



# Neighborhood Organizing Institute



Some members of the 2018 Neighborhood Organizing Institute

Those who live in the communities most impacted by systemic disparities are the experts on what our communities need. Many organizers and unsung community leaders do the work to meet these community needs despite being under-recognized and under resourced. The Neighborhood Organizing Institute (NOI), a joint project of the LCEC and Goodman Community Center, aims to connect, support, and lift up their work.

The NOI intentionally supports these organizers and community leaders as they build their own capacity to make their vision of a healthier community a reality. Since October 2015 has supported about 30 individuals to build skills, move their own projects forward and create connections across the city. They participate in monthly trainings and meet with NOI staff to connect with resources, analyze power relations, access community networks, and move their grassroots project forward.

NOI member projects range from organizing community gatherings (dinners, line dancing, summer evenings in the park) to creating spaces of mutual support and healing (for single mothers, teen boys, African American women) to organizing to influence specific decision-makers (landlords, funders).

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## Action – The Action is in the Reaction

Who do you want to react? (WHO)

Ourselves & our people

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versus

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Others & Decision-makers

What do you want them to do? (HOW)

Take a specific action

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versus

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Generally think/act differently

