NNIP
Partner Reports
September 2009

NATIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD INDICATORS PARTNERSHIP
AND THE URBAN INSTITUTE

Atlanta

ATLANTA NEIGHBORHOOD INDICATORS PROJECT
September 2009

1. **Key Accomplishments Since April 2009.**

   - Completed first phase of Neighborhood Nexus Website

   - Launched Neighborhood Nexus to a group of 500 participants

   - With the help of the Polis Center, completed a strategic/operational plan for developing an organization structure for Neighborhood Nexus, with agreements in the form of MOUs in the works.

2. **Important Reports and Data Presentations.**

   - Completed final draft of a cross-site initiative (along with Washington DC and Chicago) on the subject of foreclosures

   - Presented an informational session on how to use the Nexus Website

   - Gave several presentations about the initial findings of our foreclosure research

3. **New Analysis/Program Efforts.**

   - Working on developing an indicators-like report that will become Nexus' signature project. We are developing the concept now and will try to arrange for funding for the project.

   - Working on developing a neighborhood listing for the 20-county area so residents can quickly get neighborhood-level data

4. **New Data Acquisitions/Web Site Improvements.**

   - Received home prices and a listing of REOs from a local company and Fannie Mae

   - Received a listing of foreclosure filings dating back to 2003

5. **Upcoming Events/Activities to Showcase NNIP.**

   None pending

Baltimore

BALTIMORE NEIGHBORHOOD INDICATORS ALLIANCE
September 2009

1. **Key Accomplishments Since April 2009.**

    BNIA-JFI releases Vital Signs 6 & 7 data for Baltimore City and its 55 Community Statistical Areas. Vital Signs provides the most accurate and reliable data that measure progress toward long-term results for strong Baltimore City neighborhoods, improving quality of life, and a healthy Baltimore City. Vital Signs 6 & 7 presents data through 2007. (September 2009)

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    BNIA-JFI has made several presentations relating to the Baltimore DrillDown and has created several tailored neighborhood data snapshots. These include presentations to Embrace Baltimore, Lauraville Main Streets, University of Baltimore – Real Estate and Economic Development Program, and the University of Maryland, Baltimore – School of Social Work.

    BNIA-JFI provided data and mapping services to the Baltimore Community Foundation's *Baltimore Community Experience Initiative* (BCEI). A report detailing the findings from the data, maps, and information gathered from interviews, community meetings, and other sources was issued by the BCEI project team.

3. **New Analysis/Program Efforts.**

    CEDS 2009 – BNIA-JFI will be updating the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy indicators for the Baltimore City Department of Planning.

    State of the Downtown 2009 – BNIA-JFI will be providing several analyses for the Downtown Partnership of Baltimore including an analysis of the economic impact of downtown employment and collecting the employment information of businesses in the downtown area.

    The Effects of Foreclosure on Children, Schools, and Neighborhoods – BNIA-JFI is partnering with the Urban Institute and the Furman Center at New York University to explore the issues of children and foreclosures. This project will produce a detailed picture of the number of children affected by the foreclosure crisis. This research is being funded by the Open Society Institute.

BNIA-JFI continues to update the foreclosure filings map created for the Baltimore Homeownership Preservation Coalition. This map can be found at http://www.ubalt.edu/bnia/maps.cfm.

BNIA-JFI will be releasing Vital Signs 8 (and corresponding CSA profiles) in January of 2010. Vital Signs 8 will present data through 2008.

BNIA-JFI has recently begun to examine the dispositions of foreclosures and to identify new foreclosures in the former Baltimore Empowerment Zone for Associated Black Charities of Maryland.

4. New Data Acquisitions/Web Site Improvements.

BNIA-JFI issued an RFP for a redesign of its website. BNIA-JFI will shortly begin on a redesign of its website that will include both improvements to data visualization, data interactivity, and other content.

5. Upcoming Events/Activities to Showcase NNIP.

BNIA-JFI staff will be participating in the Neighborhoods and Youth Development roundtable at the Urban Institute on September 24th.

BNIA-JFI staff will make a presentation at the State of Maryland Commission on Environmental Justice and Sustainable Communities symposium on October 3, 2009.

BNIA-JFI staff will be making a presentation to the Johns Hopkins University Real Estate program on October 21, 2009.

Camden
CAMCONNECT
September 2009

1. Key Accomplishments Since April 2009.

- **Abandoned Properties**
  CamConnect recently partnered with the Camden Community Development Association (CCDA) with the goal of providing a more accurate count of the total number of vacant and abandoned properties in Camden. Abandoned properties continue to remain a large obstacle for the city's long-term redevelopment and economic stabilization plans. The municipal government, however, is not in possession of any comprehensive listing of such properties. Through various redevelopment studies and community organization's listings of target properties, CamConnect has made significant strides towards estimating the extent of the vacancy problem in the city. According to our most recent estimates, there may be as many as 9,800 vacant buildings in Camden which account for 35 percent of the city's structures.

  News Article:
   http://www.camconnect.org/datalogue/AbandonedProp.ppt
   http://www.camconnect.org/datalogue/Camden%20stymies%20rehab
   .pdf

- **Camden Health Database Work**
  CamConnect has continued its management of the Health Records Database in collaboration with the Camden Coalition of Healthcare Providers (CCHP). Since 2002, the database has expanded to incorporate records from over 100,000 individuals living in and around the city. The database consists of demographic, diagnosis, and charges and receipts information for any individual utilizing the in-patient and emergency room services of the three hospitals located in Camden. These records provide a concrete means for measuring the health and cost outcomes of intervention measures and the ability to track high-utilizer patients through the health delivery system. For the first time, we have geocoded the entire database. In addition to its work with the CCHP, CamConnect has joined forces with the Camden Citywide Diabetes Collaborative, using the database to support efforts to improve the quality of primary care and health self-managment to patients with Diabetes.

- **2010 Census**
  With the 2010 Census approaching, CamConnect has continued to advocate for a more complete count of the city's population. Using the Census Bureau's "Hard to Count" scores every Camden tract is considered hard to count, with most ranking in the top 10 percent of all tracts nationwide. CamConnect is working with other Camden based organizations and city government to encourage a higher response to 2010 census.

Executive Director Stephen Singer recently spoke at the 2010 Census Camden Office Press Briefing along with the mayor and several other city and state officials. Stephen will be co-chairing the Camden Complete Count Committee. News Article – http://www.camconnect.org/datalogue/Census%20Months%20Away,%20CBS3.pdf

2. Important Reports and Data Presentations.

Executive Director, Stephen Singer, recently presented to the Camden Community Development Association as part of CamConnect's efforts to provide a more accurate estimate of the number of vacant properties in the city. The presentation focused on GIS analysis of zoning and ownership of the city's 28,000 parcels as well as analysis from a recent vacancy survey conducted by Camden Public Works.
Presentation – http://camconnect.org/datalogue/AbandonedProp.ppt

3. New Analysis/Program Efforts.
We are analyzing a current citywide survey of resident perception of recovery and redevelopment progress under the state's municipal takeover legislation

CamConnect is also using GIS to analyze and present alternative station locations for a planned light rail line on behalf of a CDC in in one of the affected communities.

CamConnect is currently in the process of developing and securing funding for several new projects. The first project, Public Investment and Expenditures Mapping (PIE Map), will work to provide extensive geographic and demographic analysis of the inputs and outputs of social investment in the City of Camden. Through the creation of a database from billing and service records and geographically targeted funding awards, PIE Map would represent the first large-scale flow of funds analysis applied at the municipal level. The project's objectives will be to allow policy makers, funders, and ultimately, Camden citizens to answer questions about public expenditure, support services, and social priorities in a way that facilitates the evaluation of individual agencies and programs.

The second project, CamDenizen, would serve as a news aggregation and analysis website for the city of Camden. By creating a central platform for both current and archival news articles, CamDenizen will provide meaningful news and information that will allow individuals and organizations working in the Camden community to make more informed decisions. A core component of the project will be the ability to perform textual analysis of news articles over a designated period of time in order to visualize how perception of the city has changed.

4. New Data Acquisitions/Web Site Improvements.

- **New data**
    - Statewide district-level teacher, administrator, and staff salaries, and teacher longevity from 1999 to 2007-8 from the NJ Educators Association.

- o Citywide ZIP code-level quarterly mortgage delinquency and bank foreclosure data from the Philadelphia Federal Reserve
- o Preschool enrollment projections
- o Summary of deposits data 1994-2007 by branch nationwide from FDIC
- o Citywide street segment-level traffic counts 1995-2005

- **Website Developments**

  CamConnect's most recent website development has been the addition of a document catalogue that allows members to search a comprehensive listing of CamConnect and external reports in addition to relevant public documents. Utilizing the MIT exhibit simile javascript ajax framework, the new system provides an easy to use, dynamically filtering interface for browsing a large database of files, simplifying the organization of the website.

  The second phase (the Datalogue)is a parallel version for all of the data currently in CamConnect's possession. Users will be able to see more clearly what data is available for analysis and public consumption. Once this phase has been completed, a flash-based interactive component will be employed to allow users the ability to visualize and manipulate data on the website in the form of interactive graphs and tables.

5. Upcoming Events/Activities to Showcase NNIP.

CamConnect sponsors an annual Data Fair designed to introduce CamConnect with other organizations working throughout the Camden community. Individuals who use data as a regular component of their work are invited to speak and share their experiences. The Data Fair takes place each year in December and could provide a valuable arena to showcase NNIP.

Chattanooga

OCHS CENTER FOR METROPOLITAN STUDIES
September 2009

1. **Key Accomplishments Since April 2009.**

    *   As part of School Readiness and Early Grade Success initiative, hosted *What It Takes: Preparing Hamilton County Kids for Early Grade Success* with Paul Tough as keynote speaker. The forum spurred Hamilton County to convene a task force on Promise Neighborhoods program.

    *   Held a briefing and released the first report in a series on food deserts in Chattanooga: analysis of SNAP and WIC locations resulted in page one story in *Chattanooga Times Free Press*.

    *   Released a report that showed that 55 years after *Brown vs. Board of Education*, public education spending in Tennessee is still separate and unequal: on average, more State dollars are spent on white students than African American or Latino students.

    *   Released an analysis comparing Tennessee's use of stimulus spending on education with other states

    *   Completed analysis of existing programs for individuals with autism in the Chattanooga region

2. **Important Reports and Data Presentations.**

    Reports:

    *   Still Separate and Unequal: Demographics and School Finance in Tennessee a Half Century after Brown (http://ochscenter.org/documents/Separate052009.pdf)

    *   Food Stamp and WIC Use in Hamilton County (http://ochscenter.org/documents/SNAPreport080309.pdf)

    Presentations:

    *   Presentation on School Readiness and Early Grade Success to United Way of Greater Chattanooga
    *   Speech on Ochs Center to Downtown Kiwanis Club
    *   Presentation to Chattanooga Area Hospitals on State of Chattanooga Region Report on Health
    *   Presentation to Jewish Community Foundation: State of Chattanooga Region
    *   Presentation to Hire Here on Chattanooga economy
    *   One on one briefings to three out of four newly elected members of Chattanooga City Council

3. New Analysis/Program Efforts.

- Ongoing effort to develop Blueprint for Tennessee Prosperity
- Evaluation of planning stage of federally funded teacher residency program
- Analysis of responses to STAND questionnaire, a community wide visioning procress

4. New Data Acquisitions/Web Site Improvements.

- Conducted survey of school readiness information for more than 2,000 students entering kindergarten in Hamilton County
- Conducted survey of prices at food stores in Chattanooga

5. Upcoming Events/Activities to Showcase NNIP.

Chicago
METROPOLITAN CHICAGO INFORMATION CENTER (MCIC)
September 2009

1. **Key Accomplishments Since April 2009.**

   - Evaluation of neighborhood economic impact of an organic farming/job training social enterprise.

   - Evaluation of teaching effectiveness in 20 neighborhood schools, contextual analysis of neighborhood indicators in the area around the schools.

   - System of metrics for analyzing sustainability of local industries.

   - Use of PUMS data and local population estimates to create annual up-to-date neighborhood measures of economic burden, which include: unemployment, rent burden, home ownership burden, and a summary index measuring the presence of any of these household circumstances.

   - Analysis of probable social service use to estimate the likely size of the potential population for social services addressing economic burden.

   - Developed system framework for web-based presentation of data tables linked to maps and maps linked to data tables.

2. **Important Reports and Data Presentations.**

   - Evaluation of Music Discovery Program

   - System of metrics for analyzing sustainability of local industries – presentations to city government and local planning groups.

   - Index of Economic Burden and Potential demand for Economic Counseling and referral Services.

   - Community Needs Assessment on unmet health care needs of Native Americans.

3. **New Analysis/Program Efforts.**

   - Web delivery of neighborhood level Index of Economic Burden and Index of Service Demand.

   - Method for observational and diagnostic assessment of pre-school students.

   - Small area analysis of sustainable industries

- Evaluation of patient navigator program for American Cancer Society, develop measures of positive patient outcomes.

- Alternative methods for recruitment of panel respondents

- Model to forecast supply and demand of affordable housing in a suburban county

4. New Data Acquisitions/Web Site Improvements.

- Current overhauling web site.

- Google map capability for website. Flash and Photoshop for presentations.

- Working with ACS survey website to develop additional reporting options for ACS. Data parsing system, web service.

- County assessor data for analyzing affordable housing.

5. Upcoming Events/Activities to Showcase NNIP.

- Monthly newsletter eBursts

- December regional forum on MCIC data bases and analysis

Cleveland

CENTER ON URBAN POVERTY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT,
CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
September 2009

1. Key Accomplishments Since April 2009.

- Working with the City of Cleveland's *Operation Prevent* Initiative to develop an interface within NEO CANDO to specifically track REO and post REO property for purposes of code enforcement. This work will also include a data collection interface designed as a communication mechanism between the City and community development corporations to track vacant property, code enforcement complaints from CDCs, and CDC projects. (details of the project are still being hashed out)

- Family Homelessness in Cuyahoga County released. This paper discusses the problem of family homelessness in Cuyahoga County, and provides baseline estimates of risk and shelter use.
    - http://blog.case.edu/msass/2009/07/07/briefly_stated_no_0903_april_2009.html

- Coordinated many dozens of students in the process of working with the City of East Cleveland in surveying vacant properties and engaging residents in identifying strategies for neighborhood stabilization.

- Assisted newly established Cuyahoga County Land Bank, Cuyahoga County, City of Cleveland, Cleveland Metropolitan Housing Authority, and Neighborhood Progress with data analysis and mapping for joint NSP II proposal.

2. Important Reports and Data Presentations.

Reports:
Fischer, R. L., & Drabousky, A. (2009). Community Profile – Susan G. Komen for the Cure. Cleveland, OH: Susan G. Komen Northeast Ohio Affiliate. February.

Fischer, R. L. (2009). The role of intermediaries and the Faith-Based and Community Initiative: Learning from the Rural Pilot Project. Chapter 5 in Evaluation of the Rural Domestic Violence and Child Victimization Grant Program Special Initiative: Faith-Based and Community Organization Pilot Prohgram. Sudbury, MA: Advocates for Human Potential. Report to the U.S. Department of Justice.

Fischer, R. L. (2009). Newborn home visiting: Medical conditions identified by nurses. Cleveland, OH: Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences, Case Western Reserve University. May.

Coulton, C.J. & Irwin, M. (2009). Parental and community correlates of participation in out-of-school activities among children living in low income neighborhoods. Children and Youth Services Review, 31, 300-308.

Fischer, R. L., & Beimers, D. (2009). Executive coaching in the nonprofit sector: Preliminary experiences and outcomes. Nonprofit Management & Leadership, 19(4), 507-522.

R. Fischer, D. Beimers, "Put me in, Coach" : A Pilot Evaluation of Executive Coaching in the Nonprofit Sector

Joseph, Mark and Jessica Feldman. 2009. Creating and Sustaining Successful Mixed-Income Communities: Conceptualizing the Role of Schools. Education and Urban Society. 41(6):623-652.

Joseph, Mark. 2008. Early Resident Experiences at a New Mixed-Income Development in Chicago. Journal of Urban Affairs 30(3): 229-257.

C. Collins, S. Kim, C. Coulton Family Homelessness in Cuyahoga County Poster

C. Collins, C. Coulton, S. Kim Briefly Stated No. 09-03: Family Homelessness in Cuyahoga County

Coulton, C. J., Chan, T. & Mikelbank, K. (2009). Finding Place in Community Initiatives: Applying GIS to Resident Perceptions of the Neighborhoods in Making Connections. Baltimore, The Annie E. Casey Foundation.

Coulton, C.J., Theodos, B. & Turner, M.A. (2009). Residential Mobility and Neighborhood Change: New Evidence and Implications for Community Initiatives. Washington, DC. The Urban Institute.

Presentations:

Joseph, M (2009). Building and Sustaining Mixed-Income Communities. Council on Foundations Annual Conference. Atlanta, GA. May.

Schramm, M (2009). Using data for foreclosure prevention, intervention and reclamation at National Vacant Properties Campaign Reclaiming Vacant Properties conference in Louisville. June.

Coulton, C. J. (2009). Moving Forward Grounded in Research. National Vacant Properties Campaign Reclaiming Vacant Properties Conference. June.

Coulton, C.J. (2009). Local Data Needs. Understanding the Housing and Mortgage Markets: What Data Do We Have? What Data Do We Need? Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia. June.

Joseph, M (2009). Insights from the Chicago Mixed-Income Study. Panelist.   Chicago Council of Large Public Housing Authorities Executive Directors Meeting. June.

Joseph, M (2009). Hearing on the Future of Public Housing. U.S. House of Representatives, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity. July.

Bowman, K., Fischer, R., & Manchester, J. (2009). Developing and Using Evaluation Plans in Geriatric Education Center Projects. National Training and Coordinating Collaborative for Geriatric Education Centers.Cleveland, OH [webinar]. September.

3. New Analysis/Program Efforts.

- Foreclosure walk-aways - We have used automated screen scraping techniques to weekly write the contents of the Cuyahoga Court docket to a database. We are currently mining key phrases associated with foreclosure milestones from the docket to identify foreclosure cases where the bank has simply walked away. These cases are basically still open on a judge's docket, but not proceeding because banks are realizing that it is not in their best interest to continue foreclosure proceedings on low value property. We have two VISTA volunteers from CWRU's law school to assist in the final report.

- New foreclosure paradigm – Our Pathways to Foreclosure report indicated that a high cost mortgage with represented over 80% of foreclosure filings when the report was completed in June, 2008. However, since the recession has hit Cleveland, we are now seeing more foreclosure filings on prime mortgages and in suburban locations. In Pathways to Foreclosure we looked at the mortgage product and forward to foreclosure. This new research brief intends to look at the foreclosure and work backward to the loan product. Basically, properties involved in 2009 foreclosure look different than those of say 2005-early 2008.

- New analysis addressing strategies for addressing poverty in a shrinking city. This work hopes to move beyond landuse issues in a shirking city to see what the implications of this are on social conditions and needs.

4. New Data Acquisitions/Web Site Improvements.

- LED data downloaded at the county level. Early stages of working with the data

- Commercial USPS data purchased and matched to NEO CANDO address-to parcel-lookup table. We got the idea and source from the Pittsburgh partner. The vendors of the data are licensed by the postal service to provide address cleaning software and information on vacant/no stat addresses to aid in bulk mailings.

- KRAL (kindergarten readiness assessment) data from Cleveland Metropolitan School district.

5. Upcoming Events/Activities to Showcase NNIP.

Denver

THE PITON FOUNDATION
September 2009

1. Key Accomplishments Since April 2009.

   Colorado School Choice Web Application. http://coloradoschoolchoice.org
   Piton has partnered with Channel 9 News (local NBC affiliate) to develop a new website
   that will allow parents to evaluate local schools based on several criteria (performance,
   demographics, etc) to make more informed decisions on where to send their children.
   This has been an exciting opportunity to work with a major local news agency and could
   open the door for more joint projects in the future.

2. Important Reports and Data Presentations.

   - **Race to the Top**
     This report by Kate Walsh and Sandi Jacobs of the National Council on Teacher Quality
     was commissioned by The Piton Foundation to help Colorado in preparing its application
     for "Race to the Top" funding.

   - **Denver's Public Schools: Reforms, Challenges and the Future**
     The Piton Foundation partnered with the Colorado Children's Campaign, Metro
     Organizations for People, A+ Denver, and Qwest Communications to release the first
     annual report on the state of Denver Public Schools. The report includes a performance
     dashboard that shows Denver's student and school system results at a glance.

   Note: All publications can be accessed on our website at www.piton.org

3. New Analysis/Program Efforts.

   - **Piton is working with foundations and non-profits to develop a Social Sector
     Landscape tool.**
     The objective of this tool will be to provide decision makers with valuable information on
     1) services delivered by non-profits, 2) demographic characteristics about the regions
     they serve, and 3) giving patterns associated with services being delivered to the
     community.

   - **Piton is working with local partners to develop a housing affordability early
     warning system.**
     Through funding from the MacArthur Foundation, Piton is working with the Urban Land
     Conservancy, Enterprise, and the Denver Office of Economic Development to develop
     an early warning system to detect properties and more generally areas around transit
     hubs that are in jeopardy of losing affordability.

- **Piton is exploring partnering with The Denver Foundation and The Civic Canopy to develop a regional indicators project.**
  Piton is meeting with program staff from The Denver Foundation and the Civic Canopy to explore the potential of developing a Metro Denver Community Indicators project. The project would work with community, academic and business leadership to agree on a set of community indicators that would then drive action and decision making toward common, agreed-upon outcomes. As a reference point, the group is learning more about the Strive Initiative in Cincinnati, an innovative cross-sector collaborative that helps urban youth succeed academically from early childhood through college and enter a meaningful career. http://www.strivetogether.org/

4. **New Data Acquisitions/Web Site Improvements.**

   - HUD Neighborhood Stabilization Program Planning Targeting Data

   - Piton has not been working to broaden the geographic coverage of existing data sets.

5. **Upcoming Events/Activities to Showcase NNIP.**

   None come to mind.

Des Moines

CHILD AND FAMILY POLICY CENTER
September 2009

1. **Key Accomplishments Since April 2009.**

   - Des Moines has been undergoing a transition in its management of NNIP activities, with United Way of Central Iowa taking on the lead role of overall data systems development, working both with SAVI on developing an expanded data system and website and with local partners in securing and using local administrative data sources.

   - The Child and Family Policy Center continues to be the research and analytic partner, including specific work with the student record data base from the Des Moines Community School District. In addition, CFPC has worked to link Des Moines' work with national data collection work and activities.

2. **Important Reports and Data Presentations.**

   - For the Build Initiative, CFPC produced a report on the new opportunities available to states under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding in developing longitudinal student record systems and incorporating early childhood information into them, *Grants to States for Statewide Data Systems under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and Possible Early Childhood Data Opportunities* (**www.buildinitiative.org)**. Some of these opportunities include neighborhood-level analysis, which logically might be developed first through community partners, with NNIP partners well-positioned for this work.

   - CFPC also released a publication through the National Center for Service Integration on neighborhood approaches to child health services, *Clinical Health Care Practices and Community Building: Addressing Racial Disparities in Healthy Child Development.*

3. **New Analysis/Program Efforts.**

   - CFPC is working on developing longitudinal data capacity with respect to school data that can track cohort experiences from preschool through early elementary grades.

4. **New Data Acquisitions/Web Site Improvements.**

5. **Upcoming Events/Activities to Showcase NNIP.**

   CFPC is conducting a series of webinars for the Build Initiative on data systems and early childhood and plans to do an upcoming webinar on the value of neighborhood-level analysis, drawing upon the work of NNIP partners.

Columbus
COMMUNITY RESEARCH PARTNERS (CRP)
September 2009

1. Key Accomplishments Since April 2009.

CRP continues to work with the University of Massachusetts-Lowell and other founding members of the Open Indicators Consortium (including several other NNIP partners) to develop WEAVE (Web-Enabled Analysis and Visualization Environment). WEAVE software will power the next generation of our DataSource indicators website. CRP has partnered with the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission to build DataSource 2.0, enabling us to expand the system beyond Franklin County to include MORPC's geographic coverage and data for the Columbus MSA.

CRP has been involved in WOSU's community outreach activities on the foreclosure issue. WOSU, a public media organization in the Columbus area, received a grant from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for the above purpose. CPB looked to replicate KETC's (St. Louis) foreclosure outreach efforts. Throughout the summer, WOSU held and televised two town hall meetings and produced other informational videos and material. CRP's roles included: 1) advisory group member, 2) providing data and analysis, and 3) panelist in a town hall meeting.
http://www.columbusmortgagecrisis.org/

2. Important Reports and Data Presentations.

CRP was a subcontractor for the Neighborhood Market Study for the City of Columbus, provided data and a strategic framework for the use of NSP funds. The study applied a set of neighborhood typologies based on key housing and community characteristics. Each typology was matched with appropriate strategies to address neighborhood housing issues.

CRP prepared the NSP2 application for the Ohio Department of Development. This application was unique in that ODOD formed a consortium with seven regional partners covering more rural areas of the state.

CRP completed Creative Columbus, a study of Central Ohio's creative sector, including arts, design, media, and marketing. The study has several distinguishing factors from other creative economy studies: 1) analysis of both creative industries and occupations, 2) use of social media to generate awareness about the project and promote the survey, and 3) innovative report design and data visualization.
http://www.ccad.edu/about-ccad/communications-and-media-relations/creative-columbus
http://www.facebook.com/pages/Creative-Columbus/32171859488

As in recent years, CRP produced the Impact indicators report for the United Way of Central Ohio. However, this year's work also included designing indicators related to United Way's Bold Goals, a set of nine ambitious ten-year goals for community change.
http://liveunitedcentralohio.org/

3. New Analysis/Program Efforts.

CRP is helping the Ohio Preservation Compact design a database for the ongoing collection of data related to subsidized affordable housing, ranging from Section 8 to Low-Income Housing Tax Credits. The Compact is an alliance of various statewide housing organizations. The database is part of a larger effort to preserve affordable housing, funded by the MacArthur Foundation.
http://www.macfound.org/site/c.lkLXJ8MQKrH/b.4991525/k.BAA9/Ohio.htm

CRP is currently working on a dashboard design for Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services' Key Performance Indicators. This is a small project but provides interesting challenges in visualizing data.

4. New Data Acquisitions/Web Site Improvements.

Below is a list of our more notable data acquisitions and updates:
- IRS County-to-County Migration data for Ohio 2007-2008
- IRS data on EITC and tax deductions for charitable contributions
- Housing subsidy datasets from various state and federal sources for the Ohio Preservation Compact
- Ohio Family Health Survey 2008
- Parcel GIS and auditor data for two adjacent counties (Delaware and Fairfield)
- Public housing capacity, client, waiting list data
- Countywide Sheriff's sales for the 1st half of 2009
- Countywide sales transaction through 2008
- We've begun to explore the State of Ohio's business license data

5. Upcoming Events/Activities to Showcase NNIP.

Grand Rapids

COMMUNITY RESEARCH INSTITUTE, GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY
September 2009

1. Key Accomplishments Since April 2009.

- Secured funding from Kent County, the City of Grand Rapids and the Dyer-Ives Foundation to continue providing foreclosure analysis and quarterly updates through 2011
- Launched MAPAS v.1 (http://open.cridata.org/maps/mapas/) and conducted a pilot training with community organizations and residents on how to use MAPAS.
- CRI is collaborating with The Children's Trust (NNIP partner in Miami) to further develop KidsStats and Maps (http://maps.thechildrenstrust.org/Miami/index.jsp)
- CRI is partnering with D-ACIS (Detroit) to develop a joint website for maps and data related to Census 2010. This initiative is being funded by the Michigan Nonprofit Association (http://www.mnaonline.org/census.asp)
- Expanded community profiles to cover neighborhoods in the City of Muskegon, Michigan (http://www.cridata.org/Neighborhoods_Muskegon.aspx)
- CRI established its first community advisory board made up of nonprofits, local community foundations, and government.

2. Important Reports and Data Presentations.

- Data brief update on foreclosures (2004 through June 2009)
- 2009 WMSA Vital Signs – a regional indicator project in West Michigan (http://wm-alliance.org/publications.php?initiative_id=3)
- The brain drain : characteristics of recent movers into and out of Michigan by Dr. Mark Hoffman (School of Public and Nonprofit Administration and Jeremy Pyne (CRI GIS Specialist) (http://openlibrary.org/b/OL16990038M/Sustaining_Michigan)
- Greater Grand Rapids Community Survey (http://www.cridata.org/dataitem.aspx?id=283)
- Presented 2009 Earned Income Credits results to the Kent County Tax Credit Coalition
- LISC/MetroEDGE Grand Rapids Market Area Profiles (http://metroedge.lisc.org/GrandRapids.php)

3. New Analysis/Program Efforts.

- FIT Initiative: a child obesity program of the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Michigan State University targeting selected schools and neighborhoods in Grand Rapids, MI (http://healthy-america.org.cnchost.com/cms/page.php?page=1206)
- Affordable Housing Supply and Demand Analysis of West Michigan by the Community Research Institute and the Housing and Transportation Affordability in West Michigan by the Center for Neighborhood Technology
- New crime, housing, population, voting, education, family health data uploads for MAPAS and the CRI web site

- CRI is providing mapping services of various cities and states across the country to the Nonprofit Voter Engagement Network (http://www.nonprofitscount.org/hard-to-count-maps.html)

4. New Data Acquisitions/Web Site Improvements.

- CRI website is being redesigned and hopes to launch its beta version later this year
- Eleibny Feliz de Santana, CRI Database and System Security Administrator is the newest addition to our staff. We are also currently interviewing for a Senior Researcher and Project Management positions to be filled this year.

5. Upcoming Events/Activities to Showcase NNIP.

- CRI will be presenting to different communities and stakeholders in West Michigan and will take these opportunities to showcase its partnership with NNIP

Hartford

HARTFORD INFO, HARTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY
September 2009

1. **Key Accomplishments Since April 2009.**

    *   Hosted a "HartfordInfo Today" program titled "Summer in the City – Quality of Life Issues in Hartford" which brings together data and documents on HartfordInfo.org in relation to quality of life issues.

    *   The total number of hits on HartfordInfo.org topped 1 million for the month of August.

2. **Important Reports and Data Presentations.**

3. **New Analysis/Program Efforts.**

    We hosted several public forums on Understanding City Services, Local Taxes and Budget, and State Budget.

4. **New Data Acquisitions/Web Site Improvements.**

5. **Upcoming Events/Activities to Showcase NNIP.**

    At the Hartford Community Data Collaborative meeting to be held Sept. 24, 2009, we will be updating members on HartfordInfo.org, including our membership in NNIP.

    Many of our upcoming public programs have to do with voting, free speech, youth involvement in community governance (generally falling under the rubric of "Democracy in Action"

Indianapolis
THE POLIS CENTER
September 2009

1. Key Accomplishments Since April 2009.

- SAVI continues to support public health information infrastructure: CDC funded a new Indiana Center of Excellence in Public Health Informatics (ICEPHI): Geospatial and Community Data Augmentation of Electronic Medical Records. This will link SAVI's geospatial and community attributes with clinical data captured in one of the nation's largest clinical databases, Indiana's operational health information exchange (HIE), to support public health research.

- We are currently working with United Way of Central Iowa in Des Moines to build a community information system based on our upcoming redesigned SAVI website that will utilize multiple national and local data sources. The Des Moines website will use the SAVI web interface with its own customized look and feel.

- Provided strategic consulting to Neighborhood Nexus in Atlanta to support its strategic planning process

- Began using Twitter to increase awareness and use of SAVI. 200 followers in less than 3 months. SAVIonline.

- SAVI supports analysis and data needs of Central Indiana Community Foundation, Impact 100, and IU Foundation.

2. Important Reports and Data Presentations.

- Using Local Community Data for Strategic Planning – part of a workshop on Effective Strategic Planning for Nonprofits with approximate 35 participants
- Great Indy Neighborhoods Steering Committee – use of data to support quantitative analysis for LISC Sustainable Communities Initiative Trained approximately 135 people on the use of local data to support decision making

3. New Analysis/Program Efforts.

- Worked with the Indianapolis Housing Agency to geocode and link Section 8 subsidized housing addresses to birth record addresses to determine the need for a visiting nurse service for pregnant women who reside in subsidized housing. We determined an estimated number of births that occurred during 2008 to residents of Section 8 housing.

4. New Data Acquisitions/Web Site Improvements.

New Data Acquired
- We continue to acquire data for the LISC Sustainable Communities Initiative.
    - Multiple Listing Service-based Property Sales Data (1999-2009)
    - LED Employment Data
    - Public elementary, middle, and secondary school district boundaries

New Data Published
- Hospital Discharge data (2000 – 2006). Hospital-level data with information on number of patients, cost, days admitted, payment type (Medicare, private insurance, etc.) and diagnosis.

Web Enhancements
- We are redesigning the SAVI website to be more user friendly, faster, and community-driven. Utilizing Google Maps server will greatly improving performance over our current ArcIMS-based mapping system. Users will be able to share their customized data, maps, reports, and boundaries and will be able to building upon existing community profiles by contributing stories, photos, and videos to provide the context of "place." We expect the first release to be published by the end of the year, with additional features rolled out thereafter.
- Using Google Map Server, we placed all of our site, program, and agency "point" data into a KML feed that can also be viewed in the Google Earth desktop application and can easily be shared with other Google map applications such as the Indianapolis Star.

5. Upcoming Events/Activities to Showcase NNIP.

- 2nd Annual Capacity Building Conference – April 21-22, 2010 – AMAZING RACE: Prepare, Measure, Succeed. Presented in conjunction with the IUPUI Nonprofit Solutions Initiative and United Way of Central Indiana's Nonprofit Training Center.

Louisville
COMMUNITY RESOURCE NETWORK
September 2009

1. **Key Accomplishments Since April 2009.**

   Making Connections Network (MCN) and **Community Resource Network** as an agent of MCN, piloted the Jefferson County Foreclosure Conciliation Program (FCP) in partnership with Jefferson County Circuit Court and other community partners. The FCP initiative is targeted at households currently in foreclosure in the Jefferson County Circuit Court.

   The FCP provides an opportunity for Jefferson County Circuit Court to address the pressing backlog of foreclosure cases in the court system by creating new efficiencies among community partners and decreasing the overall number of foreclosure sales. The FCP is also designed to help financial institutions move with more certainty through the marketplace by requiring homeowners to provide detailed financial inventories before meeting with the lender.

   The success of the FCP relies on a broad group of stakeholders. Circuit Court Judges, the Master Commissioners office, the Circuit Court Clerk's office, the Kentucky Housing Corporation, Louisville Bar Association, housing counselors (Louisville Urban League and Housing Partnership, Inc.), the Legal Aid Society, pro bono attorneys, Making Connections Louisville, Community Resource Network and local outreach workers and volunteers play critical roles in the process.

   CRN has been integral to the process by building the FCP database. We began with the foreclosure complaints first filed in court, then mapped the complaints at the parcel level, created route maps for FCP outreach workers. We continue to develop the process, capturing data from the initial outreach through each step of the conciliation process. As a result of our work the community will have a rich body of knowledge both to measure results and inform the future. The database and its data are used by the stakeholder group to evaluate the program's effectiveness.

2. **Important Reports and Data Presentations.**

   CRN has completed over 70 requests in 2009 in support of the Making Connections Network (MCN). The requests range from simple tables and dot maps to complex studies. They include work products such as large wall maps and data analysis reports for various neighborhood organizations in partnership with MCN, including Metro United Way, Habitat for Humanity, Legal Aid Society, Louisville Urban League, the Louisville Asset Building Coalition and Center for Neighborhoods.

   CRN has produced data presentations including maps on the foreclosure crisis in Louisville Metro / Jefferson County, KY 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.

CRN has produced report briefs on high school drop-out rates among students in the Making Connections neighborhoods of Louisville ("Making Connections Neighborhoods - High School Drop Out Rates"), resident participation and results of the annual VITA Campaigns (VITA Campaign 2007", VITA Campaign 2008" and "VITA Campaign 2009"), and demographic characteristics of Louisville's most vulnerable neighborhoods ("Neighborhoods in Distress").

3. **New Analysis/Program Efforts.**

Currently we are concentrating on the Foreclosure data collection for analysis sometime in 2010.

4. **New Data Acquisitions/Web Site Improvements.**

No notable changes

5. **Upcoming Events/Activities to Showcase NNIP.**

Memphis

MEMPHIS CBANA-INFOWORKS
September 2009

1. Key Accomplishments Since April 2009.

- CBANA wraps up "Neighborhood by Neighbor" city-wide audit of housing and neighborhoods and prepares for contextual report on neighborhood blight for Housing and Community Development. September 2009.

- CBANA consults and Phyllis Betts is panelist for WKNO-PBS "Facing the Mortgage Crisis" series of broadcasts, kicking off with "It Matters" panel on July 29th.

- CBANA presents "Smart Strategies for Neighborhood Stabilization in a Post-Subprime Environment" for Housing and Community Development, Community Development Council, Mortgage Bankers, and the public. Summer 2009.

- "CBANA analyzes HMDA and local public records for Memphis and Shelby County to test for allegations being brought by potential anti-predatory lending lawsuit." Summer 2009.

- Memphis Police Department contracts with CBANA to integrate demographic, child and family, and housing and neighborhood data with Real Time Crime Center community safety data. Summer 2009.

- CBANA's neighborhood-level information supports new local initiative for site-based resident outreach and support services in apartment communities. Summer 2009.

- "Reaching Families where they Live" strategy for early childhood and youth development kicks off with CBANA presentation of findings from the NNIP-Annie E. Casey cross-site initiative. Shelby County Office for Early Childhood and Youth coordinates follow-up on Institute on "system of care" and community-based support systems. May 2009.

2. Important Reports and Data Presentations.

- "What's Poverty Got to do with It?" A presentation on infant mortality, birth outcomes, and other health disparities for University of Tennessee Health Science Center and Medical School Grand Rounds. September 2009.

- Neighborhood Risks, Neighborhood Assets. Data presentation for the staff and partners of The Urban Child Institute. August 2009.

- *Smart Strategies for Neighborhood Stabilization in a Post-Subprime Environment : HMDA 2007 and Beyond.* In partnership with the Community Development Council of Greater Memphis. Data presented for staff at Housing and Community Development,

CDCs, mortgage bankers, and the public. Coverage by WKNO-PBS and NPR with ongoing coverage by the Commercial Appeal, the Memphis Business Journal, and the Memphis Dailey News. Summer 2009.

3. **New Analysis/Program Efforts.**

- Phase I funding in place and work underway for web-based indicators system: InfoWorks Memphis ("drill down" component of more comprehensive project, the Information Commons, which will include Memphis dashboard for "comparison up" with designated peer/benchmark cities.) Phase I includes:

  o Comprehensive set of community/neighborhood assets for parcel-based mapping
  o General Demographics
  o Indicators for Families and Children
  o Indicators for Neighborhoods and Housing
  o Indicators for Crime and Community Safety

- Comprehensive asset mapping for neighborhood-level community safety and crime prevention interventions, in collaboration with USDOJ-funded "Safeways" and local Operation Safe Communities.

- Data collection and framing for state-wide analysis of housing issues. (With Ochs Center in Chattanooga, toward the Tennessee Blueprint for Prosperity project.

4. **New Data Acquisitions/Web Site Improvements.**

Routine updates: See Data Inventory.

5. **Upcoming Events/Activities to Showcase NNIP.**

Miami

THE CHILDREN'S TRUST
September 2009

1. Key Accomplishments Since April 2009.

- Completed testing and officially launched the Asset Mapping tool for The Children's Trust's interactive GIS mapping website, ***KidStats and Maps***. This exciting new feature allows registered users to upload their own community asset point data to be displayed on the map interface of ***KidStats and Maps***. Using this tool, users can set access permissions, attributes and fields to be displayed.

- The Children's Trust became an official 2010 Census Partner to raise awareness throughout our community of providers and help the US Census Bureau achieve a complete and accurate count. Each week our emailed and online-accessible *Provider Bulletin* includes information related to the 2010 Census.

2. Important Reports and Data Presentations.

- Presented and demonstrated The Children's Trust's interactive GIS mapping website ***KidStats and Maps*** at the *Imagine Miami Changemaker Conference II*, which focused on using maps and data to better understand and make neighborhood change happen.

- Presented ***KidStats and Maps*** during a mapping workshop presented by Justice & Security Strategies, Inc. (JSS) for Youth Violence Prevention providers. This workshop offered information to help interpret and use maps to achieve policy, programmatic, and advocacy goals.

3. New Analysis/Program Efforts.

- The Children's Trust is co-chairing the Miami-Dade County Comprehensive Child Screening and Assessment System Task Force convened to review the current operations, players, and breadth of children's medical and developmental screening, assessment, follow-up and inclusion activities; identify where disjunctions are occurring indicating the current system is not working; outline recommendations for addressing disjunctions and alignment with State and Federal efforts; and seek community-wide adoption.

- Continue further development of ***KidStats and Map***s to add new features and capabilities.

4. New Data Acquisitions/Web Site Improvements.

- Notable web site change is the official launch of the asset mapping tool for ***KidStats and Maps*** as identified in #1.

5. Upcoming Events/Activities to Showcase NNIP.

On October 2nd, Circuit 11 (Miami-Dade) Juvenile Justice Board is convening The Miami-Dade Cradle to Prison Pipeline Community Forum. The intent is to develop a strategic plan and legislative agenda aimed at dismantling the pipeline. The Children's Trust and Justice & Security Strategies, Inc. will be presenting neighborhood level data relevant to the discussion.

Minneapolis

CENTER FOR URBAN AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
September 2009

1. **Key Accomplishments Since April 2009.**

   CURA's key accomplishments since May 2009 include a published write-up on the Foreclosure Symposium held in conjunction with Spring 2009 NNIP meeting in Minneapolis, the completion of the LISC Sustainable Communities Quality Analysis Plan and data transfer and the completion of another 20-25 community-based mapping / data requests. In addition CURA finished 2nd quarter 2009 data collection on statewide foreclosures by county along with mapping foreclosure counseling efforts which were included in reports by HousingLink and the Home Ownership Center.

   Foreclosure Reports Containing maps or data collected by CURA are found here:

   HousingLink's Semi-Annual Foreclosure Report
   http://www.housinglink.org/adobe/Foreclosure/SemiAnnual_MNForeclosureReport_082709.pdf

   Minnesota Home Ownership Center quarterly report on foreclosure prevention efforts
   http://www.hocmn.org/en/reports-fp.cfm

   Below is a sample of some of the many community-based GIS / mapping projects we completed during the reporting period.

   - University District Alliance
     - Mapped 10 year no sale properties, senior owned properties, and homestead properties in Prospect Park and Cedar-Riverside neighborhoods
   - Harrison Neighborhood Association
     - Southwest Light Rail route selection project
     - Created series of maps of commutesheds for North Minneapolis and Downtown workers who commute to the southwest suburbs and workers from the southwest suburbs who commute to North Minneapolis and Downtown
   - Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
     - Geocoded locations identified for marketing solar products
     - Created poster-sized map of five state area with reservations and locations identified
   - National Center for Arts and Technology
     - Site selection for vocational training center project
     - Created Minneapolis maps of bus stops, crime rates, high school graduation rates, percent of people in poverty and percent unemployed.
   - McKnight Foundation
     - Mapped all foundation grants given to North Minneapolis organizations by grant amount and by program area
   - Housing Preservation Project
     - Geocoded affordable housing projects and digitized suburban Hennepin County high school attendance boundaries
     - Mapped racial demographics of affordable housing with racial demographics of surrounding high schools

- Hawthorne Neighborhood Council
    - o Geocoded ARM loans identified by outreach project
    - o Mapped loans by initial interest rate, maximum interest rate, loan spread, and ratio
    - o Checked loans identified against foreclosures
- Simone French, School of Public Health Professor
    - o Created map of retail food stores, schools and study locations in North Minneapolis

2. Important Reports and Data Presentations.

The Summer 2009 issue of the CURA Reporter contained an article by Kris Nelson summarizing the activities and findings of the Spring symposium Neighborhood Response to the Foreclosure Crisis
http://www.cura.umn.edu/reporter/09-Spr-Summ/Nelson.pdf

LISC QA Plan
In August CURA delivered both the Quality Analysis plan and raw data as part of our on-going work with national LISC and the Sustainable Communities project. This report details the baseline data used in comparative analysis for the four target areas in Minneapolis and St. Paul and was used

3. New Analysis/Program Efforts.

There are several projects we have started this fall both within and outside the University.

- We will be wrapping up our work with the National Center for Arts and Technology next month. The first set of maps were citywide and used in a suitability analysis for locating a center. This round we will focus on an area of north Minneapolis and provide detailed mapping of the land use, transportation, community resources and LED data for the area.

- We have also begun assisting with a faculty-led research project looking at affordable housing production in the Metro area over the last ten years. We have mapped affordable housing production by city and will be running a series of spatial statistics and regression on these data.

- CURA will be doing asset mapping for the Cultural Wellness Center and Allina Hospitals as part of their Backyard Initiative. The project will include data collection on community health resources (both 'sick' and 'well' centers) and may lead to a web mapping application for community groups.

- Finally CURA is partnering with the Universities Chance program which seeks to involve students more in the neighborhoods surrounding the University. The first step in this project will be a updated inventory, survey and mapping of the businesses and commercial properties in the Cedar-Riverside neighborhood.

In addition to these projects it should also be noted that CURA is undergoing a strategic planning process scheduled to be completed this fall that will form future direction for the

Center as well as its individual programs – Community GIS being one of them. We are hopeful that there will be a renewed focus and attention on the importance of CGIS, an expansion of our resources, and a more defined mission for our work

4. New Data Acquisitions/Web Site Improvements.

Precinct level Voter Participation data has been collected and aggregated by Census Tract for Minneapolis and St. Paul. We have bi-annual data from 2000-2008. This data includes the total voting age population and the number of votes cast.

5. Upcoming Events/Activities to Showcase NNIP.

In October CURA staff will be presenting along with LISC at the seventh annual Community Indicators Consortium conference. We will be part of a panel discussion on neighborhood collaborations, cross-site indicator analysis and our work on the Sustainable Communities initiative.

New Haven

DATAHAVEN
September 2009

1. **Key Accomplishments Since April 2009.**

   We have continued to develop our additional products, including:

   - **New Haven YouthMAP**, an interactive tool that provides detailed information on the accessibility of the city's youth programs;

   - **ROOF Project**, a site detailing information on the response to the foreclosure crisis;

   - **DataHaven Barometer of Community Conditions**, an interactive graphing tool to plot monthly information on the region (e.g., up-to-the-minute data on unemployment, food stamps, crime, homelessness and foreclosures), which has also been distributed citywide in a Community Foundation report on the economic downturn;

   - **New Haven Neighborhood Quality of Life Survey**, a collaboration with local neighborhood associations in New Haven to develop a tool for civic engagement and measuring quality of life indicators, which will be rolled out in Fall 2009 and involve DataHaven within a series of data-focused Neighborhood Workshops in Feb. 2010;

   - ***New Haven Health Data Atlas***, a collaboration with the City of New Haven, Yale University and other health experts,; and

   - We have also been able to participate in **Open Indicators Consortium** (UMass Lowell) work on how neighborhood-level data can be visualized by the public using cutting-edge tools, and hope to offer these tools through DataHaven in the near future.

   Most importantly, after recognizing the limitations of our old website, DataHaven has also developed a **completely new and interactive website**, currently in beta testing phase. Combined with our other outreach efforts such as the Neighborhood Quality of Life Survey, the new website will be distributed widely and enable DataHaven to far exceed the community engagement performance measures established within this grant request.

2. **Important Reports and Data Presentations.**

   Please see above.

   In terms of specific presentations, the Health Data Atlas Summary was delivered to a coalition of about 150 government officials, agencies and individuals organized around the Health Equity Alliance, a new initiative designed to reduce health inequities in the city. DataHaven is playing a contract role to disseminate information related to this effort.

   A screenshot of the DataHaven Barometer of Community Conditions is shown below.
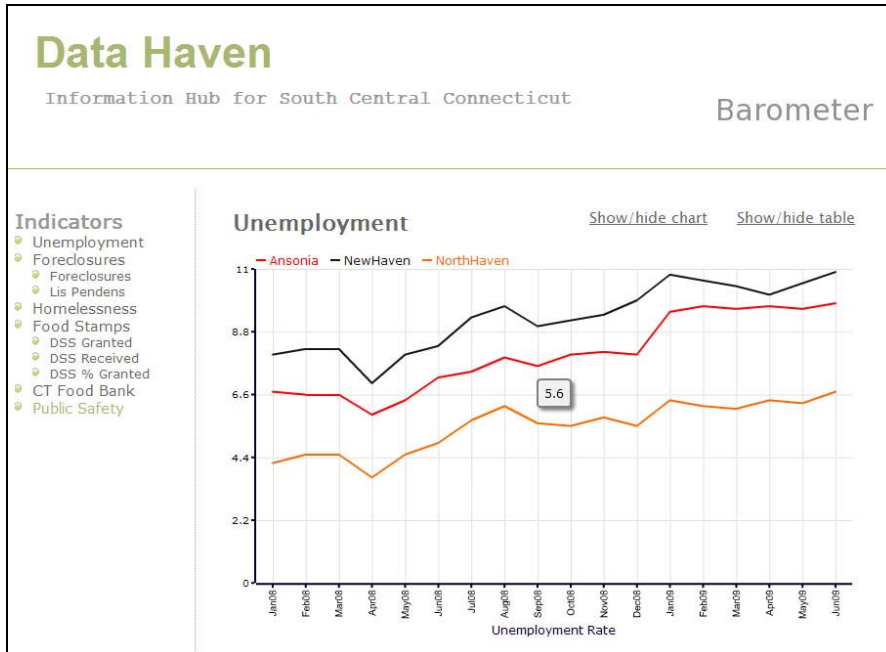
3. New Analysis/Program Efforts.

We are continuing to develop the tools mentioned above.

4. New Data Acquisitions/Web Site Improvements.

We are collecting monthly data for the DataHaven Barometer. Through the Health Equity Alliance project, statewide health data will soon be made available at the block group level. We hope to integrate this onto our site by next Spring.

5. Upcoming Events/Activities to Showcase NNIP.

We will be showcasing NNIP on our new website's page about Census 2010.

New York
NEW YORK CITY HOUSING AND NEIGHBORHOOD INFORMATION SYSTEM,
NEW YORK UNIVERSITY
September 2009

1. Key Accomplishments Since April 2009.

Over the summer, we released two data fact sheets, summarizing important new information on both housing affordability, and the opportunities presented by the federal Neighborhood Stabilization Program. The first, Key Findings on the Affordability of Rental Housing from New York City's Housing and Vacancy Survey 2008, summarized newly released data on New York City's rental housing stock from the Housing Vacancy Survey (HVS) The HVS data revealed a tightening of the rental market, a drop in homeownership rates, and persistent affordability challenges for New York City renters, more than half of whom pay more than 30% of their income on rent. The second fact sheet, An Opportunity to Stabilize New York City's Neighborhoods: A Fact Sheet on the Neighborhood Stabilization Program, summarized important new eligibility criteria for the federal NSP program, and discussed how best to target the limited resources available to stabilize neighborhoods hard hit by foreclosures.

Within the next month, we will release a white paper, summarizing the key policy recommendations that came out of our February conference, A Crisis is a Terrible Thing to Waste: Transforming America's Housing Policy. The white paper will identify opportunities to break down old policy silos and leverage the resources of multiple federal agencies to forge more effective connections between housing programs and transportation, environment and education policy. Also within the next month, we will release a new policy brief, The High Cost of Segregation: Exploring Racial Disparities in High Cost Lending, which looks at the relationship between residential racial segregation and subprime lending, nationally and in New York City. Keep an eye out for these releases.

2. Important Reports and Data Presentations.

A sample of presentations is below, and links to the presentations are provided.

- We presented our State of the City report and findings to Habitat for Humanity's NY board in July, 2009.

- We presented "The High Cost of Racial Segregation: Exploring Racial Disparities in High Cost Lending," at the NAACP's Centennial Convention: "NAACP 100 Years: Bold Dreams—Big Victories" in July, 2009.

- We presented "The Foreclosure Crisis in NYC: Patterns, Origins, and Solutions" to the New York City Housing Development Corporation in June, 2009.

- We presented "NYC Foreclosures Update & Opportunities Presented by the Neighborhood Stabilization Program" as testimony before the New York City Council Committee on Consumer Affairs in June in June, 2009.

- We presented <u>Improving Communities Through the Web</u> at Princeton University's Center for Information Technology Policy Conference in May, 2009.

3. New Analysis/Program Efforts.

We continue to make progress on our ambitious Preservation Data Project, which will build a critical new database with key information on HUD, LIHTC and Mitchell-Lama rental housing in New York City. This summer, we have been busy meeting with key stakeholders and building the database, which should be up in June 2010. We are constructing the database from scratch, and spent the summer uploading all of the HUD files.

We are also immersed in research on the following topics:

- **Why Do Some Sites Remain Underdeveloped in Strong Markets?** New York City's capacity to grow depends in part upon whether land that is now under-utilized can be developed to its full zoning capacity. We don't know enough about what causes some property owners to develop their land to the fullest FAR (floor area ratio) permitted by the applicable zoning, or about why some owners continue a current use when development to full FAR appears to make economic sense. We are gathering data and constructing models to identify which sites in the City currently are developed under the maximum permitted FAR, and to evaluate the characteristics of the properties, their owners, and the neighborhoods in which they are located. Using information gleaned from our data analysis, case studies and interviews and with owners and real estate professionals, we will construct a model that can predict which lots will build out and which won't, and will suggest policies that the City could adopt to encourage landowners to develop under-used land.

- **Foreclosure & School Performance**: Foreclosures significantly disrupt the lives of children and families. The Furman Center is studying how this disruption impacts the school mobility of children from families who suffered foreclosure. By linking data from the NYC Department of Education to our data on foreclosures, we can examine whether children who live in properties that enter foreclosure are more likely – after the foreclosure notice is issued – to switch schools. For children who moved after a notice of foreclosure, we will look at the characteristics of the school they left, and the school to which they moved.

- **Outcomes of Distressed Mortgage Borrowers:** Once a borrower falls behind on payments, a variety of possible outcomes can occur. Some delinquent borrowers catch up with mortgage payments and remain in their homes, either on their own or through a loan modification. Others refinance or sell the home and repay the loan before foreclosure proceedings are completed. And some borrowers are unable to prevent the foreclosure process from progressing to an auction of the home. For policymakers, the likelihood of these various outcomes have important consequences. Will the property remain vacant? Will a new owner maintain the building properly, and will tenure change from owner-occupied to renter-occupied? The probability of a distressed loan following each pathway likely will be correlated with observable and unobservable characteristics of the borrower, property, neighborhood, lender or loan terms. By combining datasets on foreclosure filings, loan terms, loan performance, initial borrower characteristics, as well as physical and neighborhood characteristics of distressed properties, we will

examine which factors are correlated with the pathways and eventual outcomes of distressed loans in New York City.

- **Better Understanding Neighborhood Change**: In recent work, the Furman Center has found that neighborhood economic gain has become more common among poor urban neighborhoods around the country, but no work exists that sheds light on either the underlying factors driving these changes, or their consequences. Popular accounts of neighborhood revitalization frequently use the term gentrification, which implies a particular form of change. Simply put, the conventional view of gentrification describes a process through which the influx of higher income, white households (usually childless) pushes up rents and attracts amenities that cater to more affluent residents. As these changes occur, and housing gets more expensive, the original poorer (minority) residents are pushed out of an increasingly white neighborhood. This stylized story is both undocumented and likely simplistic. We in fact know very little about the underlying dynamics of neighborhood economic transition. Through the use of unique, nationally-representative Census data, the Furman Center aims to shed light on both the residential decisions underlying neighborhood change as well as the consequences of such change.

4. New Data Acquisitions/Web Site Improvements.

We have recently acquired point specific crime data for 2004-2008 as well as all of the Mortgage/Deed information for NYC.

5. Upcoming Events/Activities to Showcase NNIP.

We are currently undergoing work on our NYCHANIS website and looking for a way to incorporate all of our new preservation data project data. The re-launch of our website will give us an opportunity to showcase NNIP.

Pittsburgh

PITTSBURGH NEIGHBORHOOD AND COMMUNITY INFORMATION SYSTEM (PNCIS)
September 2009

1. Key Accomplishments Since April 2009.

- *New interface and system*, with Latitude Geographics Geocortex product on our existing ArcGIS server. This allows us to manage the server and add new tools without having to use a programmer. (beta version at: www.pghnis.pitt.edu)

- *Advisory Board established* and first meeting scheduled for October 30. We have15 local members from community organizations, government, foundations and educational institutions.

- *Tracking systems better established.* Now tracking technical assistance requests, user applications, and user experiences more efficiently and reporting methods upgraded.

2. Important Reports and Data Presentations.

- "Foreclosures and their Impact on the Pittsburgh Regional Economy," *Pittsburgh Economic Quarterly,* June, 2009 (a publication of our center University Center for Social and Urban Research)

- *Home Foreclosures in Allegheny County, 2006-2007*, Allegheny County Department of Human Resources and University Center for Social and Urban Research, University of Pittsburgh

3. New Analysis/Program Efforts.

- Homewood Children's Zone Project with University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work. This has various parts, including building inspection data and proposals to several funders, including US DOE.

- Partnered with the Hilltop Alliance, a new nonprofit working to address issues and organize residents in South Pittsburgh. The PNCIS is developing a companion piece to the Alliance's community discussion guides that will provide neighborhood statistics to support community organizing activities in South Pittsburgh.

- Partner with a number of new projects related to community development, vacant property and blight in the region and beyond, including:
  - Sustainable Pittsburgh's Regional Vacant Property Solutions project
  - Pittsburgh Green Strategies initiative of the City and URA
  - National Vacant Property Campaign's work with government and community organizations in Pittsburgh

4. New Data Acquisitions/Web Site Improvements.

- See #1 for key accomplishments on system and web site improvements.

5. Upcoming Events/Activities to Showcase NNIP.
- Presentations to VA Hospital, Pittsburgh
- HOPE VI proposal with Allegheny County Housing Authority

Philadelphia

TEMPLE UNIVERSITY, DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY AND URBAN STUDIES
September 2009

1. **Key Accomplishments Since April 2009.**

   - MPIP releases 2009 Annual Report – Where We Stand – further details below

   - MPIP redesigned its website and upgraded its interactive mapping web-site with on-line tutorials, increased data download capacity, and dynamic scatter plots

   - MPIP has been funded to increase its geographic layers to include school districts, zip codes and legislative and other administrative districts, using the state of Pennsylvania as a demonstration (see discussion of Pennsylvania Council on Crime and Delinquency presentation, below).

2. **Important Reports and Data Presentations.**

   - MPIP released its 2009 edition of Where We Stand: Community Indicators for Metropolitan Philadelphia, available online at http://mpip.temple.edu.

   - MPIP presented a demonstration of the MPIP model of web-based data service to the Pennsylvania Council on Crime and Delinquency, focusing on s

   - tate police expenditures in municipalities with no local policing, and on the characteristics of high property crime communities. Currently being considered for extension of these efforts to statewide data serving capacity.

3. **New Analysis/Program Efforts.**

   - As noted above, we are developing increased numbers of geographic layers and expanding the geographic scope of the project to develop state-wide applications.

   - We are pursuing the possibility of building on our increased access to criminal justice data sets to develop a prisoner re-entry project to complement our other indicator efforts.

   - MPIP will be collaborating with a pilot study on the spatial etiology of homelessness and homeless service provisions, working with the City of Philadelphia.

4. **New Data Acquisitions/Web Site Improvements.**

   - In addition to routine updates of population, economic, housing, non-profit, governmental and UCR crime data, we are adding in detailed Pennsylvania crime, delinquency, adjudication, and police staffing and expenditure data for the Pennsylvania segment of the region, with the potential of expanding this to the entire state.

5. Upcoming Events/Activities to Showcase NNIP.

- While there is no fixed date set, if we are successful in obtaining an agreement to serve crime data for Pennsylvania, it will be with the incorporation of community indicators based on MPIP and on other NNIP sites. The roll-out of this crime oriented multi-indicator utility would be a possible NNIP showcase.

Providence

THE PROVIDENCE PLAN
September 2009

1. **Key Accomplishments Since April 2009.**

   - Launched Distressed Property Mapping System site. Performed complete windshield survey of boarded and abandoned properties with photos.

2. **Important Reports and Data Presentations.**

   - LISC Sustainable Communities Year One Indicator Report.

   - Urban Student Mobility data graphic series: http://www.provplan.org/matriarch/MultiPiecePage.asp_Q_PageID_E_168_A_PageName_E_fom200905

   - Analysis of cost of incarceration and reentry, 2006-2008 data graphic series (DRAFT)

3. **New Analysis/Program Efforts.**

   Safe and Drug-Free Schools Data Hub- an open source data hub and web portal that performs individual record-level linkage across three state agencies for the purpose of targeting substance abuse and violence prevention efforts in public schools. Includes a variety of data visualization tools.

4. **New Data Acquisitions/Web Site Improvements.**

   No, but through the SDFS Data Hub we will soon have access to a host of data from the Department of Children, Youth, and Families regarding child welfare, foster care, juvenile delinquency, and substance abuse.

5. **Upcoming Events/Activities to Showcase NNIP.**

Oakland

URBAN STRATEGIES COUNCIL
September 2009

1. **Key Accomplishments Since April 2009.**
   - Established the Oakland Community Land trust (www.oakclt.org)
   - Developed foreclosure prevention and intervention pilots with schools and base building groups, including a partnership with a for profit firm with mortgage rescue product financed by private investors and a homeowners, renters rights and scam alert pamphlet.
   - Project underway to create a countywide Reentry Network in Contra Costa County modeled after the one we established in Alameda County.

2. **Important Reports and Data Presentations.**
   - Oakland's Foreclosure Crisis: Risks, Scams, Resources and Rights
   - Reentry Populations in Contra Costa County Powerpoint
   - Foreclosure and Neighborhood market analysis for NSP2 grant application

3. **New Analysis/Program Efforts.**
   - Begun pilot analysis of crime prevention and solving with Oakland PD.
   - Impact of foreclosures on school children.
   - Developing a new web mapping/data system to replace www.infoalamedacounty.org, using a grant of ArcGIS Server.
   - Working with local public health agencies to recalculate population denominators for epidemiology work.
   - Analysis of vehicular and public transit accessibility of county health services.

4. **New Data Acquisitions/Web Site Improvements.**
   - Detailed crime data with suspect info, circumstances and other event info.
   - LED Data for Bay Area region

5. **Upcoming Events/Activities to Showcase NNIP.**

Seattle

PUBLIC HEALTH, SEATTLE & KING COUNTY
September 2009

1. Key Accomplishments Since April 2009.

   Communities Count issuing monthly 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.
   http://www.communitiescount.org/index.php?page=single_story&newsID=16

   ***King County Equity & Social Justice Initiative* King County considers equity and
   social justice legislation**
   On July 13, the King County Council introduced Ordinance #2009-0245, regarding the
   adoption of an equity and social justice policy framework for the county. The legislation is
   designed to formalize King County's commitment to creating opportunities for all and adopts
   the vision that King County is a place of opportunity, fairness, equity and social justice
   where all people thrive." Highlights of the legislation include creating a strategic plan for
   equity and social justice that encompasses all branches of King County government,
   additional use of the equity impact review tool in policy-making and placing an equity lens on
   the 2011 budget process. The Ordinance has been sponsored four Council Members
   including a candidate for the County Executive. A full copy of the legislation can be found
   online at:
   http://kingcounty.legistar.com/custom/king/legislation.htm

   Nutrition Labeling Evaluation: We have completed data collection and begun analysis of
   baseline and follow up data on the evaluation of our nutrition labeling regulation, which
   requires fast food and chain restaurants to provide information on calories, fat, sodium and
   carbohydrates for menu items. Results will be presented to the American Public Health
   Association meeting in November, 2009.

   King County Performance Measures: We updated the public health performance
   measures for the cross-departmental Aims High project. (see
   http://www.metrokc.gov/aimshigh/index.asp) in July 2009. Public Health measures include
   both community-level measures (e.g., years of healthy life), measures of disparities (e.g.,
   death rates by race, poverty level and neighborhood, for all causes and major specific
   causes), and indicators of program performance.

2. Important Reports and Data Presentations.

- Our web-based Community Health Indicator report, which tracts over 65 population-level measures of social determinants, access to care, behavioral risks and health outcomes by age, sex, race, neighborhood and income/poverty, complete with maps, was released in September, 2009. (see http://www.kingcounty.gov/healthservices/health/data/chi.aspx). These data are used extensively by community based organizations and other data requesters, and is another source of comprehensive surveillance data on the health of King County residents.

- A presentation to the King County Board of Health, based largely on Community Health Indicators and Communities Count findings, emphasizing place-based disparities and strategic public health investments based on place, was made by the Public Health director in September.

- A special report on the risk of obesity in high school football players was completed.

- We completed an analysis of foreclosures in White Center, the local Making Connections neighborhood. The report addressed 6 questions:

  1) What is the present level of foreclosure in White Center, compared to that in neighboring areas, the rest of King County, and in Washington State? This analysis used data on Notice of Trustee Sale from the County Recorders Office for 2007-2009.

  2) What do the most recent HMDA data say about White Center's mortgage situation, updating the Urban Institute's analysis of subprime lending in the Making Connections (MC) neighborhoods through 2005?

  3) What is happening to houses that are foreclosing in White Center? This analysis tracked every foreclosed property in one neighborhood census tract using assessor and recorder data on refinances and sales.

  4) HUD's Neighborhood Stabilization Program data identify several neighboring Pierce County zip codes as having highest foreclosure risk in the state. We interviewed local housing experts to see what could be learned from Pierce County's experience.

  5) What is the condition of the rental market in White Center? We examined Dupree + Scott market reports on White Center rents and vacancies over time.

  6) Are new (2007-2009) loans defaulting in White Center? What types of loans? For this we used HUD's neighborhood Watch Early Warning System data on FHA-insured mortgages.

- We completed estimates of numbers and types of persons eligible for health, insurance, welfare, food and utility assistance benefits for the City of Seattle Human Services Department.

3. New Analysis/Program Efforts.

- A database of baseline measures to assess progress in equity across King County departments was developed by Public Health in collaboration with other departments. The measures will be used to track progress on inequities across 13 outcome conditions that include: family wage jobs/job training, community economic development, affordable, quality, healthy housing, quality early childhood development, quality education, healthy physical environment, community & public safety, neighborhood social cohesion, access to all modes of safe and efficient transportation, access to affordable food systems and affordable and healthy foods, access to parks and nature, access to affordable and culturally appropriate health and human services, and racial justice in organizational practices

- We are developing measures of environmental determinants of health, 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.

- As part of ongoing analysis of foreclosure extent and impact, we developed a method to identify condominiums and commercial properties in foreclosure. We now monitor levels of foreclosure in King County cities as well as in the county as a whole.

4. New Data Acquisitions/Web Site Improvements.

- We continue to make improvements to our Community Health Indicator website

- We began using mortgage loan performance data from the Neighborhood Watch Early Warning System database that tracks mortgage originations by location and lender.

5. Upcoming Events/Activities to Showcase NNIP.
- We continue to showcase NNIP work related to housing foreclosures.

St. Louis

Regional Housing and Community Development Alliance (RHCDA)
September 2009

1. **Key Accomplishments Since April 2009.**

   - Strengthened relationships with our St. Louis NNIP partners through regular meetings and social events and reached a deeper understanding of the data priorities and interests of our partners.

   - Provided individualized technical assistance to nonprofit organizations across the region.

   - Received $100,000 in HUD funding to continue our data-driven technical assistance work with St. Louis area community organizations. This grant also represents the first time that HUD has funded us to work in Illinois, making our organization even more "regional."

   - We are now "live" as the St. Louis partner for the National Community Stabilization Trust, enabling local jurisdictions to purchase foreclosed properties, and we have closed on approximately 20 properties.

   - Completed an NSP-2 application, in partnership with the City of St. Louis and the National Development Council. The application included an analysis of foreclosures, vacancies, and market characteristics of St. Louis City, and will potentially result in additional funding to redevelop St. Louis neighborhoods.

2. **Important Reports and Data Presentations.**

   - Organized a Group Training on the 2010 Census to be delivered October 1st, 2009.

   - Produced individualized neighborhood reports and redevelopment plans through our technical assistance program.

3. **New Analysis/Program Efforts.**

   - Officially beginning work on a Health Impact Assessment as a consultant to Washington University, which will include data on access to groceries, financial institutions, transportation options, etc.

   - We attended a local discussion on measuring cultural vitality, and hope to contribute to ongoing local efforts.

4. New Data Acquisitions/Web Site Improvements.

- Based on knowledge gained at the May 2009 NNIP meeting, we have redesigned our organization website using a Content Management System, which will enable us to post more frequent updates and announcements.

- We continued work on our interactive data portal in partnership with Washington University.

- New dataset: National Center for Charitable Statistics data

5. Upcoming Events/Activities to Showcase NNIP.

- Upcoming 2010 Census Group Training on October 1st, 2009.

- URBANEXUS event about "what it takes to retain and attract creative individuals" on September 23rd, 2009. (We are not organizing this event, but we will be in attendance and it will be a good opportunity to network to a different group of people and explain our services and relationship to NNIP.)

- In general, we highlight NNIP in our conversations with neighborhood organizations, community leaders, and students (who often approach us for data and/or advice).

Washington D.C.

NEIGHBORHOODINFO DC
September 2009

1. Key Accomplishments Since April 2009.

- NIDC is the go-to source for foreclosure information and housing market trends in the District of Columbia.
- NIDC continues to provide comprehensive data indicators about the status of children and youth in the District, as well as provide information about the important role of nonprofits in serving children and youth in the District.

2. Important Reports and Data Presentations.

Since May 2009, we have released:
- **On the Road to Adulthood: A Databook about Teens and Young Adults in DC** *(*June 2009*).* This report was done in collaboration with a local DC youth advocacy group and provides comprehensive data indicators and analysis on the state of older youth (age 12-24) in the District and examines the role of area nonprofits that work with young people, their families, and neighborhoods.
- **Foreclosures and Renters in Washington, D.C.** (April 2009). This report, sponsored by the Annie E. Casey Foundation and using local administrative data from NeighborhoodInfo DC, documents the extent to which foreclosures in Washington, D.C., have occurred in renter-occupied homes and apartments. The conclusion outlines several policy options for helping renters during this difficult period.
- **Housing Monitor, Summer 2009** (September 2009). We recently released the Summer 2009 issue of the web-based *Housing Monitor* report. The report covers the trends in the home sales market as well as foreclosures in the city.
- **Evaluation Matters: Lessons from Youth-Serving Organizations** (September 2009). The World Bank's East of the River Initiative provided two years of technical assistance to help four District nonprofits develop the capacity to evaluate outcomes. This new Urban Institute report examines the agencies' progress and highlights the conditions and factors promoting and frustrating effective evaluation strategies.

Presentations

- Peter Tatian presented the Housing Monitor report focusing on foreclosures in the District of Columbia in September 2009. The presentation covered basic housing market and foreclosure trends.
- Jennifer Comey presented at the 2009 Annual KIDS COUNT Conference, Strength in Numbers: Measuring the Impact of the Recession on Children. The presentation was based on the analysis from the 2009 Housing in the Nation's Capital report public school students and foreclosures.

3. New Analysis/Program Efforts.

- NIDC recently completed the analysis plan phase of a report 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 about to present trends of women-headed families in the Washington, DC region, which includes population and demographics, federal subsidy receipt, subsidized child care, and enrollment in public schools including aftercare at the Washington Area Women's Foundation's 2009 Community Briefing.
- We are expanding our work on statistical models to estimate future citywide public school enrollment in the District of Columbia for budgeting purposes.
- We are wrapping up a databook tracking the indicators for Latinos in the District of Columbia.

4. New Data Acquisitions/Web Site Improvements.

No

5. Upcoming Events/Activities to Showcase NNIP.

- Jenn Comey will present the OSI project involving three NNNIP partners at the Neighborhoods and Youth Development Research and Policy Roundtable: *Understanding How Place Matters for Kids* on September 24.