Innovative New Tools for Identifying and Building Communities of Opportunity: Lesson for Public Policy

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Public policies intended to improve the health and well-being of disadvantaged communities require the ability to identify their specific location and conditions. Two new data and mapping tools developed by the UC Davis Center for Regional Change, the Regional Opportunity Index and Putting Youth on the Map, offer policy makers, businesses, and community organizations this ability.

The Regional Opportunity Index integrates data on economic, education, health, environment, housing, transportation, civic life and other factors to guide public and private investments to build thriving communities and regions. Putting Youth on the Map provides holistic place-based measures and is intended to help identify issues, mobilize action and hold decision-makers accountable for helping improve young people’s opportunities and outcomes.

This presentation will introduce these new tools and describe ways that leaders in public policy, planning, business, and advocacy sectors can use the tools to inform and inspire their work.

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