



Affinity Groups are designed to foster peer learning and sharing on specific topics within data-sharing and multi-sector collaborations. Affinity groups are participant-led and guided by subject matter experts and facilitators to support activities designed to explore topics of interest, facilitate connections, educate and share resources, and in some instances, provide technical assistance. At their core, affinity groups are designed to be a space for deeper conversations on a variety of topics related to collaboration, community engagement and data sharing. The topics selected for Affinity Groups have been elevated by members of the All In community over the past year.

View participant expectations [here](#).

Review the 2021 [schedule of activities](#).

2021 Affinity Groups

1) Accountable Communities for / of Health

Description: Accountable Communities for Health (ACHs) are multi-sector partnerships that bring together health care, public health, social services, residents and other local partners to address the unmet health and social needs of the individuals and communities they serve. The model is a fairly new collaborative model that emerged from the affordable care emphasis on prevention and population health. The ACH

model is not yet being implemented in every state and while there are differences, similar essential elements across the sites are: 1) shared vision, 2) sustainability 3) community partnerships 4) governance 5) data sharing 6) backbone organization 7) leadership 8) focus area and select interventions and 8) continuous learning.

Learning Goals: [PDF here](#)

Subject Matter Expert(s) & Facilitator(s): Dana Pearlman & Sue Grinnell Public Health Institute

All In Support Staff: Naomi Rich (she/her/hers), Program Specialist Public Health Accreditation Board Public Health National Center for Innovations (nrich@phaboard.org).

2) Behavioral Health / Substance Use Disorder Data

Description: The purpose of the Behavioral Health/ Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Data group is to navigate data sharing integration, analysis, intervention planning and anything else around substance use. Participation in this group is an opportunity for communities that are pursuing efforts to improve health to share successes and challenges and provide opportunities for shared learning on the following topics: cross-sector perspectives on Hep C, HIV, criminal justice, identifying use cases, clarifying regional priorities, navigating confusing treatment, recovery, drug use and initiation, and overdose prevention.

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Subject Matter Expert & Facilitator: Eric Hulseley (EHulseley@vitalstrategies.org)

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3) Community Indicator Dashboards

Description: The University of Pittsburgh Center for Social and Urban Research (UCSUR) is a hub for interdisciplinary research and collaboration focused on social, economic, and health issues most relevant to our society. UCSUR hosts the Western Pennsylvania Regional Data Center, which provides an inclusive community open data infrastructure, and provides support to an ecosystem of civic data publishers and users. The Drexel Urban Health Collaborative (UHC) focuses on generating data on health inequities to train urban health leaders and partner with communities, policy makers, and other stakeholders to reduce health inequalities and promote environmental sustainability. West Philadelphia Promise Neighborhood, a program out of the UHC, supports cradle to career opportunities for children living or attending schools in the West Philadelphia Promise Zone. Together, staff from the UCSUR and the UHC will draw on their experience supporting local collaborative data sharing efforts to facilitate an All In Affinity Group on community indicator dashboards.

Learning Goals: [PDF here](#)

Subject Matter Expert(s)/ Facilitator(s): Erikka Gilliam, MS, MPH, Data Manager, West Philadelphia Promise Neighborhood and Liz Monk, University of Pittsburgh – University Center for Social and Urban Research

All In Support Staff: Susan Martinez, MUP, Program Associate, Data Across Sectors for Health (DASH), Illinois Public Health Institute (susan.martinez@iphionline.org)

4) Centering Racial Equity throughout Data Integration

Description: This 6-part series will allow affinity group members to consider positive and problematic practices in centering racial equity through the 6-stages of the data life

cycle. Affinity group members will engage in conversation around the content in the [AISP Centering Racial Equity Throughout Data Integration Toolkit](#).

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Subject Matter Expert & Facilitator: Amy Hawn Nelson, Director of Training and Technical Assistance, Actionable Intelligence for Social Policy

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5) Developing Meaningful Measures by Centering Community Voice

Description: Although multi-sector data system integration can seem like a task reserved for data analysts or statisticians, the foundational work starts with conversations around understanding what people want to measure through data to show impact and improve outcomes. This affinity group is designed to support conversations around how to partner with community members and people with lived experience to develop, select, and use measurement in ways that reflect the strengths, priorities and vision of those directly impacted by the result of the data integration.

Learning Goals: [PDF here](#)

Subject Matter Expert(s) / Facilitator(s): Karen Frazier (kfrazier@air.org) and Stephen Hoy (stephen@pfccpartners.com)

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6) Leveraging Health and Housing Data Integration to Achieve Positive Outcomes for Vulnerable Populations

Description: The Health and Housing Data Integration Affinity Group seeks to advance knowledge around leveraging health and housing data, affordable housing, housing justice, child welfare, etc., in order to achieve positive outcomes for vulnerable populations in our communities. We will achieve this by elevating, amplifying, and disseminating expertise within the group, and by fostering conversations about innovative practices at the intersection of health and housing data.

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Subject Matter Expert(s) / Facilitator(s): Gabe Schuster & Kim Keaton, The Corporation for Supportive Housing

All In Support Staff: Susan Martinez, MUP, Program Associate, Data Across Sectors for Health (DASH), Illinois Public Health Institute (susan.martinez@iphionline.org)

7) Re-imagining Technology in Support of Cross-Sector Referral and Care Coordination

Description: This group will explore ways for communities to re-balance their relationship with technologies of resource referral and social care coordination. We welcome practitioners from healthcare, public health, government agencies, community-based organizations, and anyone attempting to facilitate cross-sector information exchanges with the intention of enhancing capacities for coordination of care.

Together, we'll explore alternatives to the paradigm of centralization – considering the possibility of healthy information ecosystems, in which institutions using different technologies to pursue different objectives can still cooperatively align around the same goals. Given two common objectives in the field – resource data exchange (i.e. service directories), and client data exchange (often implied in the context of “closed-loop referrals”) – we'll discuss equitable strategies that can balance innovation alongside

accountability while mitigating the risks of harm, through the active interplay of three critical elements of information ecosystems: standards, infrastructure, and governance.

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Subject Matter Expert(s) / Facilitator(s): Greg Bloom, Open Referral, & Yuri Cartier, Social Interventions Research & Evaluation Network (SIREN)

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8) United Way & 2-1-1 Partners

Description: This affinity group serves as a space for United Ways, 211s, and their community partners to connect, share, and learn from one another to strengthen partnerships, clarify roles and responsibilities, and establish a community of practice for UWs/211s engaged in data sharing collaboratives. When serving as community conveners, UWs/211s bring together diverse partners to equitable design local collaboratives, leveraging network expertise and insights. Through their resource directories and referral capabilities, 211s optimize proprietary data and infrastructure. This group fosters peer learning and sharing for those leading or working with United Ways and 211s involved in data sharing and multi-sector collaboratives and serves to clarify and share models of successful partner engagement for those collaboratives.

Learning Goals: [PDF here](#)

Subject Matter Expert(s) / Facilitator(s): Mary Miller, 2-1-1 Innovation, United Way Worldwide

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