



CHECKLIST

Using data to inform strategic priorities

You can use the checklist below to guide your approach to using data to identify priorities and drive decisions. Relevant resources are listed for each action.

Action	Resources
Develop a community vision <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Identify the “why” behind your work and state your aspirations. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider developing a logic model to inform the data-informed decisionmaking. <input type="checkbox"/> Use this vision to guide priorities, research questions, and strategies. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter 5: Identifying Strategic Actions for Systems Change (<i>Toolkit for Increasing Upward Mobility in Your Community</i>) • Creating a Community Vision Statement (worksheet) • Creating a Logic Model to Achieve Your Community’s Vision (worksheet)
Understand the factors that influence mobility from poverty in your community <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Explore your community’s mobility metrics in the Upward Mobility Data Dashboard. <input type="checkbox"/> Review and collect additional local data, as necessary. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter 4: Using Data to Gain a Shared Understanding of Local Mobility Conditions (<i>Toolkit for Increasing Upward Mobility in Your Community</i>) • Six Ways to Use the Mobility Metrics (guide) • How to Examine Your Mobility Metrics (guide and worksheet) • Case studies for how other communities are using the metrics
Identify and contextualize challenges. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Focus on specific barriers preventing progress. <input type="checkbox"/> Contextualize challenges using qualitative and community-engaged research. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter 5: Identifying Strategic Actions for Systems Change (<i>Toolkit for Increasing Upward Mobility in your Community</i>) • Community-Engaged Surveys: From Research Design to Analysis and Dissemination: Best practices for using surveys to collect community data
Determine research questions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Keep questions singular and actionable. <input type="checkbox"/> Iterate as needed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research Plan Essentials: Section C discusses how to write good research questions

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using Data to Understand Upward Mobility Conditions in Fresno, California: Includes example research questions
Identify the data you need <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Gather disaggregated data. ❑ Refine questions as you uncover deeper causes for challenges and inequities. ❑ Supplement national metrics with local sources, open data portals, qualitative research, and community-engaged data. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter 3: Engaging Community Members in Planning and Decisionmaking (<i>Toolkit for Increasing Upward Mobility in your Community</i>) • Obtaining More Local Data: State and local data sources that can be combined with the metrics for more robust insights into their mobility conditions • Navigating Data Challenges: Practical Strategies for Local Leaders (blog post)
Develop strategic priorities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Move broad goals to targeted interventions by identifying patterns. ❑ Revisit your logic model. ❑ Use data to guide the selection of specific, targeted policy and program interventions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selecting Strategic Actions for Your Logic Model (worksheet) • Cataloging Existing Interventions (worksheet) • Results for America Economic Mobility Catalog: Evidence-based strategies to improve upward economic mobility • All-In Cities Policy Toolkit: Actionable strategies for racial equity