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The Polis Center at IUPUI works with our partners to define, measure, and improve community health, well-being, and resilience. Our strengths are in place-based research, analysis, collaborations, and advanced information technologies. Our focus areas include population health, community information, and environmental resiliency. By combining data and information technologies effectively across a variety of domains, we support research and analysis for better decision-making and help our partners advance policy and practice for the greater good of communities in Indiana. With our network of relationships, we can bring together disparate groups and interests to find common ground, multiplying the value of what we offer.

◊ We analyze local, state, and national data sources to understand social issues and how they impact communities. We build solutions that are grounded in data, research, and community process. We create online dashboards, profiles, maps, and decision-support tools to make data accessible and actionable. We provide strategic consulting and data analysis to guide decision-making, needs assessments, and planning.

◊ Our work with the health sector advances community wellness and supports the growing discipline of population health management. We combine and analyze clinical, social, and environmental data and create assessment and decision-making tools. In our collaboration with the public health and health care sectors, we curate an extensive collection of datasets on the social determinants of community health and resilience.

◊ We perform an important function in assessing different types of vulnerabilities and needs for local, state, tribal and federal government, the private sector, and nonprofits. We reinforce community efforts to prevent or reduce losses from natural disasters by combining geospatial analysis, modeling, and outreach activities. Our crisis informatics initiatives support disaster preparedness, mitigation, response, and recovery activities. We develop open source as well as Esri technology-driven information systems to explore the interconnectedness of people, place, community, information, and technology. We also design research to assess the physical, social and economic impacts of natural and environmental hazards.

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