The Charlotte Regional Indicators Partners Program is an initiative to form long-term strategic partnerships between the Institute and community organizations. The continued financial support from the multiple partners will collectively fund the research and outreach infrastructure necessary for sustaining this promising new model. This collaboration was initiated in January 2010 with the Council for Children’s Rights signing on as the first partner.

UNIVERSITY & COMMUNITY RESEARCH PARTNERSHIPS
A Symbiotic Relationship

The Institute
- A consistent source of funding from partners, which supports multiple research specialists
- Increased visibility of the Institute and the University in the community through co-branded research and reports
- Partners open doors for networking with other community organizations which can result in additional partnerships or projects
- Partners’ expertise results in highly relevant/applicable research
- Data collected for partners enhances and enriches the Institute’s Regional Databank

Shared Benefits
- Cost-Efficiency
- Quality Research
- Complimentary Expertise

Charlotte Community
- Facilitates community-level research that can ultimately improve quality of life
- The Institute’s Regional Databank will make data more accessible to individuals and other non-profits in the community
- The use of data and analysis by partner agencies brings a scientific perspective to issues facing our community, making calls for action more persuasive

Partner Agencies
- A rich, current, and accessible set of data that can be used in grant proposals and program evaluations
- A portal on the Institute’s website to access data with state of the art interactive tools
- Reduced need for an in-house researcher
- Expertise of the Institute’s research staff results in sound, reliable research and builds partners’ capacity for data and analysis
- Respect for and independence of the University and the Institute increases credibility of partners’ research and reports