

What we've done so far

Events

Regional equity
Early literacy
Springfield 2030 (MassINC/UMass Urban Institute)
Social investing and entrepreneurship
Breaking the Silence workshop series
Municipal indicators
UMass care sector research
Undoing Racism introduction
Mason Square Youth Ambassadors/Governor's office

Blog

29,032 views since 2/17/09
150-1,000 views per day
194 posts, 19 categories
6 contributors

Media clips

Regular section in El Sol Latino
Six additional placements in local media
NY Times blog (*Economix*)
NY Times letter to the editor

Fee-for-service projects

North End Coalition (assessment, strategic plan)
Holyoke Food & Fitness Policy Council
Hampshire Council of Governments (assessment, strategic plan)

Participation in other initiatives

Springfield Children's Zone/Promise Neighborhood
Springfield Wellness Leadership Council
Substance Abuse Policy Institute
Census Complete Count Committee
Amherst College (five colleges) January term course
El Sol Latino strategic alliance

Organizational milestones

Office space (x2), furnished, utilities
4 Amherst College summer interns
3 young people from NEFWC
Name change (PD to SI)

What should we aspire to do?

Collect and maintain demographic data

Springfield/Holyoke youth

The arts

More blog contributors, compensation for bloggers

Expand board, clarify roles and responsibilities

Explore SI/SPF/HSF consolidation

Dues system for higher ed

More fee-for-service and third-party funding

Outdoor film series?

Candidate workshops

Signs

Create vitality

Inspire

Set an example of performance, accountability, and transparency

Raise expectations

Cultivate and support emerging leaders

Import resources

Cultivate local capacity

Seek out underrepresented groups, transmit their stories

Renew local democracy