

Shaping Best Practices

CONNECTICUT'S EXPERIENCE IN OPEN DATA DEVELOPMENT TO IMPROVE OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN

WHO GETS TO FORMULATE THE QUESTIONS?
WHAT IS THE COMMUNITY ROLE IN SHARING RESULTS?

COMMUNITIES MATTER!

... as do PARTNERSHIPS between STATE AGENCIES, EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS and COMMUNITIES



CONNECTICUT DATA COLLABORATIVE

BRINGING DIVERSE PEOPLE and CONSTITUENCIES TOGETHER...

DISCOVERY 2013:
Supporting community collaboratives to PREPARE STUDENTS OF ALL RACES AND INCOME LEVELS TO BE READY FOR SCHOOL.

KNOWLEDGE IS NOT INHERENT IN THE DATA... BUT KNOWLEDGE ARISES FROM DIALOGUE AROUND THE DATA, AND WHO IS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE...

LESSONS LEARNED

- NETWORKS MATTER.
- VISIBILITY MATTERS.
- CHAMPIONS ARE CRUCIAL.
- SOMETIMES POLICY GUIDES PRACTICE... Sometimes the other way around.
- DON'T SWEAT TECHNOLOGY PLATFORMS... Be NIMBLE!

BUILD AGENCY-LEVEL PORTALS

Demand for DATA!

"WE SUBSIDIZED A LOT OF THIS."

HOW ARE WE DOING AT THE LOCAL LEVEL?

ASSESS: READING/LITERACY LEVELS
SUMMER LEARNING
ABSENTEEISM

Collaboration with and Support from PARTNERS:

- OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT
- COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS
- CHURCHES

RESULT-BASED ACCOUNTABILITY
"HOW ARE WE DOING?"
COLLABORATIVE THINKING

Look AT THE EXAMPLE OF NEW BRITAIN, CONNECTICUT!

20% of FIRST GRADERS were CHRONICALLY ABSENT!
Many ELEMENTARY-AGE STUDENTS were CHRONICALLY ABSENT...

Develop SCORECARDS...

Make ABSENTEEISM a HEADLINE ISSUE...

Equip communities with EXPERT-LEVEL RESOURCES

HIGH-SUPPORT ENVIRONMENTS... HANDS-ON TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ENGAGEMENT

WHAT CONTRIBUTES to absenteeism?
WE LOOKED at:

- DISTANCE from school and STUDENTS WHO WALK...
- POLICING and DISTRIBUTION of CITATIONS...

