce instant reports tracking trends, comparisons and disparities in neighborhoods and social communities. By tracking large amounts of data in a systematic analysis, we hope to document short and long-term grant results and provide an extensive data resource to communities and policymakers.

### **EITC data informs need for free tax preparation assistance**

Using IRS data provided by the Urban Institute, we analyzed the degree to which Seattle households eligible for EITC applied for and received these credits. The analysis was requested by the Seattle Human Services Department financial empowerment initiative. The initiative used the results to assess need for additional free tax preparation assistance.

### **Created customized community indicators for the City of Seattle**

Seattle's Human Services Department requested that we create a set of community indicators that reflect its program priorities and strategies to achieve them. We are modeling these indicators on those generated for Communities Count and King County's AIMS High.

Given the Department's commitment to its Race and Social Justice Initiative, demographic data on race and ethnicity of client and target populations are an important part of these indicators.

3. Have you acquired new data other than routine updates? Have you completed any notable system or web site improvements?

**We acquired 2006-2008 3-year American Community Survey PUMS data, and provided internal training on the use of these data.**

4. What upcoming events/activities present an opportunity to showcase your work and NNIP?

N/A



## ***Washington D.C.***

NEIGHBORHOODINFO DC

May 2010

1. What are your key accomplishments since October 2009?

**NIDC is the go-to source for foreclosure information and housing market trends in the District of Columbia.**

We posted a foreclosure page on our website and we are working to create a regional foreclosure report card.

**NIDC continues to provide comprehensive data indicators about the status of children and youth in the District.**

We recently completed projecting the number of public school students that will be enrollment next school year (2010-11) for citywide budgeting purposes.

2. What major reports have you produced? What major data presentations have you delivered?

Since October 2009, we have released:

**National Foreclosure Mitigation Counseling Program Evaluation: Preliminary Analysis of Program Effects** (November 2009). The National Foreclosure Mitigation Counseling

(NFMC) program is a special federal appropriation, administered by NeighborWorks America, which is designed to support a rapid expansion of foreclosure intervention counseling in response to the nationwide foreclosure crisis. This report presents the results of preliminary analyses that attempt to measure the effects of the NFMC program on counseled homeowners. Overall, our analysis suggests that the program is having its intended effect of helping homeowners facing loss of their homes through foreclosure.

<http://www.urban.org/publications/411982.html>

**Every Kid Counts in the District of Columbia: 16th Annual Fact Book 2009** (December

2009). The 16th annual Fact Book is a comprehensive data source for indicators of child well-being in the District of Columbia. It tracks the progression of child well-being over time, as well as differences in child well-being across wards and races/ethnicities. It is organized to reflect the six citywide goals for children and youth in DC: children are ready for school; children and youth succeed in school; children and youth are healthy and practice healthy behaviors; children and youth engage in meaningful activities; children and youth live in healthy, stable, and supportive families; and all youth make a successful transition to adulthood.

<http://www.urban.org/publications/412038.html>

**Foreclosures in the Nation's Capital 2009** (October 2009). This brief, a companion to the Housing in the Nation's Capital 2009 report, describes the impact of the foreclosure crisis on the Washington metropolitan region, examining the level and trends of foreclosures, outlining potential secondary effects for families and neighborhoods, and looking towards the future of the region's housing market. It concludes with policy implications in four areas:

foreclosure prevention, neighborhood stabilization, recovery assistance for displaced households, and services for children in foreclosed homes.

<http://www.urban.org/publications/1001339.html>

### Presentations

- Jennifer Comey presented the process, methodology, and findings of our citywide enrollment projections to the city stakeholder advisory group.
- Jennifer presented “Changing Homes, Changing Schools: The Effects of the Foreclosure Crisis on School-Aged Children” at the *Geography at the Urban Institute* panel at the Association of American Geographers conference. April 2010. Washington, D.C.
- Jennifer presented “How Have Foreclosures Affected Families with Children in Washington, DC?” at *The Effects of Foreclosure on Children’s Educational Outcomes* panel during the American Education Finance Association conference. March 2010. Richmond, Virginia.

3. What new analysis/program efforts are you working on?

**NIDC recently completed the first phase of the study analyzing the affect of foreclosures on public school students.**

The Open Society Institute is funding the project, and the Baltimore Neighborhood Indicators Alliance and New York University’s Furman Center for Real Estate and Urban Policy are partnering in the project as well.

**We are working with the local promise neighborhood coalition to develop their program and evaluation, as well as working with the group to submit a Promise Neighborhood proposal to the Department of Education.**

4. Have you acquired new data (other than routine updates)? Have you completed any notable system or web site improvements?

**We are in the process of updating our website with school-level information for both DCPS and public charter schools, which is currently unavailable anywhere else.**

5. What upcoming events/activities (with dates) present an opportunity to showcase NNIP?

**We are in the process of scheduling meetings to describe our foreclosure and students study to DC district agency stakeholders.**