

***NNIP***

***Partner Reports***

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NATIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD INDICATORS PARTNERSHIP  
AND THE URBAN INSTITUTE



# ***Atlanta***

## ATLANTA NEIGHBORHOOD INDICATORS PROJECT

April 2008

### **1. Key Accomplishments Since October 2007.**

- Contracted with a Web technology vendor who will integrate our local data into a state-of-the-art mapping and visualization system.
  
- To the above, we have compiled a host of “mappable” local data that will be included in the initial, “beta” of the Website
  
- Hired a part-time staff person to serve as project director and head up the “transition” committee
  
- Secured volunteer leadership for the “permanent” steering committee, and recruitment for others to serve on the steering committee is active
  
- Completed a communications/marketing plan that identified target audiences and key messages, all geared toward an official launch of sometime near the end of 2008/beginning of 2009.
  
- Developed a new name for the organization, now called Neighborhood Nexus
  
- Secured start-up funding from the local United Way
  
- “Transition” committee membership continues to grow

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

- We are not to a point where we are ready to release a “Neighborhood Nexus” report or to present data under its banner. Emory (Dr. Michael Rich’s outfit), however, has completed or is working on a couple of initiatives that could be released on behalf of Neighborhood Nexus. These are City of Atlanta based, however, and we are intending Neighborhood Nexus to be regionally-based, so we still need to work out the details of the work program and scope.
  
- In addition to the work that Emory is doing, the Atlanta Regional Commission has been delving more into “neighborhood” research with the foreclosure crisis, using a geocoded dataset of home sales and foreclosures to make the case for more affordable housing within job centers and to shed light to the distinct geography of the foreclosure malaise.

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

- The main things we are working on is developing an interactive mapping system through our contract with the Web technology vendor and securing membership to the “permanent” steering committee that will greatly enhance our fund-raising capability

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

- Again, “Neighborhood Nexus” isn’t to the point where we are acquiring data, but Emory is collected data for its early childhood development research it is doing and is negotiating with the Georgia Division of Public Health to obtain census tract-level data on morbidity, mortality and natality – standard vital stats stuff. And we already have a good bit of local, neighborhood-level data like population estimates, housing unit estimates, and detailed employment estimates. Finally, the Atlanta Regional Commission is collecting tax assessor data for a 20-county area that could potentially be used in the near future.

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

- None imminent, but the official launch of Neighborhood Nexus would be such an event.

# ***Baltimore***

## BALTIMORE NEIGHBORHOOD INDICATORS ALLIANCE

April 2008

### **1. What are your key accomplishments since October 2007 (headlines)**

- BNIA-JFI research on the African American middle class in Baltimore City was the centerpiece of the Associated Black Charities of Maryland's More in the Middle Initiative. This release was attended by over 100 persons and covered by both print media and television.
- BNIA-JFI worked with Baltimore City to develop the indicators to be used to track the City's economic development strategy. BNIA-JFI also is collecting these indicators, analyzing, and reporting on these indicators to assess the City's ability to meet its economic development goals.
- BNIA-JFI wrote the Greater Baltimore State of the Region Report, 2007 for the Greater Baltimore Committee. This report examined 20 metropolitan areas in over 100 indicators.
- BNIA-JFI surveyed and mapped employers located in the Downtown Partnership of Baltimore's downtown service area. BNIA-JFI collected both current and projected employment numbers to estimate employment within the Downtown area.
- Peter Armstrong left BNIA-JFI in December of 2007. BNIA-JFI has added a full time GIS Analyst, Cheryl Knott and a new Data Manager, Patricia Gallivan. We are also in the process of being accredited by the University System of Maryland for graduate students in GIS to intern at BNIA-JFI and receive course credits for their program.

### **2. What important reports have you produced? What important data presentations have you delivered?**

- BNIA-JFI produced the Dashboard Report for the Associated Black Charities of Maryland's More in the Middle Initiative. This report examined the characteristics of the African American middle class in Baltimore City.
- BNIA-JFI produced the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) report for Baltimore City. This report examined the City's progress in meeting its six economic development goals.
- BNIA-JFI completed a survey of workforce training program graduates for the Caroline Center in Baltimore City. This survey collected demographic, employment, training program, and quality of life data on over 100 graduates of the training program.

- BNIA-JFI compiled information and assisted in producing the Neighborhood Action Plan for a grant application for Chesapeake Habitat for Humanity. This plan called for the acquisition and development of over 200 mixed income homes in east Baltimore.
- BNIA-JFI has provided several training seminars on the use of data, indicators, and GIS. This includes teaching one class of the Community Studies and Civic Engagement program at the University of Baltimore.
- BNIA-JFI has also created provided a variety of other projects and services including maps of the East Baltimore Development Initiative, maps of multiple indicators for the Baltimore City Empowerment Zone Village Centers, maps of foreclosures, responding to multiple requests for information, data, and other requests.

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

- BNIA-JFI is currently working with the Baltimore Community Foundation and Baltimore City government to evaluate the City's Clean Green initiative.
- BNIA-JFI is working with the Baltimore Community Foundation to create asset maps and to provide data on City neighborhoods around its Baltimore Community Experience Project.
- BNIA-JFI is continuing to serve as an advisor to the Environmental Health Tracking Project run by the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the Maryland Department of the Environment.
- BNIA-JFI is part of the JFI proposal to the East Baltimore Development Initiative (EBDI) that would conduct an analysis of the workforce supply and demand issues related to the development activities of EBDI for EBDI.
- BNIA-JFI is drafting a proposal to update the EITC report created by the JFI for the Baltimore Cash Campaign. This report analyzed the impact of payments received by City residents through the EITC on the economy of Baltimore City. Additionally, we computed the amount of the credit not claimed by City residents and its economic impact.
- BNIA-JFI is drafting a proposal to study the effects of credit scores and foreclosures in Baltimore City for the Baltimore Cash Campaign.
- BNIA-JFI will be working with the Baltimore Homeownership Preservation Coalition around the topic of foreclosed properties in Baltimore City.

- BNIA-JFI will be providing GIS assistance to the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.
- BNIA-JFI is currently working to fund the creation of a new website that would allow for greater access to neighborhood level data and interactive mapping. We have spoken to DataPlace about the creation of and co-branding of the new website.

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

- We are currently exploring working with DataPlace to create a new BNIA-JFI website.
- We have been asked to develop an interactive webpage on the BNIA-JFI website for foreclosure filings in Baltimore City by neighborhood.
- BNIA-JFI will soon possess all of the data used for the Baltimore City Drilldown analysis from Social Compact.
- BNIA-JFI now is collecting Clean Green metrics from Baltimore City. These include incidents of graffiti, alley cleanings, street cleanings, tonnage of trash collected, numbers of trash cans on corners, bus stops, and gateways, and lane miles that have been mechanically swept.
- BNIA-JFI is collecting Baltimore City data on aggressive animals. This includes aggressive animals, animal attacks, and animal bites.
- BNIA-JFI is currently in negotiations to receive health-related data from the Baltimore City Department of Health

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

- BNIA-JFI will be releasing Vital Signs 5 in the summer of 2008.
- BNIA-JFI is working with the Baltimore City Development Corporation, the Department of Planning, and Social Compact in the release of the Baltimore City Drilldown report.

## ***Boston***

BOSTON INDICATORS PROJECT  
April 2008

*Coming soon*



## ***Camden***

CAMCONNECT

April 2008

### **1. What are your key accomplishments since October 2007 (headlines)**

- Organized 4th annual Camden Data Open House event in December 2007, which drew over 100 attendees (largest crowd yet)

### **2. What important reports have you produced? What important data presentations have you delivered?**

Camden Facts 2008 demographic report was released in February – this report provides the first updated Census tract level analysis of Census data, housing sales, EITC, vacant properties, education data, etc. in over four years. See <http://www.camconnect.org/fact/CamdenFacts2008.html>

Presented at MAC-URISA conference panel on implementing GIS programs in non-profit organizations

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

Attempting to track foreclosures and subprime loans on a parcel level – foreclosure data has been difficult to obtain

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

We have expanded our health database to include patient-level data from all Camden hospitals for the last five years. This analysis includes nearly 400,000 visits from 97,000 unique patients. We are continuing to explore the implications of this data, including patterns of utilization for individual patients, most common diagnoses, and variations by geography.

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

No relevant events scheduled

# Chattanooga

COMMUNITY RESEARCH COUNCIL

April 2008

## 1. What are your key accomplishments since October 2007 (headlines)

- CRC assisted the City of Chattanooga in successfully challenging the 2006 Census population estimates. Based on recommendations and data from the Community Research Council the US Census Bureau agreed to revise its estimate upward by 13,103 residents – which showed Chattanooga having a population increase instead of loss since the 2000 census count.
- CRC recently completed a survey of 1,000 Hamilton County residents, which will be analyzed for the *2008 State of Chattanooga Region Report*. The survey includes questions on a variety of issues including quality of life, education, transportation, employment, and environment. The 2008 State of Chattanooga Region Report will be released on a chapter-by-chapter basis, beginning in May. The report will include chapters on Early Childhood, Education, Crime, Health, Economic Development, and the Environment.
- CRC Completed a study on the training, recruitment, and hiring of new teachers in the Hamilton County School System. The report, entitled *Better Teachers, Smarter Students*, was the result of dozens of interviews with newly hired teachers, education students, principals, and Deans of Education schools. The report provided several recommendations on ways to identify and recruit high-quality teachers, and how the school system can help to support their success in the classroom.
- *Southeastern Results Network Conference*  
CRC formed the Southeastern Results Network, an organization with the purpose of bringing together local government and community-based organizations to share information and best practices around government performance measurement. SERN's first conference in January was attended by over thirty representatives of government agencies and nonprofits from around the Southeast.

## 2. What important reports have you produced? What important data presentations have you delivered?

- *Overcoming Barriers to Childhood Literacy*  
A report that establishes baseline literacy data for the Hamilton County READ 20 initiative. The report also identified those children and neighborhoods where targeted efforts at raising literacy would have the greatest impact.
- *Research and Support for the Young Women's Leadership Foundation*  
CRC provided data and analysis of the educational attainment, risk factors and health of school-age women in Hamilton County. This data is to support the YWLF's mission of creating a Charter School to encourage college attainment by high-risk girls.

- *Neighborhood Survey and Analysis for Community Impact of Chattanooga*  
Community Impact, a nonprofit dedicated to improving quality of life in distressed neighborhoods, commissioned CRC to conduct a series of tracking surveys among residents in three of its neighborhoods. The survey questioned residents on their perceptions and opinions of their neighborhood.
- *Better Teachers Smarter Students* – see above
- *Labor Market Trends and Career Academies*  
The Chattanooga Area Chamber of Commerce asked CRC to analyze labor market trends in Chattanooga in order to identify workforce needs that could be met by the development of high school level career academies.
- *Airport Economic Impact Analysis*  
CRC completed an assessment of the current economic impact of the Chattanooga Metropolitan Airport on the regional economy for the Airport Authority.
- *The Cost of Sprawl*  
The study examined the cost burden that outer suburban development places on the City of Chattanooga in the form of increased infrastructure needs. It also compared the tax revenue of new suburban developments to that of central city areas.

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

- Food Access/Food Deserts
- Study on the Economic Impact of Greenways in Chattanooga
- Demographic research on the need for a community school in the St. Elmo Neighborhood of Chattanooga

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

- New website for Southeastern Results Network ([www.serresultsnetwork.org](http://www.serresultsnetwork.org)).
- 2006 Joint Data for Hospitals in the State of Tennessee
- Hamilton County Department of Health Birth Data at address level 2001-2006
- Dunn and Bradstreet Economic Data by Business and Location 2007 -2008
- City of Chattanooga Crime Data at Address Level 2007

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

# Chicago

METROPOLITAN CHICAGO INFORMATION CENTER (MCIC)

April 2008

## 1. What are your key accomplishments since October 2007 (headlines)

- MCIC Subscribers (people who register online to access free MCIC data, information and reports) stands at almost 5,200, a 34% increase since July 1, 2007.
- MCIC has collaborated with a wide variety of social service, philanthropic and civic organizations (both locally and nation-wide) on more than 56 individual research projects to generate new data, information and maps to highlight quality of life issues, create a better understanding of demographic and population trends, inform neighborhood planning issues and support policy-related work.

## 2. What important reports have you produced? What important data presentations have you delivered?

**MCIC Reports** (available @ [www.mcic.org](http://www.mcic.org))

- 2007 MCIC Annual Report
- Get Out the Vote! Super Tuesday in the Prairie State

**MCIC Presentations**

- Income Diversity in Chicago: A Presentation to the Chicago Public Schools (Dec 07)
- Aspen Institute Global Leadership Network (Jan 08)
- An Environmental Scan of the Englewood Neighborhood in the City of Chicago (Feb 08)
- ISF Income Diversity in the Chicago Neighborhoods of Chatham & Bronzeville (Apr 08)

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

- *The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation: Documenting Change in Chicago Neighborhoods* MCIC continues its work with the MacArthur Foundation to develop, track and analyze indicators of community change in 16 Chicago neighborhoods. These 16 Chicago communities are the focus of the New Communities Program, a revitalization effort funded by MacArthur and managed by the Chicago Office of the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC), in an effort to bring about historic change in Chicago's most challenged neighborhoods.
- *City of Chicago: Power Outage Event Notification and Tracking Bulletin Board* City of Chicago, Department of Environment (CDOE), and HBK Engineering, Inc. (HBK) were interested in expanding their current power outage paging notification system, which provides timely and adequate notification of a power outage event, to improve its process and tracking functionality efficiency.

- MCIC has partnered with CDOE and HBK to develop a web-based Power Outage Event Notification and Tracking Bulletin Board System (“ENTB”) to be used by CDOE in a pilot project to explore and document automatic outage event logging and notification, with an added end-user capacity to check events, view affected areas, view status reports and track past events. System users at CDOE, HBK and Commonwealth Edison will be in sync with the status of the outage, a critical factor in undertaking joint responses, if needed.
- *SSA #33 Wicker Park and Bucktown Cultural Community Audit* The Special Service Area for the Wicker Park and Bucktown neighborhoods in the City of Chicago (SSA #33), was interested in gathering information from artists and nonprofit organizations to help it find ways to nourish the creative community and preserve architectural heritage, so that it continues to flourish. SSA #33 partnered with MCIC to conduct a series of key informant interviews and a web survey of artists and other key stakeholders in the community. The Wicker Park/Bucktown SSA #33 committee will use MCIC recommended strategies to determine the most effective way to preserve the artistic and cultural heritage in their community.
- *Illinois Department of Public Health: Medical Monitoring Project* The Illinois Department of Public Health HIV AIDS Section contracted with MCIC to obtain data from a portion of a national probability sample of HIV-infected persons receiving care in the United States. MCIC field interviewers are conducting in-depth interviews with individual patients living in a variety of communities in Illinois and then extracting pertinent information from their medical records.

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

None.

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

None.

## ***Cleveland***

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

April 2008

### **1. What are your key accomplishments since October 2007 (headlines)**

- Rob Fischer, who is Co-Director of the Center on Urban Poverty and Community Development, has been selected to write a commissioned paper for the upcoming White House Conference on Research Related to the Faith-Based and Community Initiative to be held in June 2008. This paper will provide a systematic review of the existing research on the effectiveness of faith-based services. The working title of the paper is "He who casts the first stone: Assessing the state of research on faith-based services."
- The Center on Urban Poverty and Community Development's work with Neighborhood Progress, Inc, six Cleveland based community development corporations, and the Strategic Investment Initiative was featured in the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy report, "Transforming Community Development with Land Information Systems."  
<http://www.lincolninst.edu/pubs/PubDetail.aspx?pubid=1356>
- Foreclosure and Beyond report featured in Cleveland media.  
<http://www.wcpn.org/index.php/WCPN/news/9054/>  
[http://blog.cleveland.com/metro/2008/01/foreclosure\\_sales\\_likely\\_to\\_sl.html](http://blog.cleveland.com/metro/2008/01/foreclosure_sales_likely_to_sl.html)

### **2. What important reports have you produced? What important data presentations have you delivered?**

- In January 2008, the Center on Urban Poverty and Community Development released the report entitled "Foreclosure and Beyond: A report on sheriff's sales, Cleveland and Cuyahoga County, 2000-2007." This study analyzed recorded Sheriff's deeds for Cuyahoga County from 2000-September 2007. The key findings of the report are listed below:
  - Sheriff's sales of residential properties have increased five fold (2,000-10,000).
  - Concentrations of these sales have moved into suburban areas.
  - Banks, mortgage companies and agencies like HUD/Fannie Mae are holding onto REO owned properties for longer periods of time.
  - The price that these properties sold for at the sale after the sheriff sale has decreased from 75% of the estimated market value to 44% of the estimated market value.  
[http://blog.case.edu/msass/2008/01/13/Foreclosure\\_and\\_Beyond\\_final.pdf](http://blog.case.edu/msass/2008/01/13/Foreclosure_and_Beyond_final.pdf)

- The Center on Urban Poverty and Community Development's NEO CANDO work with the Strategic Investment Initiative was presented at the 2008 Regional Equity Summit in New Orleans. Presentations were made at the following sessions: "Test Driving Neighborhood Information Systems" and "Using Data and Maps to Support Equitable Development." While in New Orleans, Michael Schramm was involved in the Lincoln Land Institute "Using Property Databases for Community Action" training.
- Michael Schramm presented testimony to representatives from the Clinton and Obama campaigns on the foreclosure crisis in Cleveland during the Cleveland City Council "Fighting Foreclosure and Abandonment Forum." Testimony focused on the finding in the Foreclosure and Beyond report.  
<http://www.clevelandcitycouncil.org/Home/CouncilForeclosureForum/tabid/441/Default.aspx>  
Video link: [http://mail2.visn.net/~bilcal/forum\\_video.html](http://mail2.visn.net/~bilcal/forum_video.html)
- Kristen Mikelbank and Michael Schramm presented a poster and a demonstration of NEO CANDO, the web-based social and property indicators data system, at The Kelvin Smith Library GIS Symposium, at Case Western Reserve University titled, "The NEO CANDO Database: How it can be Used to Help Understand the Surrounding Environment."  
[http://blog.case.edu/msass/2008/04/04/poverty\\_center\\_demonstration\\_in\\_ksl\\_gis\\_symposium.html#more](http://blog.case.edu/msass/2008/04/04/poverty_center_demonstration_in_ksl_gis_symposium.html#more)
- Fischer, R. L., Mikelbank, K., & Coulton, C. (2007). Evaluating the capacity and quality of an early care and education system. American Evaluation Association Annual Meeting. Baltimore, MD. November.
- Coulton, C., Fischer, R., Hardy, P., & Lalich, N. (2007). Cuyahoga County 2007 Child Well-Being & Tracking Update. Cleveland, OH: Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences, Case Western Reserve University. October.
- Peisner-Feinberg, E., Bryant, D., Fischer, R., & Grayson, L. (2008). Cuyahoga County Child Care Quality Study. Cleveland, OH: Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences, Case Western Reserve University. February.

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

- *Pathways to Foreclosure* – The Center on Urban Poverty and Community Development is completing analysis and authoring a report on factors leading to foreclosure. In this study, individual records from HMDA are being linked to administrative data from the Cuyahoga County Recorder through probabilistic matching techniques. Through this process, individual HMDA records with loan characteristics such as rate spread, borrower income, and borrower race can be connected directly to foreclosure data at the parcel level. Hazard functions are being used to describe the elapsed time between the origination of loans in with different characteristics and a foreclosure filing.

- *Homeless Study* – The Center on Urban Poverty and Community Development proposes to conduct research and prepare a white paper on the problem of family homelessness in Cuyahoga County and an analysis of the key issues in addressing the problem.

The specific questions to be addressed are:

- How many families in the County may be a risk of homelessness due to their poverty status, their rent burden and/ or the fact that they are residing within other households in a “doubled up” situation? What are the characteristics of these at-risk families and what is their geographic distribution within Cuyahoga County? How has the size of this problem changed in recent years?
  - What is the situation locally with respect to affordable housing and the availability of housing subsidies?
  - What have been the trends and patterns of families receiving homelessness services and using shelters in Cuyahoga County? How have these changed in relation to factors in household demographics, the economy and policy and program developments?
  - What are the key policy and program issues that need to be addressed in developing strategies to prevent family homelessness and/ or reduce its harmful consequences for children and their parents?
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- **Foreclosure intervention activities** – The Center on Urban Poverty and Community Development has been linking the lender name from Cuyahoga County Recorder mortgage origination data with the HUD subprime list to identify individuals with a mortgage from a subprime lender. By identifying these *ticking time bombs* (mortgages from a subprime lender that haven’t gone to foreclosure yet) neighborhood organizations can implement door knocking and mailing strategies to refer residents to financial counseling resources.



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

- The Center on Urban Poverty and Community Development is in the process of developing a multimedia “digital poster” in conjunction with *ShowCase 2008*. This poster will allow viewers to interact the poster content, test drive NEO CANDO, and will be displayed on a 60 inch plasma screen monitor. A video is also being produced that describes the Poverty Center, NEO CANDO and community development.

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

- Will present “Center on Urban Poverty and Community Development: NEO CANDO” to the Case Western Reserve University research community at the 2008 Research ShowCase. This will include live demonstrations and the above mentioned “digital poster.”

## ***Columbus***

COMMUNITY RESEARCH PARTNERS (CRP)

April 2008

*Coming soon*

# ***Dallas***

## FOUNDATION FOR COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT

April 2008

### **1. What are your key accomplishments since October 2007 (headlines)**

- Working with other social researchers in Dallas and Fort Worth, the Institute has convened a Social Research Consortium. This consortium, comprised of scholars from a variety of regional planning backgrounds, meets regularly to share project ideas and resources.
- In the process of migrating from our existing indicators system to a new interactive, data driven platform, we have secured \$160K in grant funding and almost \$100K in in-kind donations to complete the first phase of the migration.
- Our recent work on access to grocery stores and healthy food alternatives was picked up by the local media who made a public appeal for chain grocers to locate in the city's southern sector.
- Our Center for Community Health was awarded a multi-year grant from the National Cancer Institute to study disparities in cancer rates among the South Dallas population. This grant has allowed us to employ a full-time community research coordinator who will office in South Dallas.
- The Institute recently hired Mr. Robert Rooks to serve as our Director of Community Engagement. Robert has a history of community organizing around important policy issues, informing the efforts with research and best practices. The model Robert is developing will ensure that the Institute's research continues to be driven by community priorities, and that the research products are used by the community to realize their goals.

### **2. What important reports have you produced? What important data presentations have you delivered?**

- Access to Grocery Stores and Food Security in Dallas
- "Is Dallas Becoming More Whole?" – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Update on the Wholeness Index
- Critical Years – Child Wellbeing in Dallas County
- Grandparents Raising Grandchildren – The Skipped Generation Family
- Inclusionary Housing – A Primer

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

We just completed the pilot phase of a grocery store survey, including close to 100 stores located throughout Dallas County. The purpose of the survey is to explore price differentials between neighborhoods and between store types and sizes. The preliminary results are eye-opening, and will inform policy around poverty guidelines.

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

We're currently working to bring the Texas Education Administration's (TEA) Academic Excellence Indicators System (AEIS) data into the DFW IDEA data holdings.

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

Brookings Policy Forum, early fall, 2008.

# Denver

THE PITON FOUNDATION

April 2008

## 1. What are your key accomplishments since October 2007 (headlines)

### **Piton launched new website (www.piton.org)**

After over two years of effort, three website developers and one mapping application developer, we finally launched our new website at the end of October. We have received favorable feedback on the site and were given a Silver Award by the Council on Foundations for operating foundations in the website category.

We continue to think of ways to improve the site. For instance, we are preparing to add a “use of our data” blog to provide examples of various applications of the data. We are also preparing to actively solicit user-group feedback to help guide future improvements and expansions to the data and resources on our site.

## 2. What important reports have you produced? What important data presentations have you delivered?

- An Analysis of Where Low-Income Students Live in Proximity to Quality Schools  
The Piton Foundation analyzed how far students in Denver, Aurora and Mapleton school districts must travel to reach a school rated "high" or "excellent" by the state. The study showed that most students must travel more than two miles to reach the quality schools. The report also shows there is a disparity in the income levels for the areas served by “quality” schools. Quality schools are more prevalent in higher income areas, requiring lower income students to travel farther to access quality schools.
- DPS Employee Compensation: the Role of Pension Benefits  
The Piton Foundation and another local partner, the Donnell-Kay Foundation, examined the Denver Public Schools' pension plan and its role in recruiting and retaining educators as demographics and social trends have changed. The report describes the shortcomings of the current pension plan in recruiting and retaining new educators, as well as the cost to the local school district.
- Profiles of Success: Eight Colorado Schools that are Closing the Achievement Gap  
This report was commissioned by The Piton Foundation and Donnell-Kay Foundation to uncover promising practices in Colorado schools that are beating the odds in terms of their ability to close the achievement gap for economically disadvantaged students. Ten factors were identified as contributing to closing the achievement gap. The findings offer several valuable results for policymakers and education leaders interested in closing the achievement gap, as well as two observations in regard to future work.
- School Readiness and Early Grade Success, Systems Scan for Denver, Colorado

As the first phase of the NNIP cross-site initiative, The Piton Foundation has conducted an extensive “Systems Scan” of Denver’s early childhood system. Because the local system in Denver has such strong ties to State early childhood systems, The Piton Foundation expanded its scan to also include a compilation and review of the entire Colorado early childhood system. This comprehensive systems scan is organized around nine core areas identified by Piton’s national partners at the National Neighborhood Indicators Partnership.

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

- School Readiness Initiative  
Piton has been working on the cross-site initiative examining school readiness as part of the Annie E. Casey Foundation/NNIP grant program designed to support data-driven policy advocacy around children’s issues in major American cities. Piton has submitted a scan of the local school readiness and early school success support system. The next phase is the preparation of an initial school readiness and success brief and continued collaboration with local agencies.
- Preschool Demand Survey  
Denver County is working to implement the Denver Preschool Program that offers access to subsidized preschool options for all 4 year olds in the city. Piton is working with another research firm to conduct a survey of parents in Denver to learn more about their preferences to ensure that preschools are designed to best serve their students.
- School Capacity Analysis  
Piton is working with the Donnell Kaye Foundation to examine the level of facility capacity within several of metro Denver’s school districts. The first phase will simply describe spatially the location of schools that have excess capacity. The second phase will aim to explore local demand to learn more about the reason(s) certain schools are “empty” and whether it is an issue of decreased population demand or if there are potential students who could attend the school but choose to go elsewhere. The study will hopefully improve school facility planning across the area.
- Rebuilding the American Dream  
Piton is continuing work with the Bell Policy Center and Front Range Economic Strategy Center (FRESC) to develop a framing report to help shift Colorado public opinion supporting the lifting of low wage occupations into the middle class. A draft report is complete and published materials should be available next quarter.

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

- IRS Tax filer data (2000-2006)  
Adjusted Gross Income category filers  
EITC filers

Child Tax Credit filers

- Foreclosure data for Denver (2007)
- Juvenile crime and arrest data for Denver (2007)
- Preschool/childcare provider data (Qualistar) for Denver (2007)
- Healthcare providers (Clinics and pediatric practices that accept Medicaid and CHP+)

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

There may be an opportunity to highlight the importance of neighborhood focus at the Democratic National Convention this Fall. While there will be a lot of “noise” to contend with, we could explore ways to highlight the importance of policy and programs that bring aid to urban neighborhoods. There are currently local efforts underway to elevate the need for policy that is more supportive to children. We may be able to piggy-back on this effort to describe the conditions for those children who live in our urban neighborhoods. Additionally, the Neighborhood Funders Group is meeting this Fall. This may also serve as a great venue to highlight the work of all our partners and their efforts to improve urban communities.

## ***Des Moines***

CHILD AND FAMILY POLICY CENTER  
April 2008

### **1. What are your key accomplishments since October 2007.**

- We completed a fairly comprehensive environmental scan of early childhood programs in Polk County (health, family support/home visiting, early care and education, preschool), drawing upon diverse administrative data sets and providing information on service penetration and regional service gaps.
- We secured child abuse data from the department of human services and have done initial geomapping of that data.
- We produced a report for the Institute of Medicine on health disparities and clinical and community approaches to addressing them.

### **2. What important products have you produced? What important data presentations have you delivered?**

- The environmental scan of early childhood programs in Polk County presented to the Polk County Early Childhood Partnership (report and powerpoint available).
- The Institute of Medicine child health disparities report, presented to the Institute of Medicine Roundtable (report and powerpoint available).

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

- We are completing a Polk County Health Chartbook on a variety of health-related indicators.
- We are preparing a report on Polk County child abuse data.
- We are working with our Local Learning Partnership, United Way of Central Iowa, which is taking a leading role to develop a SAVI system for Des Moines. Terry Taylor Wolf has been very persistent and effective in convening key stakeholders in Polk County to develop a strong data repository in Polk County

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

- Child abuse data.

### **5. What upcoming events/activities present an opportunity to showcase NNIP?**



- The Institute of Medicine presentation highlighted neighborhood-level analysis in addressing child health disparities by race and ethnicity.

## ***Grand Rapids***

COMMUNITY RESEARCH INSTITUTE, GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY  
April 2008

### **1. What are your key accomplishments since October 2007 (headlines)**

- *Analysis on Foreclosures in Kent County:* CRI completed a report on foreclosures (Sold Short: Residential Foreclosures in Kent County, 2004 to 2007). A copy of the report can be found at <http://cridata.org/>.

### **2. What important reports have you produced? What important data presentations have you delivered?**

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

- *Grand Rapids Community Survey:* The Greater Grand Rapids Community Survey, now in its seventh year, assesses citizen opinions, perceptions, and behaviors as they relate to quality of life in the Greater Grand Rapids Area (Kent County, MI). The 2007 Survey is a collaborative effort between the Community Research Institute of the Johnson Center at Grand Valley State University (CRI), The Delta Strategy, Network 180, and Local First. CRI plans to start releasing a series of briefing early this summer. See past years survey briefs at <http://cridata.org/>.
- *West Michigan Regional Indicators:* the regional indicators project, now in its second year, produces a set of 15 social, economic, and environmental indicators. The report is produced by the West Michigan Strategic Alliance in partnership with the Community Research Institute, the Annis Water Resources Institute, and The Delta Strategy. The new report will be released during the State of the Region address on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2007. More information on <http://wm-alliance.org>.
- *Kent County Tax Credit Coalition – 2008 Tax Season:* in its third year, 19 sites are currently utilizing an online data collection tool developed by CRI. The tool allows tracking of client's demographic, location, refunds and credits for program evaluation, capacity, and outreach efforts. The system recorded \$6 million dollars last year and expected to surpass that amount in 2008. The Kent County Tax Credit Coalition is housed at Heart of West Michigan United Way.
- *Green Grand Rapids:* CRI has submitted a proposal to the city of Grand Rapids for the development of the Green Grand Rapids online mapping system. This project is a citywide green infrastructure master plan process that will focus on quality of life and the physical development of community infrastructure as it relates to greening, connectivity, natural systems, the Grand River, recreation and public health. Read more about this project at: [http://www.ci.grand-rapids.mi.us/index.pl?page\\_id=7074](http://www.ci.grand-rapids.mi.us/index.pl?page_id=7074).

- **Community Data Services:** as part of its mission, CRI provides general data and mapping support to nonprofit and neighborhood groups, educational institutions, and other organizations.
- **Michigan Credit Union Foundation:** CRI submitted a research proposal to support the efforts of the Home Saver Coalition being developed by the Michigan Credit Union League, the Michigan Bankers Association, and the Michigan State Housing and Development Authority (MSHDA). The research will focus on (1) target segment identification and foreclosure trending, (2) foreclosure scenario modeling, and (3) Cost/Benefit Analysis.

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

System and web site improvements:

- **CRI online mapping system:** Last November, CRI brought in more than 40 organizations including nonprofits, local foundations, and government to consult on the design and features of the system. This month, CRI is inviting these organizations back to test and provide feedback on the alpha version of the system. A public release is scheduled for early summer. This project is in partnership and support from the Dyer-Ives Foundation. We are also working with Jaron Waldman at Placebase and using Pushpin API for its development. More information about Pushpin at: <http://www.pushpin.com/proview.html>.

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

## ***Hartford***

Coming soon

## ***Indianapolis***

THE POLIS CENTER

April 2008

### **1. What are your key accomplishments since October 2007 (headlines)**

- Obtained a 2-year, \$165,000 grant from the Richard M. Fairbanks Foundation to expand the health data and resources available in SAVI to make it more useful for public health planning and research.
- Trained almost 150 people representing non-profit organizations, neighborhoods, human service organizations, libraries, government, researchers, and university masters students on how to use SAVI for community assessment, program planning, grant writing, research, and improved decision making.
- Provided data and analysis support to 35 organizations.
- Increased the number of website users (based on unique IP address) by 814 between January and March 2008 to 3,923 users.
- Increased website user registrations by 123 users (from 1,206 to 1,329). Users are not required to register to use the website; registering allows users to save maps and upload their own addresses for geocoding.
- Conducted strategic needs assessments for a community information system in Des Moines, Iowa and Toledo, Ohio.

### **2. What important reports have you produced? What important data presentations have you delivered?**

- • 2007 Annual SAVI Usage Report. This report provides a running summary of our SAVI audience, the ways in which various sectors have used SAVI, and outcomes as a result of their use.
- • Presentation: “Using Information to Improve Decision Making in Central Indiana Communities - Case Study: Address Verification of Sex Offenders.” Indiana Geographic Information Council Annual Conference, Indianapolis, IN, February 20, 2008.
- • We demonstrated how SAVI asset data (day cares, parks, schools, youth centers, places of worship, and others) can be used in address verification applications and to define residency exclusion zones for sex offenders. We also discussed data quality, limitations, and methodologies. The audience consisted of police officers, probation officers, and county GIS staff from around the state.
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- We now are meeting with the Indiana Department of Corrections, Indianapolis Information Services Agency, and Marion County Prosecutor's Office to develop a strategy for creating a state-wide sex offender address verification application with SAVI as the data warehouse and using Marion County as a pilot demonstration.

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

- LISC Sustainable Communities Assessment: This cross-site initiative is being conducted by Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC). The goals of the project are to design a template for community assessment and evaluation, analyze neighborhood change, and measure LISC investment impact on neighborhoods. Indianapolis is one of the 4 impact assessment sites where LISC will be working with local data partners to develop new data and conduct analysis. We will use neighborhood-level SAVI data, and in many cases will be obtaining and processing new data that can be incorporated into SAVI, such as data describing neighborhood conditions and housing markets. We will be focusing on six neighborhoods in the Great Indy Neighborhoods Initiative: Crooked Creek, Binford Revitalization and Growth, Near Westside, West Indianapolis, Near Eastside, and Southeast.
- Subprime lending: We are analyzing HMDA data in relation to foreclosure and housing market issues.

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

#### New Data Acquisition:

- United States Postal Service (USPS) Address Vacancy Data from HUD (2005 - 2007)
- Health Planning Areas for Marion County
- Parcel-level property assessment and sales (2002-2006). As of 2003, state law requires all counties to report sales and assessment information to the Indiana Department of Local Government and Finance (IDLGF). We have collected these data from IDLGF and evaluated the data for the 11 counties in SAVI. These data will allow us to develop indicators on housing markets, conditions, and changes at various geographic levels, as well as display parcel-level data in SAVI. The files include: property sales, foreclosures, property value assessment, taxes, property characteristics, and land use codes. In the past, we collected parcel-level data only for Marion County from the assessors for our work on the Urban Markets Initiative, but the data were proprietary, maintained by 9 township assessors, and not releasable in SAVI. This new data source is public data (i.e., can be published in SAVI), reported by the assessors to a single source (the state), includes more data than we previously had access to, and includes data on all 11 counties in SAVI.

#### Website Improvements:

- Map Symbology: We published advanced mapping tools to [alpha.savi.org](http://alpha.savi.org), our site for user testing before publishing to [www.savi.org](http://www.savi.org). This tool allows users to customize their map displays including changing colors of lines and polygons, graduated color schemes, and asset symbol size, type, and color. Users can also enable and disable an auto-refresh feature when turning layers on and off.

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

## ***Louisville***

COMMUNITY RESOURCE NETWORK  
April 2008

*Coming soon*



## ***Memphis***

### MEMPHIS CBANA-INFOWORKS

April 2008

#### **1. What are your key accomplishments since October, 2007 (headlines)**

- CBANA and Community Development Council of Greater Memphis disseminate detailed county-wide and neighborhood-level Lending Study (HMDA and local housing market data) to drive local anti-foreclosure interventions: Summit convened by Shelby County Mayor AC Wharton.
- CBANA, the Center for Community Criminology, and the Southeast Memphis Community Development Corporation partner with Shelby County and the Memphis Police Department to launch “Operation Safeways,” a US Department of Justice-sponsored crime prevention and law enforcement intervention targeting hotspot apartment complexes in southeast Memphis. Uses local data to drive both the hotspot and law enforcement analysis and the youth and family support interventions.
- CBANA, the Problem Properties Collaborative, and the City of Memphis implement city-wide neighborhood-level survey and problem property audit. Designed to power Division of Housing and Community Development’s neighborhood revitalization strategy and populate multi-agency “early warning system” database for code enforcement and other city services.
- CBANA partners with Partners in Public Education (PIPE) and Leadership Memphis to organize and train community stakeholder teams for ten topical indicator domains in the evolving “Information Commons” indicators system. Drill down and parcel-level emphasis powered by CBANA (“InfoWorks Memphis” component) and “compare up” (peer cities) powered by PIPE’s “dashboard” technology.
- CBANA partners with U of M Center for Research on Women, Governor’s Office of Children’s Care Coordination, the Shelby County Infant Mortality Initiative, and the March of Dimes to power data-driven interventions and evaluate outcomes for newly implemented “Community Voice” county-wide intervention for better birth outcomes. Special emphasis on address level outcomes for neighborhood level intervention.
- CBANA and The Urban Child Institute deliver initial “SCAN” and organize local discussion around findings for this NNIP-Casey cross-site school-readiness project.
- CBANA launches county-wide asset-mapping project to power neighborhood level interventions in partnership with Department of Childrens Services and other stakeholders.

- CBANA designs NeighborWorks Training Institute course on neighborhood revitalization in a “post-subprime, post-foreclosure” environment using findings and concepts from analysis of local data in a Memphis Shelby County case study.

**2. What important reports have you produced? What important data presentations have you delivered?**

- *“Understanding Foreclosure and Strengthening Housing Markets in a Post-Subprime Environment: Memphis Neighborhood Housing Markets Modeling.”* Emphasis on using local data to drive understanding and interventions. Presented at “Connecting Communities” symposium, The Brookings Institution Urban Markets Initiative, Oct 2007; the Federal Reserve Memphis Branch Community Development Symposium, January 2008; NeighborWorks America Training Institute mini-seminar, February 2008.
- *“Leveraging Case Management Strategies in a Post-Public Housing Environment in Memphis: Lessons from ‘Neighborhood Effects’ Evaluation of HOPE VI.”* Emphasis on reclustering of poverty and crime in erstwhile middle class neighborhoods. Presented to Memphis HOPE and the Women’s Foundation, City of Memphis, and Memphis Police Department. October 2007.
- *Foreclosure and Neighborhood Housing Markets in Shelby County.* Emphasis on foreclosure types, neighborhood clustering, and need to customize interventions. Presented to Mayor AC Wharton’s Real Estate Trends Symposium. March 2007.

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

- Working with Memphis Area Women’s Council and Tennessee Economic Council on Women on employment-transportation network analysis for workforce development initiative. (Using Local Employment Dynamics database.)
- Working with local private foundation to analyze foreclosure patterns and other local data toward strategic acquisition of REO properties, renovation and recycling to homeowners participating in a wrap-around homeownership support program.
- Working with University of TN Preventive Medicine department on baseline analysis of neighborhood effects for cohort study ( $n = 1500$ ) of mothers and children 0-3. Preparing NIH proposal.

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

- In collaboration with Federal Reserve, zipcode level data from First American Loan Performance Database for Memphis Metro (December 2007 data.)

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

- How about looking into some kind of exposure during NeighborWorks America quarterly training institutes?

## **Miami**

THE CHILDREN'S TRUST

April 2008

### **1. What are your key accomplishments since October 2007 (headlines)**

Results from *The Child Health and Well-Being in Miami-Dade County: 2007 Parent Survey* have been finalized and published. This report is based upon a comprehensive telephone survey conducted during the spring of 2007 with 1,915 parents of children throughout Miami-Dade County. The survey results are representative of all children under 18 living in households in Miami-Dade County; they provide data on child health and well-being and permit analysis and comparisons across five broad geographic areas, three age ranges and three race/ethnicity categories of our children. These results will assist The Children's Trust and other planners and funders identify areas of inequity and need for Miami-Dade County children and families where strategic investments are likely to make a difference.

([http://www.thechildrenstrust.org/2007\\_survey.asp](http://www.thechildrenstrust.org/2007_survey.asp))

The Children's Trust with its partners, the Early Childhood Initiative Foundation/Ready Schools Miami and the Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade/Monroe, completed a School Readiness and Early School Success Systems Scan as part of its grant from The Annie E. Casey Foundation in collaboration with the National Neighborhood Indicators Partnership (NNIP). It is currently available at:

[http://www.thechildrenstrust.org/images/content/researchevaluation/MD\\_School\\_Readiness\\_Success\\_System\\_Scan\\_032008.pdf](http://www.thechildrenstrust.org/images/content/researchevaluation/MD_School_Readiness_Success_System_Scan_032008.pdf).

The Children's Trust convened a School Readiness and Early School Success Stakeholders Discussion in March with 40 individuals of agencies and organizations throughout the county with missions that impact children's readiness for school. We shared information gleaned from the system scan and facilitated a lengthy discussion to identify key policy/program issues and relevant data that would contribute to a community action plan to better coordinate systems and achieve children's school readiness. In the short-term, the system scan and discussion will result in a School Readiness Brief and the convening of a data workgroup for follow-up discussions.

### **2. What important reports have you produced? What important data presentations have you delivered?**

*Child Health and Well-Being in Miami-Dade County: 2007 Parent Survey Results* was finalized and published on-line as noted above.

At the Alliance for Human Services 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Institute held October 26, 2007, in Miami Beach, The Children's Trust presented a session on community indicators of child well-being. This was a preview of our soon-to-be-released *Child Well-Being Report of Community Indicators in Miami-Dade County 2008* and included an introduction to our interactive indicators and mapping website (under development) focusing on approximately 25 community indicators specific to child health and well-being.

The Children's Trust displayed two maps – one that related its funded out-of-school providers' service sites to child population density and the other one that related public school students

lacking up-to-date immunization records with areas of poverty) – at the Third National Summit on Equitable Development, Social Justice and Smart Growth which was held in New Orleans in early March 2008.

As part of the Miami NICE (Network for Integration, Compassion and Empowerment) Partnership, funded by a federal Compassion Capital Fund Demonstration Grant, The Children's Trust is presenting three training sessions entitled COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT AND INFORMATION RESOURCES in March, May and July 2008.

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

The Children's Trust is one of the initiators of a community data integration collaborative that began initial discussions at the start of this year. The intent is to be able to follow children as they traverse various systems – health, child care, school, social services, justice, employment, etc. – to improve service delivery, measure impact, and make good public policy.

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

Acquired sub-county data from:

- the Florida Department of Children and Families on verified child abuse and child maltreatments (some findings)
- Our Kids of Miami-Dade/Monroe on numbers of children in the dependency system (in-home and out-of-home placements) by age range

Acquired several GIS datasets related to community assets within Miami-Dade County from the GeoPlan Center at the University of Florida including Cultural Centers, Museums and Galleries and Religious Centers.

The Children's Trust's interactive indicators and mapping website (still searching for a name) is in the final stages of Phase I development by contractor Placebase. The site is currently operational for in-house use in beta format and will be undergoing useability testing later this spring. It is expected to go 'live' to the public this summer. Discussions for Phase II development will also begin soon.

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

The Children's Trust Research and Evaluation Team submitted a proposal to the American Evaluation Association to be held in November 2008 in Denver, CO, that includes a presentation entitled: COMMUNITY-LEVEL RESEARCH AND EVALUATION TO INFORM PROGRESS AND OPPORTUNITIES.

The Children's Trust is submitting a proposal to the Community Indicators Consortium's 6<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Indicators to be held June 26-28, 2008 in Arlington, VA.

## ***Milwaukee***

NONPROFIT CENTER OF MILWAUKEE

April 2008

*Coming soon*

# Minneapolis

CENTER FOR URBAN AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA  
April 2008

## 1. Key accomplishments since October 2007 (headlines)

## 2. What important reports have you produced? What important data presentations have you delivered?

- Our work was featured in a section of the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy's report *Transforming Community Development with Land Information Systems*. The focus was on the use of parcel level data in community engagement, outreach, and development in the Twin Cities metro area.

<http://www.lincolninst.edu/pubs/PubDetail.aspx?pubid=1356>

- An article on Minnesota 3-D, our Internet-based GIS application for community and economic development, was published in the Winter 2007 edition of the CURA Reporter.

[http://www.cura.umn.edu/reporter/07-Wint/Matson\\_et\\_al.pdf](http://www.cura.umn.edu/reporter/07-Wint/Matson_et_al.pdf)

- Jeff Matson demonstrated the Minnesota 3-D application in a session titled *Test Driving Neighborhood Info Systems* at the 2008 PolicyLink Regional Equity Summit, March 5-8.
- CURA research assistant helped with much of the data and mapping work on a report about the potential for citing affordable housing in non-impacted neighborhoods in Minneapolis. CURA sponsored the work through the Minneapolis Consortium of Community Developers.

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

Several new projects have been initiated and others are either complete or continuing from the prior reporting period

- LISC Sustainable Communities Initiative. We have entered into a contract with LISC to assist with their national study of neighborhood change and improvement. This project will continue over three years and involves local level data collection, a detailed analysis of neighborhood conditions with comparison neighborhoods and annual data updates. Data being collected locally includes parcel level information, small business loans, non-profits and public arts programs, library circulation, crime statistics, local sales tax revenue and public health measures at the neighborhood, tract, and block group level of analysis
- Payne-Lake Community Partners evaluation. We have completed an update of neighborhood level housing and economic conditions using parcel-level data (homestead, sales, EMV, foreclosures, new constructions), HMDA data, and a mapping of PLCP's program activity from 2003-2007. This analysis was completed for select neighborhoods (and comparisons) in both Minneapolis and St. Paul.

- Foreclosure work with Housinglink. We continue to fund and support HousingLink's efforts at updating and maintaining sheriff's sale records for the seven county Metro area. We have address-level records through 2007 (soon added to M3D) and now have 5 of the 7 counties putting their data on the web, in part we believe due to our efforts to improve foreclosure data accessibility.
- University Neighborhood Alliance. CURA students created a series of maps showing properties at risk of converting from homestead to rental units in the neighborhoods immediately surrounding the University of Minnesota. Key elements in this analysis were properties that hadn't sold in over 10 years, householders over 55 years of age, and recent trends in both foreclosure and conversion to rental property.
- This summer we will begin a study of the statewide foreclosure prevention database maintained by the Minnesota Home Ownership Center. Foreclosure prevention agencies statewide collect a standard set of demographic, economic, and mortgage-based information on every client that seeks assistance. With over 8,000 records in the last quarter alone this database is rich in information that can be used to better assess needs in prevention programs, highlight regional differences in foreclosure causes and outcomes, and variety of other mapping and research topics.
- All Parks Alliance for Change. CURA has supported mapping and data collection which will assist APAC in their assessment of the impacts of major transportation construction projects on manufactured home parks in the area. One aspect of this research we are interested in is whether the removal of mobile home parks to increase transportation capacity will result in longer commutes and an increase in the spatial mismatch of job and affordable housing.
- Longitudinal Analysis of Foreclosures. A graduate student in GIS is currently working on an historical study of foreclosed properties in targeted areas of North Minneapolis. This project is funded by our Northside Seed Grant program.
- **4. Have you acquired new data (other than routine updates)? Have you completed any notable system or website improvements?**  
The Minnesota Council of Non-Profits have shared their database of locations and classifications of over 8,500 non-profit agencies throughout the state. These will be geocoded and used with the LISC study mentioned above and eventually added to M3D.
- As previously mentioned we will be obtaining records on foreclosure prevention referrals from the Home Ownership Center. This data dates back to Oct 1, 2006 and contains information s address, race, income, reason for delinquency, amount owed, interest rate, type of mortgage.
- We have also obtained small business loan data from the Metropolitan Consortium of Community Developers. This represents over \$4.4 million in loans given to more than 300 small businesses from 2003-present. Attribute information includes ethnicity of the business owner, business type, income and value of the business, and jobs retained, created, and total.



One website worth mentioning that has recently come online and which we have contributed is Wilder Research's Twin Cities Compass. TC Compass is an indicator project containing data on health, education, housing, public safety and transportation in the region. Most data is reported at County, central city, and suburban levels of analysis. The focus is on trends and what are called key measures in each data category. Mapping and finer grained analysis will be added to this site eventually.

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

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

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Public Engagement Day, April 22<sup>nd</sup> 2008, University of Minnesota.

[http://www.engagement.umn.edu/public\\_engagement\\_day/](http://www.engagement.umn.edu/public_engagement_day/)

- Presentation with PolicyLink -- Community Use of Parcel Data Systems, American Planning Association Annual Conference, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

<http://www.planning.org/nationalconference/>

## ***Nashville***

### NEIGHBORHOOD RESOURCE CENTER

April 2008

#### **1. What are your key accomplishments since October 2007 (headlines)**

November 2007 – Developed and implemented Level II Leadership Training Curriculum; Initiated our new Freedom of Information process with the Police, Planning and Public Works Departments of Metropolitan Nashville Government.

December 2007 – Received over \$150,000 in pledges for the Renovation and Building Capital Campaign Support for The Center for Neighborhood and Community Action; Created formal community partnerships with United Way funded Family Resource Centers to support their organizing, training and information services needs; Blaine Ray, NRC's Information Specialist, is chosen to serve on the Steering Committee of the US Census Bureau's Census Information Center Program.

January 2008 – Partnered with Meharry College to initiate a Centers for Disease Control proposal to ameliorate youth violence and health disparities at community level in several local neighborhoods; Closed on additional real property for The Center for Neighborhood and Community Action; Received over \$75,000 in additional capital project support; Initiated FOI process with State Department of Health; Initial organizing conference of Southeastern (Government) Results Network (see CHA report).

February 2008 – John Stern, Executive Director NRC is elected to the Executive Board of the Tennessee Coalition for Open Government, a state-wide group primarily composed of top media organization executives; Davidson County State Legislature Delegation briefing at and by NRC.

March 2008 – Received over \$75,000 in additional capital project support; NRC's Firehall #1 receives initial certification as a National Historic Registry building; receives new Police Department information release protocols and their extremely limited data set.

#### **2. What important reports have you produced? What important data presentations have you delivered?**

NRC has continued to provide Nashville's Neighborhood Organizations and Social Service agencies with information studies focused on individual needs. During the current year, 160 local residents have participated in NRC-led Leadership Training & Capacity Building Workshops, and 50 customers have received studies through our Information Services Program. Examples of reports that we've created include:

Catholic Charities of Middle Tennessee – NRC provided Catholic Charities with information so that they might better-serve clients by developing community service and work experience sites near homes of low-income residents and locations of existing bus lines.

Nashville Wealth Building Alliance – NRC provided NWBA maps showing the location of each of 14 tax preparation sites and the locations where tax filers came from for each site. By tracking participation in VITA sites by residency, the VITA program is better-equipped to provide services that are conveniently located and accessible to VITA's target population. Maps will be provided to managers of the 14 sites, to help them understand where their clients came from. Furthermore, the information is being used to identify areas that are underserved, so that new tax preparation sites can be placed in the locations where they're needed most.

West Nashville Community Development Partnership (2 Requests) – Maps of properties that have received home-repair services from the West Nashville Partnership; additional information to help identify properties that may be purchased and developed into affordable rental housing. Maps helped the group target areas that have previously been underserved.

Organized Neighbors of Edgehill – NRC and ONE are working with Vanderbilt's Community and Economic Development Legal Clinic to study gentrification trends in the Edgehill neighborhood of South Nashville. Using tax assessor data, NRC produced maps that show increased property values, number of property transfers, and sale prices for properties in the community. Important presentations:

United States Census Bureau – NRC led a presentation at the annual meeting of Census Information Centers and State Data Centers in Washington, DC, on how GIS can be incorporated into the work of CIC agencies. The information we created gave a basic understanding to CIC staff about how GIS can be implemented to improve the provision of Census data to disadvantaged populations.

In partnership with NNIP, NRC presented to Grassroots Grant Makers, via a live webcast, an overview of how we utilize information as a source of achieving and sustaining engagement of resident / neighborhood organization led initiatives; we developed and delivered presentations to State of Tennessee legislators and neighborhood leaders;

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

Our efforts are focused on existing grants, however new proposals for funding include:

- Expansion of Regional Transportation Authority's "GettingToWork.Net" website
- Youth Violence Prevention organizing and action initiative
- State Predatory Lending Task Force
- Economic impact of organizing on neighborhoods of focus
- Expanding neighborhood organizing work in the South Nashville area, building linkages to the Hispanic and other ethnic communities and attempting to find common interests with existing neighborhood organizations
- Assisting development of public housing resident groups in the North Nashville area as well as neighborhood groups of private housing residents
- Leading the Public Safety Action Team of Nashville's Agenda
- Continuing leadership in "freedom of information" actions
- Possible university partnerships on changing neighborhood conditions to discourage childhood obesity reduce the occurrence of environmental problems.

- Possible university partnership in a HUD Historically Black College or University grant, focusing neighborhood revitalization with an organizing focus.

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

NRC secured a complete copy of Nashville Public Works Department's *Pavement Management System* database, including detailed objective assessment of quantity and quality characteristics for all city roadways and sidewalks; Received new versions of Metro Nashville Police datasets that is a new heavily redacted version of sets that we used to receive on an irregular basis from them.

We have used a sample of tax assessor data to complete a detailed analysis of gentrification, rising housing costs, and property transfers in the Edgehill neighborhood.

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

We continue to advertize our participation in NNIP in nearly all of our publications and presentations. As of today, we have no planned NNIP focused events, yet we might want to consider doing so as the new collaborations that we are working on, both locally and state-wide evolve.

## ***New Orleans***

GREATER NEW ORLEANS COMMUNITY DATA CENTER

April 2008

### **1. What are your key accomplishments since October 2007 (headlines)**

- In collaboration with the Brookings Institution, we have published three more editions of *The New Orleans Index*. The Index provides the platform for our quarterly analysis of the recovery progress, and is how we share the data that informs our analysis. With each quarterly release, we deliver 1,000 hard copies to local, state and national leaders, and notify our e-mail list of over 3,000 individuals. *The New Orleans Index* ensures that the progress and setbacks of the New Orleans region gets noticed by local, state and national audiences. Media coverage of the Index continues to be extensive.
- We have taken the lead in assisting the City of New Orleans with an official challenge of the July 1, 2007 census estimate. With the mayor's office, we arranged a press conference to announce the challenge on the same day the census released its estimates (March 20). Allison Plyer will continue to serve as the city's key outside expert on the census challenge process and the impact of the census population estimates for federal funding for the City of New Orleans.
- The *Ask Allison* feature on our website continues to be used extensively by nonprofits and others looking for help from our data experts. Since October 1, 2007, we have responded to some 400 queries.

### **2. What important reports have you produced? What important data presentations have you delivered?**

- We have produced a report about using United States Postal Service (USPS) statistics to track population recovery following a major disaster for the Population Association of America (<http://paa2008.princeton.edu/abstractViewer.aspx?submissionId=80655>). We will be making a presentation on this research at the Population Association of America 2008 Annual Meeting in April. This paper marks only the beginning of our research into USPS data. We believe there are many potential applications for using USPS data in disaster and non-disaster situations, and plan to contribute substantially to the literature on these topics.
- We continue to make many formal and informal presentations for local, state and national audiences. Several of our staff presented at the Policy Link 2008 conference. We also presented for a meeting of federal government executives and a Louisiana Recovery Authority/ HUD data users meeting. Locally, we have made presentations for the Regional Planning Commission, the Urban League, United Way, Archdiocese of New Orleans, Unified Nonprofits, and many more.

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

As millions of recovery dollars have only just now reached the city, we are developing some baseline, pre- and post-Katrina data against which to measure progress in the years ahead. While the New Orleans Index has focused on regional indicators of recovery, this new project will track data on New Orleans's 13 planning districts, which are the geographic areas used in the Unified New Orleans Plan (UNOP). As much as possible, we plan to assess progress against the goals expressed by the citizens in the UNOP plan. We plan to include data on employment, population, affordable housing, and more.

We are also developing an interactive mapping system to provide detailed geographic information on USPS residential addresses actively receiving mail, community assets, and the status of "Road home" properties.

The USPS data will be analyzed and mapped at the block-level in terms of:

1. Raw counts
  - Anyone will be able to quickly find how many active residential addresses are on their block, or in any other geographic configuration they desire.
2. Density
  - This thematic map will provide a "big picture" analysis of post-Katrina population patterns, with implications for near and long-term decisions for locating public and private services and infrastructure.
3. Percent of pre-Katrina.
  - This thematic map will emphasize a neighborhood level analysis of the progress of recovery.

The interactive online mapping system will allow us to "go to scale" with our current maps of community assets and include more detailed information on the characteristics of each asset. For example, the map will allow users to quickly and easily identify differences among the primary care clinics and child care centers. We anticipate these maps will be widely used by service providers and government agencies for program planning and referrals, as well as by clients in need of services.

The Road Home data will also be mapped at the block-level, providing the locations of damaged homes that are being repaired by the homeowner as well as damaged homes that have been sold to the state. This data, in conjunction with information on active residential addresses in the USPS data, will allow neighborhoods and the city to target resources more effectively.

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

- We have acquired USPS address-level data from a private vendor for the work already mentioned. We will receive monthly updates that allow us to track the addition and deletion of individual addresses. We have also obtained Road Home data from the Louisiana Recovery Authority for the work aforementioned. We will also be receiving regular updates of this data that will allow us to track the locations of homes as they receive their Road Home grants.

- The interactive mapping system, to be launched this Spring, is our major website improvement.

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

- Our presentation on USPS data at the Population Association of America 2008 Annual Meeting (April 2008) will reach demographers, sociologists, economists and public health professionals who may not know about their own local NNIP groups.
- The release of the interactive mapping system (April 2008) will showcase another model for displaying and sharing data in a user-friendly format.

## ***New York***

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

April 2008

### **1. What are your key accomplishments since October 2007 (headlines)**

This month, we released a policy brief summarizing our research on how inclusionary zoning programs affect the prices and production of market rate housing in the San Francisco and suburban Boston regions.

This past semester, with funding from the Local Initiatives Support Corporation and Enterprise Community Partners, Inc., we also finished an evaluation of the neighborhood impact of low income housing tax credit developments in New York City, where 42,077 units of LIHTC housing were newly constructed or rehabilitated between 1987 and 2003.

We also completed our initial work on retail development in low-income communities, which has involved interviewing a variety of stakeholders to identify the key barriers to developing ground floor retail in mixed-use, subsidized housing projects.

On April 16, we will release the 2007 edition of our annual State of New York City's Housing and Neighborhoods report. This year, in addition to the dozens of indicators on demographics and neighborhood health that we provide for the City and its 59 community districts, the report also will include an in-depth analysis of the evolution of mortgage lending in the City over the past decade, focusing on changes in access to credit for different segments of the population.

### **2. What important reports have you produced? What important data presentations have you delivered?**

As the subprime lending and mortgage foreclosure crisis caught the nation's attention, the Furman Center jumped in to analyze how the problem has affected New York City, and to help think through appropriate policy responses. Over the past few months, our analysis on the racial and geographic disparities in subprime lending in NYC was featured by the New York Times and we presented initial research findings on the impact that foreclosures have on property values in New York City neighborhoods at HPD's December 12th Foreclosure Summit.

We have presented work at various conferences on topics ranging from the neighborhood impacts of supportive housing, to patterns and causes of neighborhood change during the 1990s, the market impacts of inclusionary zoning, the neighborhood impacts of the low income housing tax credit program, and the links between crime rates and urban growth.

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

- *The Effects of Mortgage Foreclosures on Neighborhoods:* With funding from the Surdna Foundation, we are studying the impact that mortgage foreclosures have on surrounding properties. Our



estimation of the impact of foreclosures in New York City will help cities across the country determine how best to design and target both their anti-foreclosure programs and their efforts to return foreclosed properties to productive uses. We will complete the research over the summer.

- In May, we will host a roundtable conference on the disposition of foreclosed properties, *Transforming Foreclosed Homes into Community Assets*, with funding from the Ford Foundation. The roundtable will bring together leading housing researchers, policy-makers, lenders, servicers, and nonprofit housing groups to discuss how best to leverage public and private resources to dispose of foreclosed properties in a manner that helps stabilize neighborhoods. By the end of the summer, we will publish a white paper summarizing the findings of the roundtable and setting forth an agenda for further research.
- *The Effects of Supportive Housing on the Surrounding Neighborhood:* Early this summer, we will release our research on the effects different kinds of supportive housing developments have on the value of surrounding properties. We have shared our preliminary findings with stakeholders and academic experts, and have refined our analysis based on their insights and suggestions. When complete, the analysis will make an important contribution to the controversy that surrounds the siting of supportive housing developments. The project was funded by LISC, the Deutsche Bank Americas Foundation, and the Citigroup Foundation.
- *Housing and Schools:* In a joint project with NYU's Institute for Education and Social Policy, we are studying the academic performance of children living in New York City's public housing developments. In this study, funded by the Independence Community Foundation, we are comparing the test scores and graduation rates of students living in public housing, as well as the characteristics of the schools they attend, to those of other poor children who do not live in public housing. We also will examine whether children living in public housing developments that offer extensive youth services fare better than children living in public housing developments without such services.
- *Understanding Neighborhood Change:* By the end of this year, we will complete several papers from our ambitious neighborhood change project, which explores how and why a greater share of low-income neighborhoods in cities around the country improved during the 1990s than during earlier decades. We will then examine the individual residential decisions that both underlie and result from neighborhood economic change. Specifically, our research will examine four main sets of questions: What different types of change occurred in low-income neighborhoods during the 1990s? Who moves into changing neighborhoods and why? Who moves out and why? What other changes occur in neighborhoods that make economic gains?
- *Assessing the Land Available for Housing Development:* With funding from the Lincoln Institute for Land Policy, we recently launched a project to assess why some underused lots remain underdeveloped in strong markets. By the end of this year, we will explore the characteristics of the properties, owners, neighborhoods, and regulatory regimes that affect an owner's decision about whether

and when to develop or redevelop underused land. Our research will help cities assess which measures are likely to be most helpful in encouraging the development of housing on land that is vacant, filled with abandoned structures, or developed far below its zoning capacity.

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

- We will make several improvements to our data services this year. In April, we will publish our annual *State of NYC's Housing and Neighborhoods*. This year's edition adds historical context by including data from 1990 to highlight the dramatic changes that have occurred over the past decade and a half in many of the City's neighborhoods. We also are switching to a new data source, the American Community Survey, in order to provide the housing community with more frequent updates of data about their target neighborhoods. We include an analysis of how access to credit in NYC has changed over the past decade, both for the population as a whole and for the major racial and ethnic groups in the City.
- At the request of the state's Housing Finance Agency and Department of Housing and Community Renewal, we are exploring the possibility of issuing a companion *State of New York State's Housing and Neighborhoods* next year to address the lack of comprehensive housing and demographic data at the state level. If we decide to go forward with that project, we will spend this year building the databases necessary to support the analysis.
- Over the next year, we will partner with Dataplace to remake NYCHANIS. NYCHANIS is being redesigned from the ground up to make it more intuitive and user-friendly, and to allow integration of NYCHANIS and PlanNYC. By the end of the year, we also will complete a redesign of PlanNYC that will expand its content and take advantage of new technologies to make it easier to navigate the site.

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

- When we re-launch NYCHANIS, in its improved state, we would have the opportunity to showcase NNIP. We currently discuss NNIP and its related partners at our NYCHANIS training sessions.
- Our study on neighborhood change will use data from several NNIP partners to analyze how crime affects neighborhood change and to describe the changes that occur in economically changing communities.

## ***Oakland***

URBAN STRATEGIES COUNCIL

April 2008

*Coming soon*

## ***Philadelphia***

TEMPLE UNIVERSITY, DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY AND URBAN STUDIES  
April 2008

*Coming soon*

# ***Providence***

## THE PROVIDENCE PLAN

April 2008

### **1. What are your key accomplishments since October 2007 (headlines)**

Receipt of large National Institute of Justice (NIJ) **Geospatial Technology Grant** to develop an open-source web query and mapping application to enhance probation supervision, crime fighting, and service provision (see attached Abstract). We have made significant progress on the application and live preliminary use will begin in mid-April 2008.

Successful completion of 70 hours of early literacy instruction by 120+ early childhood educators in Ready to Learn Providence's (R2LP) **Early Childhood Educator Professional Development** initiative treatment group. Detailed qualitative and quantitative information are collected internally regarding program implementation. Outcome data are collected by an external evaluator on all program participants and 850 children in their care. Professional development interventions will continue through May 2008 and resume in September 2008 with delayed treatment participants.

R2LP's **Early Reading First** (ERF) coaches conducted child assessments and classrooms observations on 140 children and 12 classroom settings at participating ERF sites. Data influence R2LP's professional development strategies and inform instructor practices with children.

### **2. What important reports have you produced? What important data presentations have you delivered?**

Report: **Children of Incarcerated Parents** (Casey/Urban Institute).

Presentation to RI Governor Donald Carcieri and his PK-16 Council of the results of the "**Partnerships for Success**" project. Working with RI Campus Compact and Clarendon Group, ProvPlan helped with comprehensive inventory and mapping/ visualization of Higher Ed/Pk-12 partnerships throughout Rhode Island. For more information see: [www.pk-16.com](http://www.pk-16.com).

Presentations about Ready to Learn Providence's work with 250+ early childhood educators in the greater Providence area to the US Department of Education and **Early Childhood Educator Professional Development** (ECEPD) grantees in March 2008.

Presentation on **Early Care and Education in Providence** to the Honorable Judge Flanders from the Rhode Island Pre-K Exploration Committee and Chair of the Rhode Island Board of Regents

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

Analysis of **student mobility** to aid the Providence School Assignment Oversight Committee (Maps and data, meeting attendance).

**Analysis of foreclosures:**

[http://www.provplan.org/matriarch/MultiPiecePage.asp\\_Q\\_PageID\\_E\\_157\\_A\\_PageName\\_E\\_fo\\_mmarapr08](http://www.provplan.org/matriarch/MultiPiecePage.asp_Q_PageID_E_157_A_PageName_E_fo_mmarapr08)

**“The GENS Project”**: A collaboration with LISC/CSI, a local CDC, Police and Probation to develop community development and community policing. Extensive mapping of property, administrative, and local perception data. Products include hard copy maps and an Internet Map Server application.

**An Investigation into the Impact of Revised Eligibility Requirements for the Child Care Assistance Program in RI** Ready to Learn Providence (R2LP) is conducting a statewide survey of 480 child care providers and 250 families to better understand the impact of reduced eligibility from 225% of poverty to 180%. Approximately 1,900 children living in 1,500 families lost their child care subsidies as a result.

Comprehensive qualitative analysis by R2LP of **mentoring discussions and observations** with 96 early childhood educators participating in R2LP’s ECEPD program.

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

With funding from Rhode Island Area Health Education Centers (AHEC), ProvPlan developed a **statewide physician database** including spatial component using a variety of data sources. The goal is to map gaps in Primary Care provider coverage.

**PALS K-3** (Phonological Awareness Literacy Screening) data from the Providence School Department. These data will be linked to PALS Pre-K data collected by R2LP at our professional development sites.

Datasets for updating R2LP’s indicator report “How Ready is Providence?” include updated **immunization data** from Providence Schools, **childhood injury** and **maternal health data** from the RI Department of Health, wage data from the RI Department of Labor and Training and Providence Schools, Providence Public Library usage statistics, and professional development opportunities with R2LP and ChildSpan.

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

April 8-9 2008, New Orleans, LA: NIJ **Geospatial Technology Working Group**  
Although this is not an NNIP project, our second NIJ Geospatial grant application for a Foreclosure Mapping/Management tool submitted in partnership with UI (employing NNIP for dissemination) uses similar technology. This venue will provide a venue to talk about that project.

# Seattle

PUBLIC HEALTH, SEATTLE & KING COUNTY

April 2008

## 1. What are your key accomplishments since October 2007 (headlines)

**Manuscript on community assessment accepted**--Our manuscript on the attributes of successful community health assessments (CHA), how successful assessments can influence community health (and limitations in evaluating that connection) and how to better track CHA outcomes has been accepted to the Journal of Public Health Management and Practice. The manuscript includes examples of “upstream” and “downstream” effects of CHA in King County. It is being revised in response to peer reviewers and will be published in a special issue of JPHMP in Spring or Summer, 2008.

**Completed two major reports** --on access to health care and community health indicators (see below).

**Nutrition menu labeling in King County—rules prevail with some negotiated Changes**-- On March 12, 2008 the King County Board of Health adopted changes to the nutrition menu labeling regulation originally adopted on July 19, 2007. The new menu labeling regulation now requires chain food establishments with 15 or more national locations (formerly 10) to display calorie, carbohydrate, saturated fat and sodium information on menus. The requirements for posting were modified to allow more point of sight options for menu boards and menus. Implementation was delayed until January 1, 2009 giving chain food establishments more time to change and print new menus.

### **King County equity and Social Justice Initiative launched in February of 2008--**

The King County Equity and Social Justice Initiative takes aim at long-standing and persistent local inequities and injustices. Components of the new initiative include:

- Policy development/decision-making: King County will ensure that promoting equity is intentionally considered in the development and implementation of key policies and programs and in making funding decisions. An equity impact assessment and review tool is under development and testing for use as a tool in reviewing programs and policies.
- Delivery of county services: By working with partners and the community, King County and its departments will identify and mitigate social inequities. All departments will begin new activities in 2008 to promote equity.
- Community partnerships: King County will support effective partnerships and actions to promote equity. We are beginning a community dialogue process, using a new PBS series “Unnatural Causes,” to increase awareness among community members of equity <http://www.unnaturalcauses.org/>

## 2. What important reports have you produced? What important data presentations have you delivered?

We completed a major assessment that will inform the reorganization of the health care safety net in King County. The topic is where the uninsured, underinsured and Medicaid populations of King County access care (and don't access care) in the health care safety net (see <http://publichealth/phomp/>, click on "Assessment of Access to Health Care in King County..."). The report used an innovative method to match two disparate datasets to quantify both the uninsured that are reached, and the most vulnerable uninsured populations in need of safety net access, by race, region of the county, income, age and gender. The report also summarized available data on the underinsured and Medicaid populations.

We launched a revised Community Health Indicators website with updated, detailed maps and systematic demographic and trend analyses of over 60 population-based health indicators (see <http://www.metrokc.gov/health/CHI/>). Formerly Core Public Health Indicators, the site was extensively re-designed so it is easier to navigate and no longer depends on kludgy Excel tables. It is extensively used to answer data requests, both for the public and internally.

We released the King County Equity and Social Justice report in February of 2008 along with an op ed article in the Seattle Times. This Initiative has received significant media coverage and resulted in numerous briefings with public and private sector groups throughout King County and nationally. <http://www.metrokc.gov/exec/equity/Equityreport08.pdf>  
[http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/opinion/2004172510\\_sundayronsims10.html](http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/opinion/2004172510_sundayronsims10.html)  
[http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/localnews/2004177646\\_sims12m.html](http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/localnews/2004177646_sims12m.html)

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

In 2007, PHSKC led a coalition of community and healthy nutrition advocates, scientists and physicians in a successful effort to pass regulations banning the use of trans fat in restaurants and mandating the posting of nutritional information on menus and menu boards in chain and fast food restaurants. Implementation has been delayed until January 2009. We are now collecting baseline data and planning an evaluation of the effect of the regulation on menu choices people make when dining at covered establishments. Planning includes population-based and point-of-purchase surveys and an assessment of nutritional content of menu choices before and after the regulation takes effect. There are fiscal and technical challenges to carrying out this work, and the regulation was recently modified and weakened in negotiations with the restaurant industry.

A Data Watch (newsletter-style brief report) is currently being prepared on the health of the Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander (NHPI) community in King County. Previously, this group was subsumed in the Asian/Pacific Islander race group, which aggregates people from many disparate cultures with different health risks and health outcomes. The report includes newly available data on health disparities in tobacco use, health status, diabetes and several birth risk factors (e.g., maternal smoking and low birthweight). The report is being launched in coordination with NHPI groups. It is currently being reviewed and we anticipate a June, 2009 release.

Use of JoinPoint: We have improved our assessment of population-based trends by adopting JoinPoint, a straightforward program from the National Cancer Institute that is freely available (see <http://srab.cancer.gov/joinpoint/>.) JoinPoint not only provides a widely accepted measure of trends in population-based data—such as births and deaths—but also chooses the best model



that shows “inflection points”, or when trends go up, down or are flat. The program is easy to operate for the technical user, though with, at times, unclear user instructions. We have adapted our community health assessment software, VistPHw, to produce JoinPoint-ready output.

Through our Equity initiative, departments throughout King County are developing mapping layers to analyze population demographics and program data. As an example the Department of Natural resources and Parks is creating maps of existing park and trail service levels and utilization rates as they relate to local land use and key demographic variables such as race, ethnicity and income.

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

We are in the process of acquiring new equity data sets across King County departments and are creating base maps as a resource for overlaying program level data.

See new Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander data in #3

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

We will release the 2008 Communities Count report in late fall of 2008 and anticipate a press conference and meeting with funders.

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

NEIGHBORHOODINFO DC

April 2008

### **1. What are your key accomplishments since October 2007.**

- Provided DCPS and city leadership with analysis of public school enrollment patterns and neighborhood change as a foundation for the city's decisions about allocation of public school space.
- Published two DC Housing Monitor Reports. The Winter 2008 report highlighted progress we have made tracking affordable housing in the District. We are continuing to build on existing relationships with the Office of the Deputy Mayor, city agencies, and nonprofit housing organizations on tracking and preserving affordable housing.

### **2. What important products have you produced? What important data presentations have you delivered?**

#### *Reports*

- D.C. Housing Monitor, Summer 2007
- D.C. Housing Monitor, Winter 2008
- Every Kid Counts in the District of Columbia: 14th Annual Fact Book, 2007

#### *Presentations*

- January 17, 2008 – Presentation: Jennifer Comey presented the data findings from the *14<sup>th</sup> Annual Every Kid Counts in the District of Columbia Fact Book*.
- February 7, 2008 – Presentation: Peter Tatian presented data on tracking the progress and measuring outcomes of preserving and expanding affordable housing in the District of Columbia for the Building Safe, Healthy and Livable Communities Conference
- February 22, 2008 – Presentation: Jennifer Comey testified before the Council of the District of Columbia on performance of the District's public school students on the DCCAS test
- February 29, 2008 – Presentation: Peter Tataian summarized data findings from *Reconnecting Disconnected Youth in the District of Columbia*
- March 10, 2008 – Presentation: Peter Tatian testified before the Council of the District of Columbia on highlighting data compiled by NeighborhoodInfo DC on housing foreclosures and Section 8 housing in Washington, D.C.

- March 26, 2008 – Presentation: Peter Tatian presented the latest DC Housing Monitor Forum with a special focus on tracking subsidized housing

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

- Fight for Children, a local advocacy group focused on District children's education and health outcomes, has funded NIDC and Child Trends to produce an Action Agenda report. The purpose of the report is to identify key indicators measuring children and youth's welfare in the District of Columbia; document research-based evidence affecting the identified indicators in other cities; and produce policy recommendations of how District agencies and nonprofits should attempt to improve children's wellbeing measured by the identified indicators in the District.
- The District's Office of Planning has funded NIDC to create the State of DC Neighborhoods profile reports. The initial baseline report will provide a set of diverse indicators describing neighborhood conditions in the city. The data will be used to inform local neighborhood planning activities to be started later this year.

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

- No new data sources.
- We are in the second stage of development of our new Dataplace-cobrand web site.

**5. What upcoming events/activities present an opportunity to showcase NNIP?**

- Summer 2008 – presentation of report created for Fight for Children.

