

# Using Local Information for Community Change

3RD ANNUAL SAVI USERS CONFERENCE



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## Save the Date! Announcing the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual SAVI Users Conference

Attendees of the 3rd Annual SAVI Users Conference will explore this year's theme *Using Local Information for Community Change* by learning from and interacting with nationally recognized speakers and local organizations that are using local information for strategic planning, emergency response, needs assessments, intervention strategies, guiding policy, neighborhood engagement, public health, and more. Mark your calendars and register today!

- When: October 2, 2007, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Where: Second Presbyterian Church  
[7700 North Meridian Street](#), Indianapolis, IN 46260
- Cost: Registration and Parking are Free
- Who Should Attend: Executives, program directors, evaluators, neighborhood and civic leaders, planners, and researchers who want to use local information to understand and improve their community.
- For more details: <http://www.savi.org/conference>

## Five Nationally Recognized Speakers to Present at SAVI Users Conference

This year's event features speakers from across the nation addressing the theme: *Using Local Information for Community Change*. They will share experiences in their communities using local information to understand: early childhood readiness, emergency response, foreclosures, and neighborhood engagement. You will have the opportunity to participate in dialogue around one of these issues as it relates to Central Indiana in a

breakout session you choose. Each session will be facilitated by a local sponsoring organization and will explore local implications and how SAVI as a local information resource can help Central Indiana address these issues.

- **Charles Bruner**, well-known author and Executive Director of the Child and Family Policy Center in Des Moines, Iowa will talk about the use of local information for early childhood readiness. His presentation will show both the neighborhoods where children are most at risk of starting school behind, what specific factors contribute to this risk, and how the use of this neighborhood data can be used to spur action.
- **Kathy Pettit**, Deputy Director of the National Neighborhood Indicators Partnership and Urban Institute researcher on housing and neighborhood information systems in Washington, D.C. will present nation trends and examples of how various cities are using local information systems for community change.
- **Denice Warren**, expert Web and information designer and Deputy Director of the New Orleans Community Data Center, will share stories of data use before, during, and after Hurricane Katrina.
- **John Stern**, expert in neighborhood engagement and Executive Director of the Neighborhoods Resource Center in Nashville, TN will present "Information – a Powerful Agent for Resident Led Community Change." His presentation will illustrate how neighborhoods in Nashville, Tennessee use local information to support neighborhood engagement by identifying and quantifying issues of concern, developing strategic plans, and improving neighborhood and community-wide decision making and actions.
- **Todd Clausen**, Coordinator of the Data Center program of the Nonprofit Center of Milwaukee, and **Michael Barndt**, specialist on public participation GIS (PPGIS), will present their analysis of home foreclosures in Milwaukee using innovative spatial analysis techniques and data pairings.

The agenda also includes: Why Place Matters; What's New in SAVI; morning breakout sessions on public health, human services planning, Google Earth and Google Maps for nonprofits; and an opportunity to network over lunch.

For presentation abstracts, speaker bios, and a complete agenda, visit the conference website at: <http://www.savi.org/conference>.



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