

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**



Membership in the National Association of Planning Councils is a Wise Investment

“Our membership in NAPC has broadened our exposure to national trends and innovation. Regular meetings with other Planning Councils energize and encourage us to work harder and smarter to achieve the desired outcomes of critical social planning. Citing membership in the NAPC on all our printed material adds credence to our position in the local market and underscores the importance of Planning Council activities.”

Mary Louis Campbell, President
The Planning Council
Norfolk, Virginia

“NAPC not only provides member organizations with information about national trends and issues and but also provides an effective voice on the national stage for those of us engaged in health and social planning and development at the community level.”

Nancy Findeisen, President
Community Services Planning Council
Sacramento, California



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and caring communities
across America*

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National Association of Planning Councils

Planning Councils help people in communities across the country solve problems and enhance health and social conditions. In all that they do, Planning Councils bring a set of common values to their work.

- Commitment to community and involvement of a broad and diverse constituency
- Comprehensive perspective reflected in decisions and actions
- Inclusive decision-making that strives for consensus
- Diverse viewpoints respected and encouraged in decisions and actions
- Positive working relationships with all sectors of the community
- Objective data and information used to support decisions and action
- Focus on systems change and sustainable, long-term solutions
- Principled leadership producing measurable results

Member Services

Websites

www.communityplanning.org

Up-to-date information on NAPC services, publications and events, quality community planning principles and practice, links to members, and human service headlines.

Annual Conference

Yearly convocation of member organizations featuring notable speakers, lively discussions, best practice presentations, professional development and networking opportunities for member Planning Council staff and volunteers and others interested in community planning.

Professional Growth

Opportunity for connections among professionals in the field of community planning through meetings, on-line communication, and sharing of reports and best practice initiatives.

E-Newsletters

Regular e-mail announcements about national policy developments related to health and human services, grant opportunities, and new initiatives addressing critical health and social needs. On-line forum for information sharing among members.

www.socialindicators.com

Data on health and social conditions in the 100 largest metropolitan areas in the country and profiles of initiatives and interventions to address them. Also features NAPC's **Leading Health and Social Indicators**, a set of indicators that as a whole are reflective of the general health and social well being of a community.

Join The National Association of Planning Councils (NAPC)

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.

"NAPC offers the opportunity to learn from and share with colleagues across the country."

Karen Wulfkuhle, Executive Director
United Community Services
of Johnson County Lenexa, Kansas

"NAPC provides an opportunity to get fresh ideas and information on common problems. As technology makes the world smaller, it is increasingly important to understand how local issues vary and converge in different communities, and how others are addressing those issues. NAPC is a quiet, cost-effective medium that makes this possible."

John A. Begala, Executive Director
Federation for Community Planning
Cleveland, Ohio

**For information on joining NAPC, visit
www.communityplanning.org.**