



Community Action Network

Promoting equity and opportunity



Community Action Network is...



a collaboration of agencies, organizations and individuals who work together to enhance the social, health, educational and economic well-being of Central Texas.

CAN vision

- ▶ Our richly diverse community will be healthy, safe, educated, just and compassionate where all people work together to achieve their full potential and celebrate their lives.



CAN mission



- ▶ To achieve sustainable social, health, educational and economic **outcomes** through engaging the community in a planning and implementation **process** that coordinates and optimizes public, private, and individual actions and **resources**.

CAN Partners – working to promote equity and opportunity

Government	Educational Institutions	Healthcare	Private/Other
City of Austin*	Austin Community College*	Austin Travis Co Integral Care	Austin Chamber of Commerce
Travis County*	Austin ISD*	Central Health*	Capital Metro*
	St. Edward's University	Seton Healthcare Family	Community Justice Council
	University of Texas at Austin	St. David's Foundation	One Voice Central Texas
	Workforce Solutions – Capital Area		interfaith Action Central Texas (iACT)
			United Way Capital Area
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CAN Partners commit to...

- ▶ Appoint a member of their elected board or the executive management to serve on the CAN Board of Directors
- ▶ Support CAN financially
- ▶ Make a good faith effort to work in collaboration with other CAN Partners to improve the social, health, educational, and/or economic well-being of Central Texas

CAN Issue Area Groups

- Aging Services Council
- Austin/Travis County Victim Services Task Force
- Basic Needs Coalition
- Behavioral Health Planning Partnership
- Central Texas Afterschool Network
- Child & Youth Mental Health Planning Partnership
- Ending Community Homelessness Coalition
- Early Education & Care
- HousingWorks
- Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities Coalition
- Literacy Coalition of Central Texas
- Ready by 21 (Youth Development)
- Reentry Roundtable
- Regional Transit Coordination Committee

Policy, Community, and Service

Policy
makers

- **CAN Board of Directors** - elected officials and policy makers representing each CAN partner organization

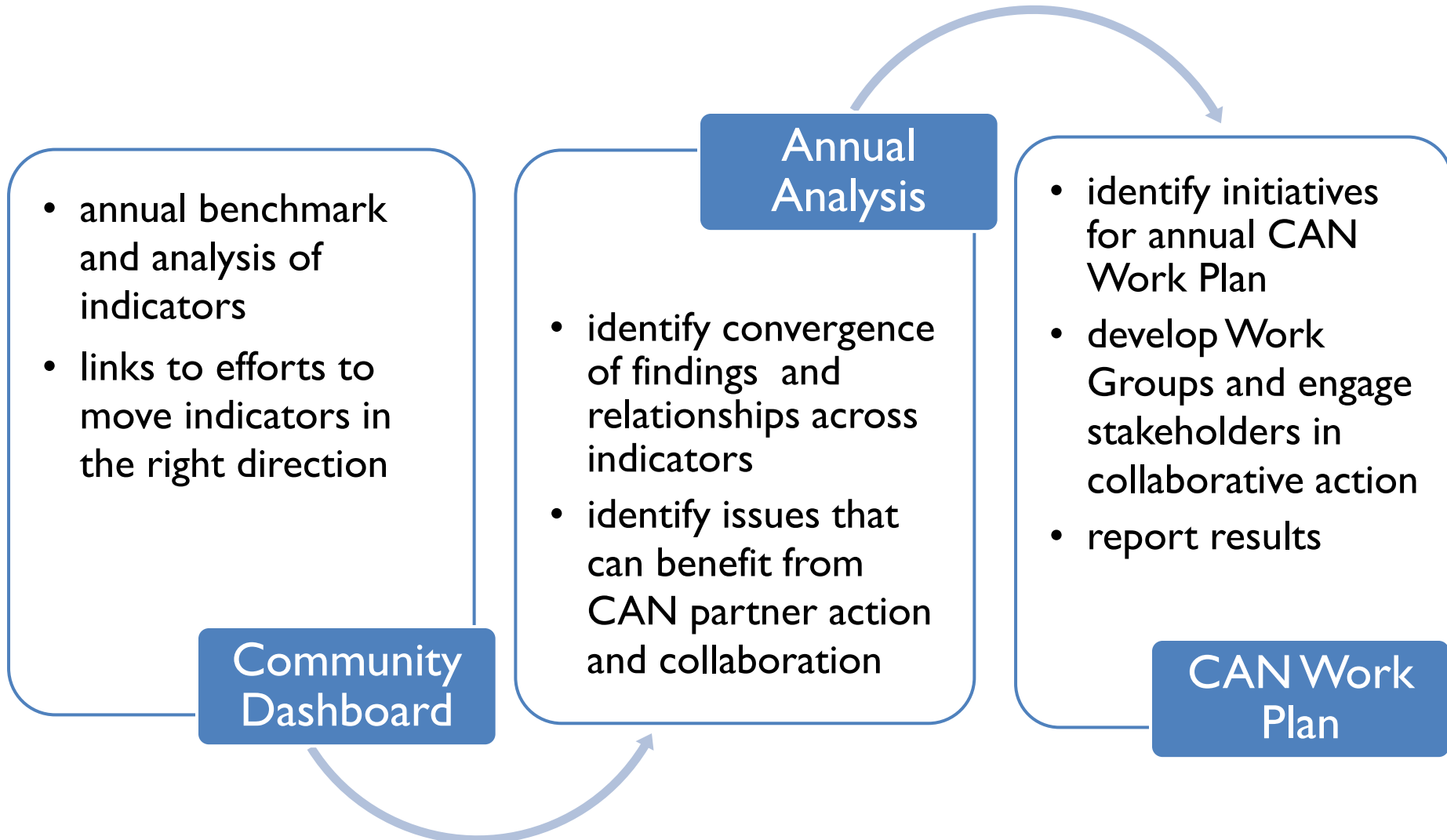
Community
members

- **CAN Community Council** – self-appointed board of community members with an annual application and election process

Service
providers

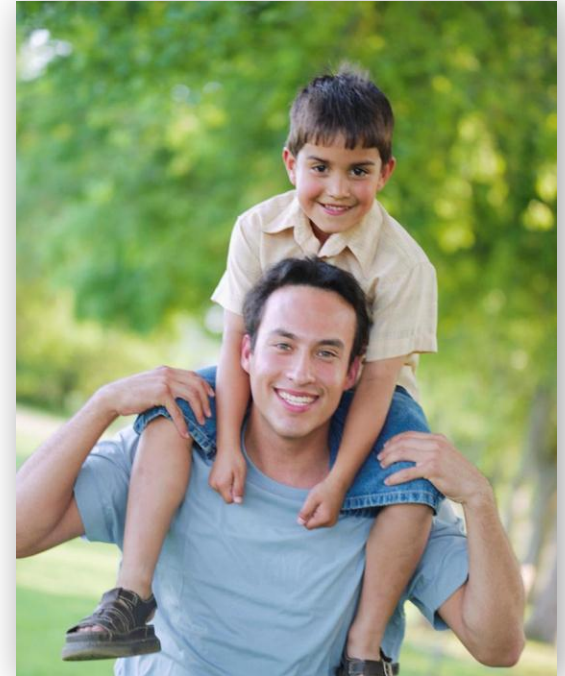
- **Issue Area Groups and Implementation Teams** - professionals who serve our community through agencies or non-profit organizations

Community Dashboard – a framework for taking action together



CAN Community Dashboard

- ▶ snapshot of community's well-being
- ▶ identifies areas where collective attention and action are needed
- ▶ no partner or agency alone is accountable for any one indicator
- ▶ multiple stakeholders are needed to move any one indicator in the right direction



www.CANcommunitydashboard



we achieve our
full potential

- ▶ Kindergarten ready
- ▶ High school graduation
- ▶ College ready
- ▶ Unemployment



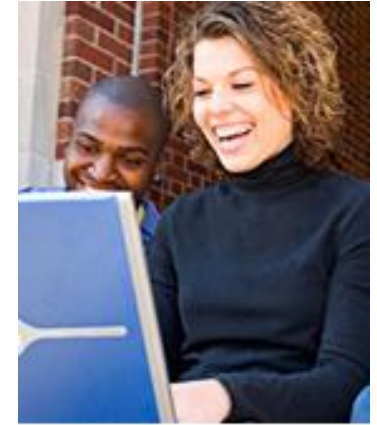
our basic needs
are met

- ▶ Low-income
- ▶ Housing Cost Burdened
- ▶ Vehicle miles traveled
- ▶ Homelessness



we are
healthy

- ▶ Health insurance
- ▶ Mental Health
- ▶ Smoking
- ▶ Obesity
- ▶ Air quality

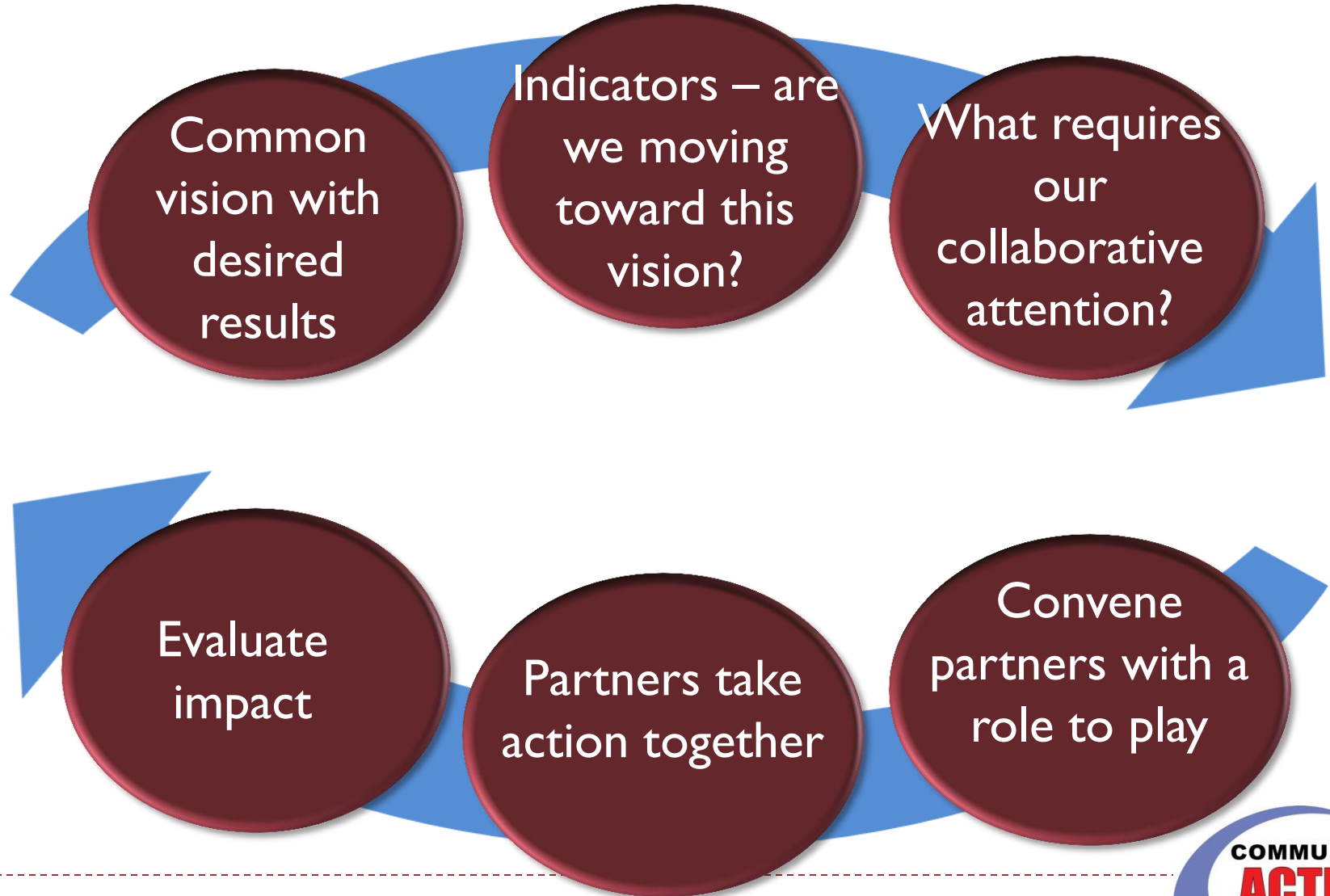


we are safe, just
& engaged

- ▶ Violent crime
- ▶ Arrest Demographics
- ▶ Voting



CAN Partners taking action together



Annual Work Plan

The annual work plan focuses the collaboration's attention on specific efforts that require cross-jurisdictional attention and action.



2011 Work Plan

Community Dashboard

- ▶ Second annual Community Dashboard report released
- ▶ Working with stakeholders to identify goals and targets for each indicator
- ▶ www.cancommunitydashboard.org provides more detailed analysis of each indicator
- ▶ Links to other local community dashboard projects focused on special populations or issues
- ▶ Developed a Communications Plan

Collaborative Action

- ▶ CAN partners are working together on key issues:
 - ▶ Workforce Solutions launched “Pathway to Prosperity,” an initiative to enhance work opportunities for people who are low-income.
 - ▶ CAN is convening housing stakeholders to promote housing planning across the continuum.
 - ▶ CAN Board supported Austin/Travis County HHSD grant application to launch a planning effort

Demographics and Inequity

- ▶ CAN is convening regional mappers and planners to share information and resources on demographic trends and shifts in our community. Some of the questions they are addressing include...
 - ▶ Who is collecting and analyzing demographic data?
 - ▶ What are the major demographic changes in the five-county region?
 - ▶ Where is the growth occurring, and among which populations?
- ▶ Planning a Spring 2012 forum to share key findings

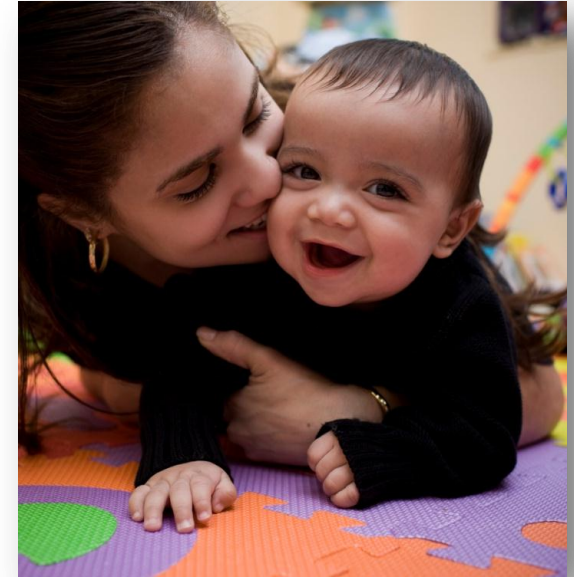
Monitor local impact of state budget cuts

- ▶ CAN is convening the Intergovernmental Public Policy Committee to share information about the local impact of action taken during the 82nd Legislative Session.
- ▶ Board dialogue with Travis County Legislative Delegation both before and after session.
- ▶ Posting information on budget cuts on www.caction.org .



Connect Families to Resources

- ▶ Exploring models to implement *Stable Families, Healthy Community 5-Year Plan* to connect individuals and families to a range of community resources
- ▶ Reporting on progress made to maximize enrollment in public assistance
- ▶ Continuing to promote United Way 2-1-1's Community Resources 101 Training
- ▶ Convening exploratory meetings to start a Community Resource Coordinating Group for adults



Other on-going CAN activities

- ▶ [CANews](#), an email newsletter of events, research and other health and human service news, was published twice a month
- ▶ twitter.com/CAN_Austin more frequent updates of news, research and reports
- ▶ www.caction.org is updated regularly with
 - ▶ CAN partners' planning efforts
 - ▶ Latest research and reports
 - ▶ Agendas, minutes and presentations shared at Board and Community Council meetings
 - ▶ Community Events Calendar

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