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Social Network Analysis
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• **Background and Applicability:**
  • What is SNA?
  • How can it benefit IPS grantees?
  • How can SNA enhance
    • Prosecution?
    • Research and evaluation?

• **Presentations:** East Baton Rouge, LA + Shelby County, TN
• **Open Discussion**
• **Webinar wrap-up**
Previous Webinars

- **Webinar #1**: Introduction to IPS Project; Overview of Grantees’ Projects
- **Webinar #2**: Implementation Metrics
  - How research partners measure and evaluate implementation of IPS crime reduction strategies
- **Webinar #3**: The Researcher-Practitioner Partnership
  - Topics discussed include:
    - (1) Initiating and fostering partnerships
    - (2) Partnership successes
    - (3) Partnership challenges
    - (4) Sustainability

Webinar materials available online: [https://aequitasresource.org/singleinitiative/?initiativelId=%2013](https://aequitasresource.org/singleinitiative/?initiativelId=%2013)
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Poll Q 1: Have you had any past experience with SNA?

Poll Q 2: Do you plan to use/are using SNA on your IPS project?

Poll Q 3: If you are not currently utilizing SNA on your IPS grant, would you be interested in doing so?
Social network analysis is a method that shows the relationship between individuals, and how strong or weak these ties are.
Social Network Analysis:
Tool to Evaluate Relational Data
Types of information SNA can identify and measure:

- Identification and strength of relationships between individuals, based on:
  - Density
  - Centralisation
  - Indegree centralization
  - Outdegree centralization
  - Degree centrality
  - Betweenness centrality

Social Network Analysis: How SNA Identifies/Measures Relationships

Network Measures

Higher network importance = Higher betweenness

Ingram (2012), Visualising Data: Seeing is Believing
http://www.richardingram.co.uk/2012/12/visualising-data-seeing-is-believing/
SNA as an Investigative Tool: Enhancing Prosecution + Evaluation
IPS Grantee Presentation #1: East Baton Rouge, LA

How the IPS grant in East Baton Rouge, LA has utilized SNA
IPS Grantee Presentation #2: Shelby County, TN

How the IPS grant in Shelby County, TN has utilized SNA
Poll + Open Discussion
Webinar Wrap-Up

• Discussion takeaways from the webinar will be distributed.

• Webinar will be posted on the IPS webpage; link will be provided.

• Any topics or issues raised for further discussion will be researched.

• Final questions or comments from participants?

• Thank you!
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