



**Community Indicators as Tools for  
Social Change:**  
*Tracking Change and Increasing  
Accountability*

**October 1 – October 2, 2009  
Bellevue, Washington, USA**

The 21st Century requires innovative leadership, a new approach to governance, and better ways to measure progress. Join other community representatives at the Community Indicators Consortium's 2009 International Conference as we showcase community indicator best practices and some of the latest indicator efforts, tools, and techniques for measuring and communicating progress and success.

The Community Indicators Consortium is seeking proposals for its Seventh International Conference on Community Indicators at the Meydenbauer Conference Center in Bellevue, Washington, USA, Thursday, October 1 to Friday, October 2, 2009, with an optional training day offered on September 30.

The four focus areas of the conference represent essential aspects of effective indicator efforts.

- **From Planning To Implementation**
- **Creating Partnerships And Crossing Boundaries**
- **Promoting Social Change**
- **Integrating Indicators & Performance Measures**

Within the framework of focus areas, this conference presents an opportunity to delve in-depth into many of these current topical indicator categories:

- **Children, Youth and Families**
- **Civic and Cultural Vitality**
- **Education**
- **Healthy People and Communities**
- **Housing, Land Use, and Transportation**
- **Jobs and Economic Vitality**
- **Sustainability and Community Development**
- **Suggest your own...**

#### **CONFERENCE FOCUS AREAS**

##### *From Planning to Implementation*

What data sources are available and what tools and technologies exist that support indicator efforts as simply and cost effectively as possible? These sessions will showcase methods and tools to plan and implement indicator programs, including planning, evaluation, expertise, funding, citizen engagement, communication, and visualization.

##### *Creating Partnerships and Crossing Boundaries*

Community indicators often measure issues and phenomena that cross jurisdictional and agency boundaries. How do we create partnerships and collaborations that give us the best information, respect community priorities and support action? These sessions will highlight tools, methods and case studies for effective collaboration.

### *Promoting Social Change*

These sessions will examine applying an indicators approach to innovation in health, children and families, social equity and sustainability, using notable case studies to illustrate how indicators are helping to drive change.

### *Integrating Indicators & Performance Measures*

Building on a recurrent theme at previous CIC Conferences, these sessions will explore recent developments and promising opportunities for integrating community indicators and performance measures through case studies and applications.

### **What kind of proposals should be submitted?**

Proposals can include:

- Individual presentations
- Panel discussions
- Workshops or training sessions
- Poster presentations.

Panel presenters should plan for 15-20 min presentations interspersed with engaged dialogue and Q&A.

**Please submit  
your proposal  
by June 30,  
2009.**

### **CONFERENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS**

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### **More questions? Contact the Conference Planning Committee at:**

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### **How should proposals be submitted?**

Proposals will only be accepted via CIC's on-line Conference Proposal Survey at

<http://survey.constantcontact.com/survey/a07e2icgk1sftxa6krr/start> .

All proposals must include:

- The focus and topic areas to be covered
- A short (1000 character) abstract of the individual presentation, poster presentation, panel of presentations, or workshop that you would like to contribute,
- A brief biography (1000 characters) of the presenter or panel organizer.
- The full contact information for the presenter, whether you are open to considering either a more formal panel presentation or a poster.

Submissions will be reviewed by the CIC conference planning committee with a view to compiling a conference program filled with diverse case studies, research and action projects, and new and ongoing indicators initiatives, bridging domains of practice and geography. Electronic copies of your complete presentation will be requested by the conference opening for publication in the electronic conference proceedings at [www.communityindicators.net](http://www.communityindicators.net).

### **Applied Research in Quality of Life journal**

Presenters are invited to submit a full paper for consideration for publication in a special issue of the peer-reviewed journal *Applied Research in Quality of Life*, to be dedicated to the best research presented at the conference. ARQOL is published by Springer and is the official journal of the International Society for Quality of Life Studies. **Please indicate your interest in submitting a full paper for consideration when submitting your abstract.** Full papers should be submitted by September 30, 2009.