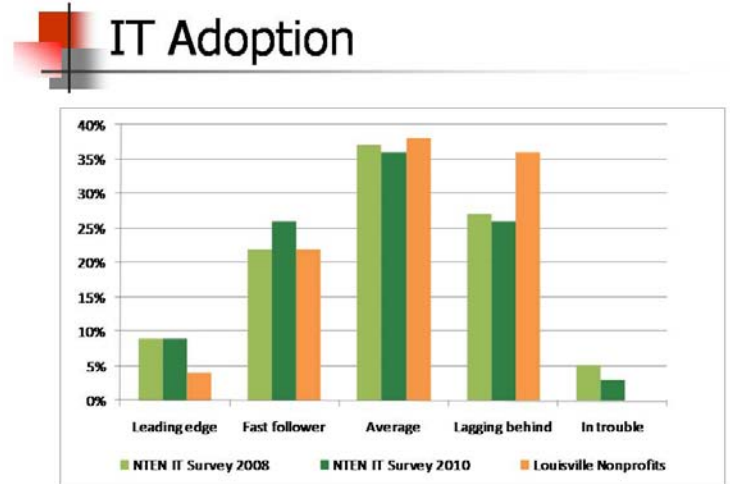


Improving IT Solutions for the Civic Sector

We have identified three ways to move forward. Your involvement, input and advice to help create a strategic and innovative approach to strengthen and improve IT solutions with and for our sector is very important and appreciated.

- 1) CNPE and the Nonprofit Innovation Center of U of L will conduct an IT Affinity Series that will provide guidance and facilitation so that groups will initiate a Strategic IT Plan, explore common solutions and expand the opportunity for multi-agency innovations. Click [here](#) to register or learn more.
- 2) Develop input and advisory channels with IT professionals, civic sector agencies and potential funders to explore models that can best advance civic sector IT solutions in our region, including the coordination of existing solutions.
- 3) Encourage 100 more agencies to complete the comprehensive survey to better determine current practices.



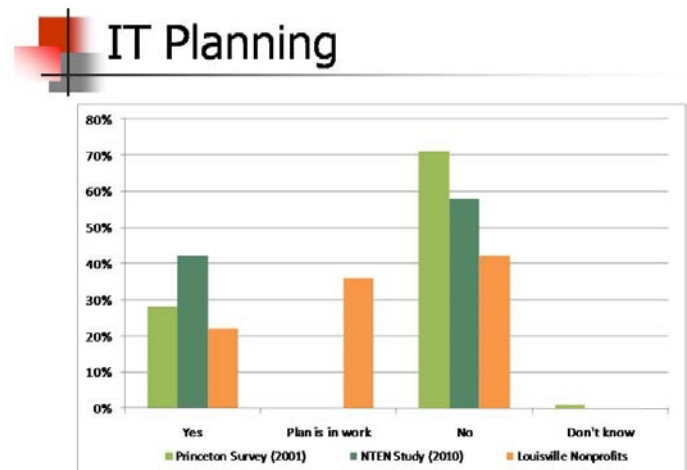
Where Are We?

Very early survey results (with 50 organizations responding) currently show that fewer of Louisville area organizations classify themselves as “leading-edge adopters” and more describe their status as “lagging behind” than its national counterparts relative to nonprofit technology adoption. Slower adoption in some fields can serve organizations well. In technology application, slower adoption often means missed opportunities for improving information management and business processes.

Although again, these are early data snapshots, but the number of completed IT strategic plans appears to be considerably behind the 2001 Princeton Survey and the 2010 NTEN Study. Many do report, however, that the plan is in process -- good news, and we can offer you assistance.

It is clear that one of the most effective first steps to improve the collective picture for IT solutions in the civic sector is to assist more groups develop IT Strategic Plans. As we do this, we want to

simultaneously explore common solutions and gain a better picture of local IT Practices.



In conclusion, please sign up for the IT Affinity Series to help you develop an IT Plan, complete the survey if you have not (click [here](#)) and encourage your colleagues to do the same and be prepared to offer input to our planning efforts for community-wide IT improvement for the sector.