

# PRESENTATION PROPOSAL

## MORE THAN A MAP: HOW GOVERNMENT AGENCIES ARE COLLABORATING ON GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION FOR BETTER PUBLIC SERVICES

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Abstract:	<i>See below</i>

### **Purpose of Program/Project:**

To expand access to evidence-based programs for people with arthritis in California.

### **Program/Project Description:**

CAPP contracts with the 4 Arthritis Foundation Chapters to work with community based organizations and train representatives to lead Arthritis Foundation Exercise or Self-management classes throughout California. Quarterly, the AF Chapters submit listings of program delivery sites, which are uploaded to Calarthritis.com, our web-based GIS. This visual, statewide overview of the availability and delivery of evidence-based programs for people with arthritis is being used to identify areas for program expansion, system partnership opportunities, and gaps in service delivery.

### **Implementation:**

CAPP has 3 years of program location data on the GIS. Prior to using GIS, we compiled a directory of programs, which appeared to represent comprehensive program delivery throughout California. However, after displaying program delivery sites over the last three years, CAPP and the Arthritis Foundations quickly determined that our current delivery model focused in the urban core areas of the Bay Area, Los Angeles, San Diego, and to a lesser degree, Sacramento.

### **Evaluation Results:**

Using GIS helped CAPP and the Arthritis Foundation Chapters recognize the need to establish partnerships for program implementation with community partners in counties that do not currently have programs for people with arthritis.