

CAN Community Dashboard

a strategic framework for action



Over the past four years, Community Action Network has facilitated the development of a Community Dashboard that provides a snapshot of the overall socioeconomic health and well-being of our community.

- **2008—Common Vision:** community input and dialogue resulted in key statements reflecting what we aspire to achieve for all people in our community.
- **2009—Community Indicators:** CAN partners agreed on a short list of indicators that provide a snapshot of our community's well-being.
- **2010—Where we stand:** CAN published its first Community Dashboard report, comparing our local data to the state, nation, and five-county metro area. The CAN Community Council learned more about the story behind the indicators and local efforts to move each indicator in the right direction.
- **2011—Where we are headed:** CAN published its second Community Dashboard report and began work with stakeholders to set goals and targets for each indicator.
- **2012—What collaborative action is needed:** CAN will work with stakeholders to identify key plans and strategies to move indicators in the right direction.

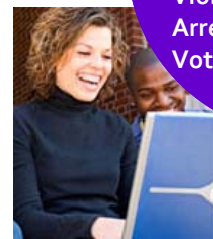
What will it take to move these indicators in the right direction?

The Community Dashboard indicators are organized under four community goals.

- We achieve our full potential
- Our basic needs are met
- We are healthy
- We are safe, just & engaged

CAN's analysis of the community indicators has drawn on the knowledge, research, expertise and planning efforts of many agencies, collaborations and individuals. Numerous stakeholders, Issue Area Groups and CAN partner agencies have shared presentations to the CAN Community Council and the CAN Board of Directors.

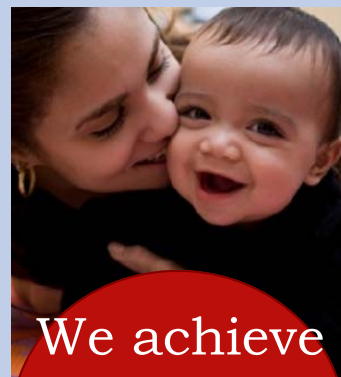
Through this analysis, we have developed a proposed set of key Strategic Building Blocks for moving the Community Dashboard indicators in the right direction. These broad categories of services for each area of our community's life are proposed to provide a common language that can be used across jurisdictions to facilitate coordination and cooperation toward mutual goals.



Strategic Building Blocks

a common language for working together

- Family support
- Affordable quality early care and education
- Social/emotional development
- Foster early academic success
- Support for English Language Learners
- Make school relevant to available jobs
- Support successful transition from middle school to high school
- Regional planning that aligns school and employment
- Affordable/accessible post-secondary training
- Jobs with livable wages
- Childcare and work supports
- Small business growth and development



We achieve our full potential

early care and parent education



closing gaps in academic success



workforce and economic development



- Emergency & transition housing/support
- Emergency support to prevent homelessness
- Services and care for vulnerable populations
- Outreach & enrollment
- 2-1-1
- Expand services to meet need of growing low-income population
- Financial literacy
- Help families build assets
- Affordable housing
- Affordable utilities
- Subsidized housing
- Housing repair & weatherization
- Plan for "Complete Communities"



Our basic needs are met

help for those in crisis and those requiring long-term support



connect people to resources



affordable housing linked to work, schools, transit



- Integration of health, behavioral health and other services
- Access to primary, urgent and specialty care
- Health workforce development
- Eliminate health disparities

- Education, prevention and early intervention that help people...
 - ⇒ avoid risky behaviors
 - ⇒ make healthy lifestyle choices
 - ⇒ have healthy relationships

- Policies that promote a healthy and safe environment
- Reduce vehicle miles traveled to improve air quality
- Safe, walkable neighborhoods
- Increase access to fresh, healthy foods and water
- Make where we work, live and play tobacco-free



We are healthy

access to clinical care and prevention services



promote healthy behaviors



healthy and safe community environment



- Healthy relationships between law enforcement and neighborhoods
- Collaboration and data sharing among law enforcement entities
- Reduce recidivism

- Build on assets of diverse population
- Address disproportional treatment of racial/ethnic groups in...
 - ⇒ schools
 - ⇒ neighborhoods
 - ⇒ housing/lending
 - ⇒ workforce
 - ⇒ criminal justice

- Partner with and engage diverse populations in conversations/solutions
- Provide culturally appropriate services
- Deliver services in languages spoken by clients
- Engage citizens in voting
- Encourage volunteerism



We are safe, just & engaged

promote safe communities



embrace diversity



engage and empower people

