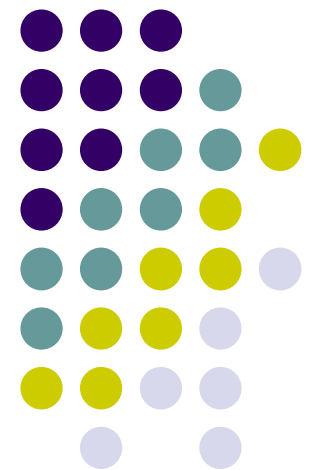


Making Connections Cross-Site Research

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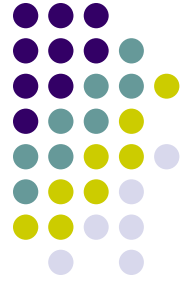


Commitment to Data Driven Decision Making



- **Little is known about:**
 - How low-income neighborhoods changing
 - How place-based programs actually work to effect change
- **Making Connections support for data and analysis – three levels, all 10 sites**
 - Local neighborhood information systems
 - National surveys and administrative data
 - Cross-site survey
- **Democratizing data (involving residents)**

MC cross-site survey: Information on many topics



- **Covers many characteristics and perceptions of neighborhood residents:**
 - Neighborhood connections and actions
 - Perceptions of services and amenities
 - Organizations and volunteerism
 - Family hardship
 - Income and assets
 - Demographics
 - Mobility
- **This briefing will focus on mobility and its implications**

MC cross-site survey unique: follows families & neighborhoods



- **Neighborhood snapshots:**
 - 2002, 2005, 2008
- **The only survey of low-income neighborhoods that tracks families that move**
 - (families with children only)
 - Tells you extent to which neighborhood change due to:
 - changes for people who stay, vs.
 - different kinds of families moving in and out