

# Glossary

## **Census Tract (CT)**

are small, relatively stable geographic areas that usually have a population of 2,500 to 8,000. They are located in census metropolitan areas and in census agglomerations with an urban core population of 50,000 or more in the previous census.

## **Community Mapping**

a process that uses mapping computer software to create maps to visually display the community's socio-economic characteristics, distribution of local community's resources and services.

## **Demographic Map**

A thematic map depicts a statistical characteristics of human population. Commonly used demographics include age, gender, race, disabilities, income, mobility, educational attainment, home ownership, and employment status.

## **High Needs Schools**

are characterized by different factors, such as interrelated student, teacher, community factor, large percentage of students who are second language learners, or students who come from single parent or low-income families, or students who move frequently from school to school.

## **Need Map**

are maps which statistics come from government, non-profit agencies and community organizations provide information related to need.

## **Resource Map**

provides information about human service agencies (services and programs) or resources.