

OUR COMMUNITY VISION

The first step in creating a community dashboard was to agree where we are headed together. CAN looked to the work of the Austin Equity Commission, the Central Texas Sustainability Indicators Project, and the Kirwan Institute's Geography of Opportunity project as well as other national reports to identify the issues that help shape a community's well-being. Throughout 2008, members of the CAN community identified collective goals for all people in our community. The dashboard indicators are designed to measure whether or not we are moving closer to this shared community vision.

WE ACHIEVE OUR FULL POTENTIAL

We have the education, skills and opportunities to achieve our full potential and lead meaningful, joyful lives.

We have adequate income, resources and supports to live independent lives.

OUR BASIC NEEDS ARE MET

We live in a community where the basic needs of all are met.

We live in affordable and stable housing with access to open space and public amenities.

We have safe, affordable, accessible and reliable transportation.

WE ARE HEALTHY

We live, work, learn and play in accessible, safe, clean and healthy physical environments.

We have adequate nutrition and achieve and maintain optimal physical and behavioral health.

We are free from abuse, neglect, crime, violence and injustice.

We respect and value diversity.

We are aware, socially connected, and contribute to our neighborhoods, individual communities, and the community at large.

WE ARE SAFE, JUST AND ENGAGED

We have the opportunity and willingness to lead by utilizing our talents, passions and interests to improve the community.

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The Austin Equity Commission released the report **"Improving the Odds: Increasing Opportunities in Austin"** in August 2001.

The **Central Texas Sustainability Indicators Project** tracks indicators on economics, education, health, environment and other quality of life issues for a six county area.

The Kirwan Institute conducted a **Central Texas Opportunity Mapping Initiative** in 2007. This geography of opportunity model acknowledges that indicators work together to impact the ability for individuals and families to succeed.

The National Association of Planning Councils released a 2005 report on **"Leading Social Indicators"** that communities can track to identify community needs and to measure progress in addressing those needs.