USING INFORMATION FOR COMMUNITY ACTION

National Neighborhood Indicators Partnership

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Baltimore City Data Day       July 22, 2010
What’s Happening Nationally?

• Great progress on Open Data
  – Lots of energy from the private and the public sector

• Continued focus on place-based initiatives at the federal level despite budget constraints
  – Promise and Choice Neighborhoods
  – Sustainable Communities
  – Strong Cities

• More critical than ever to target neighborhood efforts
  – Stagnating economy increases need for public programs
  – But local, state, and federal funding is being cut back
What Needs to Be Done Locally?

- Identifying the right data to answer questions
- Transforming raw data into information
- Communicating findings and insights
- Advocating for effective & informed policies
- Implementing the right programs to help residents and neighborhoods
NNIP Mission: *Information for Change*

- Democratizing Information
  - Facilitate the direct use of data by stakeholders
- Work for many clients
  - Helping Boys and Girls Club choose a new site
  - Working in a cross-sector collaboration to reduce infant deaths
- A central focus on strengthening, empowering low-income neighborhoods
- Information as a bridge for collaboration among public agencies, nonprofits, businesses

The Urban Institute
Making Sense out of Census 2010 and American Community Survey Data

Using Data to Drive Problem-Solving in Memphis and the Mid South

Uses and Limitations of the American Community Survey
Nonprofit Center of Milwaukee: Helping Libraries Plan for the Future

- Demographic Patterns
- Communities of Need
- Library Use & Circulation
- Market Reach for Branches
Joint Work Program of the NNIP Partnership

- Advance the state of practice
  1. Informing local policy initiatives (cross-site projects)
  2. Developing tools and guides
- Build/strengthen local capacity
  3. Developing capacity in new communities
  4. Services to an expanding network
- Influence national context/partnering
  5. Leadership in building the field
Coming Soon: NNIP Web Site
Issue Areas

School Readiness

Comprehensive Community Indicator Initiatives

Foreclosures
Over two-thirds of the NNIP partners are collaborating with their local networks to improve their communities’ response to the foreclosure crisis. They are engaged in a wide range of activities, including analyzing the patterns and causes of foreclosures, helping practitioners to tailor strategies to fit neighborhood contexts and rapidly changing conditions, and facilitating coordination of efforts across programmatic and government silos.

Health Conditions

Equity

Schools
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Partner Activities

Urban Affairs Association
May 11, 2011 - Jul 19, 2011
BNIA-JFI with the Urban Institute and Neighborhoodinfo DC presented the findings from the Phase 1 analysis of Students Affected by Foreclosure and preliminary findings from Phase 2. The national... [read more]

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An Examination of Students Affected by Foreclosures in Baltimore City, 2003-2008
Jul 1, 2008 - Dec 31, 2009
BNIA-JFI completed the first phase of research as part of a NNOP cross-site project examining the affects of foreclosures on children. This project identified both the... [read more]

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Partner Publications

Presentation - By: Bond, James
Test Publication on Vital Statistics
Download Link: DCC
Link: Test Link

Report - By: Matthew Kashara
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