

Register now, and join us in Florida for the
2008 NAPC CONFERENCE
Global Trends, Local Impact

*"Big picture" trends, and specific real-life
best practices for community action*

A sea-change is underway, bringing major shifts in demographics, economics, migration patterns, and much more. At this conference we will:

- Examine some of these major trends and what they mean for our changing world and our work
- Focus in-depth on community planning implications of two key trends, immigration and the aging of the population
- Explore how to think and plan effectively within this new context, and mobilize community awareness and action
- Exchange ideas about implications for our communities, with many examples and tools

Other conference topics will include using social indicators to identify trends and needs, mobilize action, shape decisions and track results... developing disaster plans for councils and communities...community strategies for gang prevention, linking people with employment, accessing public benefits, and more... understanding generational issues affecting workforce management and succession planning...creating social marketing campaigns... announcing a new online social network on community indicators...NAPC's work as part of a new national initiative sponsored by The Conference Board...and more.

Enjoy a festive poolside opening reception (Wednesday, May 7), then two full days of exciting sessions and networking opportunities (Thursday and Friday, May 8 and 9, ending Friday afternoon).

Participants will have opportunities to:

- Learn what works, from leading practitioners
- Develop valuable new relationships and exchange ideas, experiences, resources, and tools
- Learn more about NAPC...enjoy social and networking activities...get acquainted and have fun
- Experience one of America's most beautiful beaches

Register today! Early registration deadline (lowest fees): April 9, 2008. Go to www.communityplanning.org to find out how to register online and learn more about conference topics, speakers, and special events.

As a means of exchanging information about members' and related groups' successful initiatives and latest publications, the Resource Fair has long been a conference highlight. Conference participants may bring materials for the resource tables, which everyone may visit throughout the conference.

After the conference, visit NAPC online – www.communityplanning.org – to view and download some of the conference materials and speaker presentations, and enjoy scenes from the conference on our online photo album.

Local host: Juvenile Welfare Board - Children's Services Council of Pinellas, Florida.

This will be NAPC's first "beach getaway" conference, at the Sheraton Sand Key Resort on beautiful Clearwater Beach, Florida... <http://www.sheratonsandkey.com/index.php>. (It will also be the first NAPC conference without weekend sessions, in the hope that people can stay over afterward for well-deserved relaxation and fun.)

NAPC President Ben Warner writes:

Today we face a world that is rapidly changing. The first Baby Boomer received her first Social Security check this month. Global trends are reshaping what problems we face, how we face them, and who faces them.

Today we need to come together as an Association of people and organizations who care deeply about our communities and are engaged in planning for the future well-being of the people we serve. We need to understand the global economic, demographic, technological, and other trends that affect our local communities. We need to know how to address these trends in ways that make life better for all in our communities.

So join us May 7-9, 2008, in Clearwater Beach, Florida, for NAPC's "Global Trends, Local Impacts" conference.



***Please register today...
spread the word to your colleagues...
and we'll see you in Florida May 7-9!***

The National Association of Planning Councils (NAPC)

promotes quality community planning and supports its members as they each provide leadership for health and human services planning and action in their local communities.

NAPC is an information resource on best practices in community planning, health and social indicators that measure the condition of communities, and public policy issues affecting health and human service concerns. NAPC's annual conference builds knowledge and offers professional networking opportunities.

Planning Councils work in local communities throughout the country. While each Council brings its own expertise to particular community issues, Planning Councils all share the same Core Competencies:

- Building community infrastructure
- Mobilizing resources
- Research and evaluation
- Public policy analysis
- Community organizing
- Advocacy
- Information services
- Convening and facilitation

Belonging to NAPC's national network of community planning professionals and Planning Council organizations has many benefits for individuals and organizations. Benefits include access to national information and resources and discounts on NAPC's annual conference and selected other conferences.

For information on joining NAPC, go to www.communityplanning.org



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strong and caring communities
across America***

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