

Empowering Community Change

Strategies to create healthy communities for people with disabilities through interactive online mapping

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Background

Research documents that social determinants of health such as poverty, poor quality of life, and low socioeconomic conditions significantly impact people with disabilities. Research has also shown that there is a clear relationship between problems with community accessibility and incidence of secondary conditions. One of the challenges in building healthy communities for people with disabilities is the many individual barriers that people face in their community. There is a need to provide people with disabilities a medium for being able to quickly and efficiently access all the resources in their communities.



Connections

Individuals of all abilities need up-to-date information on the accessibility of the environment to quickly and efficiently access all the resources in their communities. For someone with a physical, cognitive, or sensory disability, small environmental changes can have significant effects on the ability to use a community resource. Interactive mapping helps to connect the dots that build health communities for people of all abilities.

Users:

- Individuals with Disabilities
- Rehabilitation Centers
- Centers of Independent Living
- Disability Service Organizations
- General Public

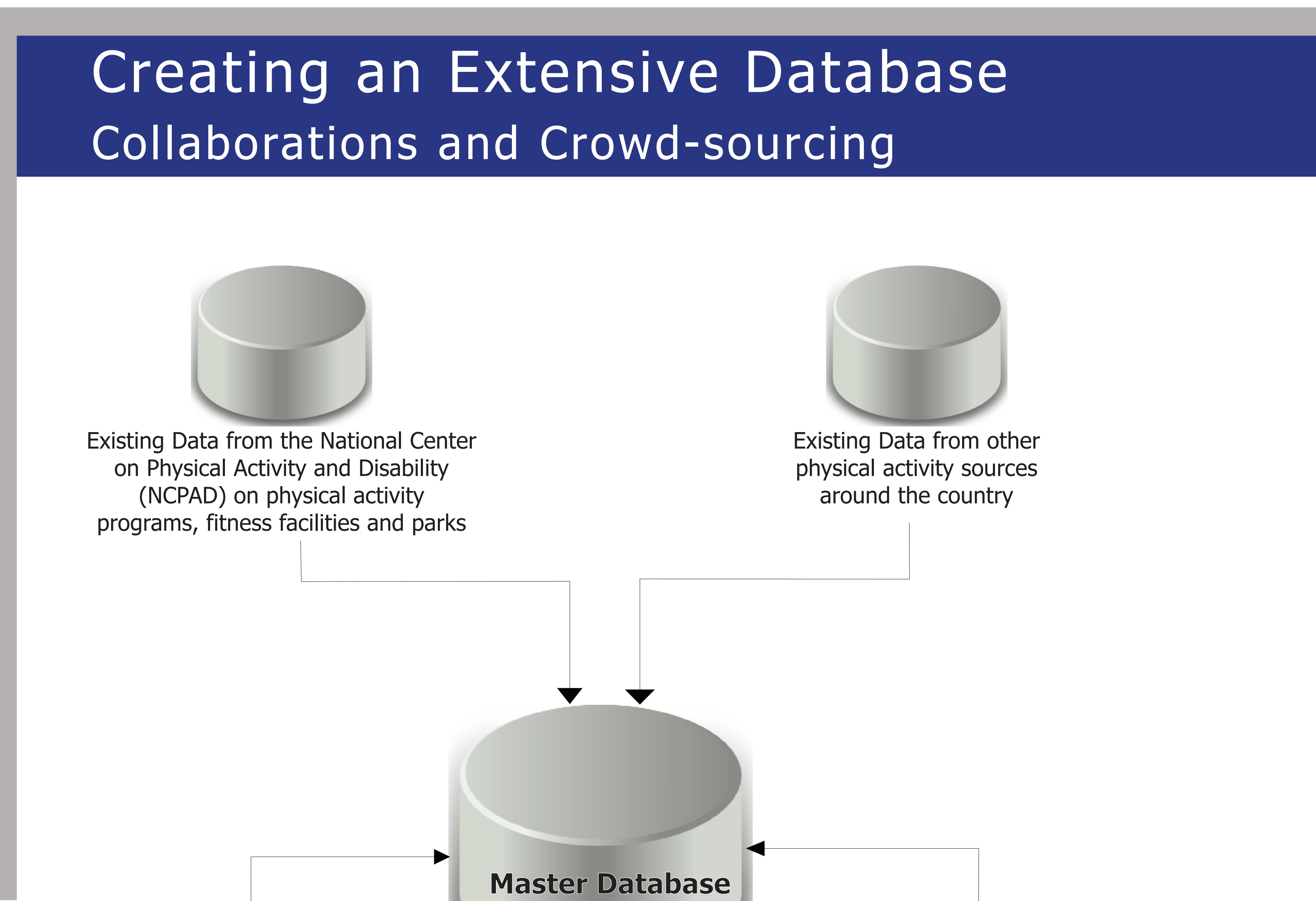
Asset Based Community Mapping

Inclusive Fitness Opportunities Across the U.S. by Location

- Abilities Expo
- Accessibility Consultation and Training Services
- Active Living Alliance for Canadians with a Disability
- Adventures Without Limits
- American Association for Physical Activity and Recreation (AAPAR)
- American Association of Adapted Sports Programs (AAASP)
- American Association on Health Disability (AAHD)
- American College of

Interactivity

This innovative portal uses a collaborative approach to depict the accessibility of local environments and make it easy for consumers to use resources in their community. These maps help to identify barriers and can help local organizations to focus on particular areas of need.



Healthy Community & Disability Mapping System

Indicators

- Demographics
 - Median Household Income
 - Employment Status
 - Race
 - Gender
 - Disability
 - Total Disability Population
 - Specific Disabilities
- Physical Activity
 - Accessible Fitness Center Proximity
 - # of Parks / 1000 persons
- Health Data
- Food Environment
- Transportation
- Built Environment

Search

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Previously viewed

Social Justice:

Examine geographic relationships between health, disability and environmental influences.

Compare areas to understand the current state of health and disability in communities around the country

Inform policy related to disability, physical activity, community participation and the built environment

Geo-Social Networking

An individual who is looking for an accessible fitness center and personal trainer can use the maps to find a facility to be active, and connect with trainers and staff that can help facilitate a safe program for her at that facility.

Meeting with staff

Touring the Facility

