Welcome!
The webinar will begin at 2PM EST
Can Housing & Community Development **Really** Improve Health Outcomes?

Part 1: Healthy Communities

September 1, 2015
WebEx Logistics:

- The webinar will be recorded

- Q&A
  - WebEx chat function
  - Email questions to kgreen@nw.org

- For other technical questions contact kgreen@nw.org
Through grants, training, and technical assistance, NeighborWorks America supports the efforts of NeighborWorks member organizations and the community development field to develop healthy homes and communities.
Intersection of Health, Housing, & Community Development:

Level 1: Housing and Community Development Promote Health
- Stable Affordable Housing
  - Stable, affordable housing improves health outcomes
- Community Stabilization
  - Example: Elimination of vacant lots and blight

Level 2: Integrating Health Principles into Housing and Community Development
- Healthy housing
  - High-quality, safe housing improves health outcomes
- Healthy Community
  - Example: Access to healthy foods & exercise opportunities

Level 3: Integrating the Health Care System into Housing and Community Development
- Housing as a Platform for Service Delivery
  - Example: Home-visiting for pregnant and post-partum mothers
- Community-based health services
  - Example: Youth violence prevention workers

Working Together for Strong Communities®
83% of organizations provide services that unite health, housing, and community development.

- Healthy Homes: 75%
- Food: 64%

**HEALTHY COMMUNITIES**

A Survey of the NeighborWorks Network

Exponential Impact

- Connecting Health Housing & Community
- NeighborWorks® America

- Health Services: 63%
- Community Engagement: 53%
- Physical Activity: 52%

Data represents responses from 232 NeighborWorks America network organizations.

Source: [A Survey of the NeighborWorks Network](#)
Why engage in health?

“A child’s life expectancy is predicted more by their ZIP code than their genetic code”

The NeighborWorks Network is deeply committed to health equity & compelled to action by the profound health disparities impacting the residents of the 4,400 communities we serve.

#HealthyCommunities
New Orleans, LA

Source: VCU Center on Society and Health

Working Together for Strong Communities®
1) **Ruth Lindberg**, Health Impact Project

2) **Julie Trocchio**, Catholic Health Association

3) **Chris Krehmeyer**, Beyond Housing

4) **Arthur Chaput**, NeighborWorks Umpqua

5) **Q&A**
Ruth Lindberg is a senior associate for the Health Impact Project, a collaboration of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and The Pew Charitable Trusts, designed to promote the use of health impact assessments (HIAs) and support the growth of the field in the United States. In this role, she assists in managing and conducting HIAs on proposed federal-level policies and programs.

Before joining the Health Impact Project, Ms. Lindberg served as a program manager for the National Center for Healthy Housing, where she led an HIA of a proposed freight intermodal facility in the state of Maryland and provided technical assistance support to healthy housing practitioners across the country. She also worked as the outreach and education coordinator for the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program at the Rhode Island Department of Health, where she initiated and managed the Rhode Island Healthy Housing Collaborative and led the development of a hands-on training program for local nursing students in healthy homes assessment.
Incorporating Health into Housing and Community Development Decisions: Health Impact Assessment as a Tool

Ruth Lindberg, Health Impact Project
The Health Impact Project

- A collaboration of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and The Pew Charitable Trusts
- A national initiative designed to improve health by promoting and supporting the use of health impact assessments as a decision-making tool
Housing Matters to Health

Quality | Affordability

Location | Community
Key Points about HIA

- Conducted to inform a specific decision
- Broad analytic framework
- Collaboration with stakeholders
- Pragmatic
- Focused on solutions
What Topics Have HIAs Addressed?

- Built Environment: 34%
- Transportation: 21%
- Natural Resources & Energy: 14%
- Agriculture & Food: 9%
- Housing: 7%
- Education: 5%
- Labor & Employment: 4%
- Other: 6%
Case Study: Manufactured Housing

Location: Curry County, OR
Decision: Informed a proposed pilot project
Findings: Replacing older homes could significantly improve residents’ physical and mental health
Outcomes:
- Almost 3,000 residents eligible for assistance
- New design standards
## Other HIA Examples

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<td>Informed decision-making regarding a community redevelopment project</td>
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The Value of Considering Health

Build community and decision-maker buy-in

Leverage partnership opportunities

Reduce unit turnover and the substantial associated costs
How to Get Started

• Review available online tools
• Reach out to national HIA experts and organizations that support HIA practitioners
• Attend a training on how to conduct an HIA
How to Get Started (continued)

• Identify a housing decision where HIA could add valuable health information

• Use existing data sources to examine the project’s potential connections to health
  - See 2015 Enterprise Green Communities Criteria 1.2a and 1.2b

• Identify a local health practitioner to partner with
# HIA Resources

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Thank you!

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Julie Trocchio is senior director of community benefit and continuing care for the Catholic Health Association of the United States (CHA). She coordinates CHA activities related to planning and reporting community benefits and leads CHA advocacy on the charitable purpose of not-for-profit health care. She also coordinates CHA programs and advocacy related to the well-being of aged and chronically ill persons in need of long term care and home and community-based services.

Prior to joining CHA, Julie was director of standards and quality for the American Health Care Association. She has held nursing positions in acute care, long term care, public health and school health programs. She earned a bachelors degree in nursing from Georgetown University and a master’s degree in community health nursing from the University of Maryland.
Health, Housing, and Community Development

NeighborWorks America Webinar
September 1, 2015

Julie Trocchio
Senior Director, Community Benefit and Continuing Care
Catholic Health Association
Objectives

- To connect health and housing
- To suggest ways to work with hospital community benefit programs
Hospital Legal Requirements

- 1956 – Financial Ability Standard
- 1969 – Community Benefit Standard
- 2008 – IRS Form 990, Schedule H for Hospitals
- 2010 – Affordable Care Act
- 2014 – IRS Rules
Community Benefit - Process

- Build an infrastructure
- Assess community need – mandated
- Plan for community health improvement – mandated
- Evaluate effectiveness – mandated
- Tell the community benefit story
Community Benefit - Definition

A program or activity must respond to a demonstrated health-related community need and seek to achieve at least one community benefit objective such as:

- Improved population health
- Increased access to health
Is Improved Housing “Health”?

- Hospitals petitioning IRS to recognize
- If evidence, can report as community health improvement
Is There Evidence?

- Poor/unsafe housing can cause poor health
- Poor/unsafe housing can aggravate poor health
- Poor health can lead to inadequate housing
How to Interface with Hospitals?

- Leader to leader
- Staff to staff
- Existing community committees
- Common interests – can we help solve each other’s problems?
Trends in Community Benefit

- Moving from random acts of kindness to strategic thinking
- Moving from silos to collaboration
- Moving from counting to evaluation
- Moving toward public health collaboration, approaches and tools
- Moving toward community partnerships
Chris Krehmeyer

Chris Krehmeyer is currently the President/CEO of Beyond Housing, a Neighborworks America organization in St. Louis, Missouri. He has served in that capacity since 1993. Beyond Housing currently has over 80 full time employees, a budget of almost $17 million and controls assets worth nearly $100 million. The organization delivers its mission by producing and managing serviced enriched affordable rental housing, operating a Homeownership Center, engaging in a comprehensive Community Building Initiative called 24:1 and leading the region’s Foreclosure Intervention Work. The strategic vision of Beyond Housing is to make entire communities better places to live.

Chris has or currently sits on a variety of boards including Midwest Bank Centre and Midwest Bank Centre Holding Company, Community Builders Network of St. Louis, University of Missouri’s Not-For-Profit programs, is board chair of the national Home Matters movement and is the former chair of the National NeighborWorks Association Board. Chris has been an adjunct faculty member at Washington University teaching a class in social entrepreneurship and recently taught at Webster University teaching a class on not for profit mergers, alliances and collaborations.
BEYOND HOUSING

helping entire communities become better places to live
We believe that Home Matters™

But there is more to a home than just the house. It’s about the life that happens in and around that house, that fuels and draws out the best of the people within it.
We focus on all aspects that make up a thriving community in targeted geography of Normandy School District, including education, housing, health, jobs, and economic development.
Context

Figure 17. Life expectancy at birth by ZIP code

24:1 Footprint Demographics
- Population: 36,000
- $33,500 ave household income
  (compared to $57,700 in STL Co)

Normandy School District Demographics
- Approx. 3,000 students
- $22,908 ave household income
- 98% African American
- 93.6% students receive free/reduced lunch
- 31% of families functionally homeless
- 57% mobility rate
- 19.8% unemployment rate

Source: For the Sake of All
Helping communities become **stronger**, **healthier**, and more **vibrant**

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Where you live affects access to healthy food

- 1st grocery store in Pagedale in over 20 years
- Opened in July 2010
- Sales up 25% in 2014 since 1st full year of operation
- Launched grocery store transportation in 2015
- Will launch in-store healthy eating and shopping education in Fall 2015
Healthy Schools Healthy Communities

Initiative to reduce childhood obesity in partnership with school district

- Over 30 Coalition partners engaged
- 13 early childhood and 3 after school centers participating
- Over 250 training hours provided to childcare providers
- Includes
  - 24:1 Produce Stand Program
  - Healthy Internship Program
  - Cooking Matters
  - Transportation to grocery store and physical activity programs
  - Park improvements
  - More
- Funded by Missouri Foundation for Health
Healthy Cooking and Nutrition

- Partnership with Operation Food Search and residents to lead healthy cooking classes and demos
- Over 700 participants in 2015
- 10 residents trained to lead programs
Healthy Internship Program

• 10 teens employed

• Led healthy eating and physical activities for 50 youth at Freedom School summer program

• Projects included gardening, leading park activities, produce stand, and more
24:1 Produce Stand Program

- Launched Summer 2015
- Over 500 customers
- Embedded in existing community events, including Back to School
- Sell produce from community gardens and local farm
- Combination of for sale, voucher, and produce bag giveaways
- Incorporate resident volunteers and HIP Interns
Passport 2 Health

• Free fitness classes for 24:1 residents, 6 days a week

• Over 260 members participating in over 5000 hours of activities
Programming increases access to bicycles and education around bicycle safety and repair.

Over 60 residents have earned bicycles.

Partners: Trailnet, St. Louis Bicycle Works, MFH.
Walking Clubs
Over 40 registered walkers

Redbird Rookies
200 children participating in free summer softball league

Destination Healthy Community and 5K
Annual health fair and 5K, connecting health resources to 24:1 residents; over 400 attendees
St. Vincent Greenway

• 7 mile biking and walking trail; partially completed, expected to finish connection by 2017

• Engaged residents on alignment, design, and activities

• Host community events and programs to promote use of Greenway
For the Sake of All Recommendations

1) Invest in quality early childhood development for all children
2) Help low-to-moderate income families create economic opportunities
3) Invest in coordinated school health programs for all students
4) Invest in mental health awareness, screening, treatment and surveillance
5) Invest in quality neighborhoods for all in St. Louis
6) Coordinate and expand chronic and infectious disease prevention and management
Key Partners and Resources

- Missouri Foundation for Health
- Washington University in St. Louis
- University of Missouri-St. Louis
- Operation Food Search
- Trailnet
- Great Rivers Greenway
- City of Pagedale
- Normandy Schools Collaborative
- 24:1 Healthy Communities Coalition
- Pagedale Determined Committee
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Arthur joined NeighborWorks Umpqua in August of 2012 as an AmeriCorps VISTA. As a VISTA, he worked to advance the organization’s sustainability initiatives and Community Development goals, focusing especially on the Resident Services department. He organized the Trash to Treasure cleanup in the Mill-Pine neighborhood, which brought area residents together for a community recycling drive.

As Housing Rehabilitation Supervisor, Arthur coordinates repairs to single-family homes across our three-county service area. His duties include program management, fundraising, grant reporting, and fund tracking. Starting in the spring of 2014, he helped kick off ReHome Oregon, a home repair, rehabilitation, and replacement program focusing on Curry County.
ReHome Oregon

PILOT PROJECT TO REPLACE MOBILE HOMES AND TRAILERS WITH ENERGY EFFICIENT MANUFACTURED HOUSING
Curry County, Oregon

• 22,000 people—Less dense than Nebraska

• Per-capita income ~$18,000; 13% below Fed poverty line; 35% over age of 55

• 3,800 Curry Co. families live in manufactured homes*—30% of which have serious health- and safety-related problems

• Health impacts attributable to these homes include:
  • Respiratory problems (#1 cause of hospitalizations in Curry Co.)
  • Tripping hazards—holes in floor
  • Accessibility problems for disabled
  • The homes are expensive to heat—often more expensive than a much larger stick-built home.
Curry County, Oregon

Coastal Oregon is a temperate rainforest where the rain comes in sideways. Winds are routinely gale force.

This picture is from just last Saturday in Port Orford; winds of a Category 2 Hurricane, 90 – 100 mph but it doesn’t even make the news.
Current Housing Conditions
Health Issues

Five Broad Categories of Impact

- Chemical
- Biological
- Physical - Energy
- Building and Equipment
- Social
Chemical

- High prevalence of carbon monoxide
- Volatile Organic Chemicals
- Second hand smoke
- Lead
- Asbestos
- Formaldehyde
Biological

- Presence of Rodents and disease vectors (fleas)
- House dust mites
- Cockroaches
- Failed septic and unsafe drinking water: TB and bacterial illnesses
- Mold and associated allergens
Biological - Mold
Physical – Energy

- Poor Energy Efficiency
- Radon
- Noise
- Inadequate light and ventilation
- Fine particulates in the home
Physical – Energy and Weather Tightness
Building and Equipment

- Tripping hazards from rotten floors and stairs,
- Water penetration from leaks and failed plumbing
- Broken ducts and heat loss
- Poor or non-existent weatherization or insulation
- Rot and pest infestation lead to weakness in structural integrity
Social

- Overcrowding
- Mental health (e.g. Depression or stress, lack of confidence)
- Poor nutrition from food insecurities; affects children's development, school attendance and behavioral problems
Health impacts attributable to these homes include:

- Respiratory problems (#1 cause of hospitalizations in Curry Co.)
- Cardiovascular and chronic heart diseases
- Injuries and falls from holes in floor, uneven stairs, missing porches
- Skin and health impacts from asbestos and lead
- Diseases from vectors (rats, fleas, mosquitos)
- Fire risk
- Stress
Health impacts attributable to these homes include:

- Accessibility problems for disabled and elderly
- The homes are expensive to heat—often more so than a much larger stick-built home.
- Most septic systems have failed, many collapsed with open cesspools in yard (no pictures of these)
What we’re replacing them with
Specs

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<td>6” eaves fr/back</td>
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<td>7/16” OSB roof sheathing</td>
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<td>2x6 floor joists min, 16” o.c.</td>
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<td>19/32” tongue and groove OSB floor sheathing</td>
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<td>Foundation-ready floor framing and chassis—all steel chassis components recessed 8 to 10 inches from floor edges</td>
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<td>Cement board fascia and soffit</td>
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<td>30 yr Architectural shingles, hand tabbed for coastal applications</td>
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<td>3/8” min cement board siding</td>
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<td>Whole house wrap</td>
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<td>Window and door flashing</td>
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<td>Belly band cement board and flashed, when used</td>
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<td>4 in. cement board window trim and cement board trim at corners and any other locations</td>
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<td>Paint: semi-gloss, “25 year” grade</td>
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<td>36” six panel fiberglass doors, with brushed nickel lock set w/ deadbolt</td>
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<td>Ceiling fan in LR and master bed</td>
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<td>Indoor whole house water shutoff</td>
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<td>Double bowl kitchen sink, stainless steel</td>
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<td>Metal faucet</td>
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<td>2 frost free hose bibs (front, back)</td>
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Per-Home Budget—Single Section

Base price: $34,709 + Upgrades $7,833 = $42,542

Transport, set-up, and site-work: $22,942

Deconstruction of old home & septic $7,400*

Well and/or Septic Clearance: $1,943

Well: $10,500

$96,977

Septic: $11,650

SUB TOTAL: $73,000+ for single-wide, 2 bedroom home

*After testing ($950), it was determined that this home has no asbestos hazard. If asbestos had been found, abatement would have cost an additional $5,000.
Replacement Candidates

- **25** own their land
- **12** Total in progress

- 69 total inquiries

**Apps sent**: 25
- **No response**: 4
- **Withdrawn for...**: 1
- **Withdrawn for fear...**: 9
- **Rehab conversion**: 1
- **RD 502 Package in...**: 4
- **Pre-lending phase**: 1
- **Lending Approved**: 3, 2
### Roadblocks--Replacement

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<td>Septic &amp; well inspections; $2,000 each per home</td>
<td>Add this cost to the final mortgage</td>
<td>In progress—but we need to ensure client will qualify before paying.</td>
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<td>Septic and/or well repair; $10k-20k each. Most homes will need</td>
<td>• RD 504 (if under 50% AMI)</td>
<td>• Works, but timing difficult</td>
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<td>Lack of willingness for mortgage</td>
<td>Prove that this is affordable</td>
<td>1st completion will build trust. Also, used homes?</td>
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<td>Appraisal problems; LTV too low</td>
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<td>• “Build our own comps”</td>
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<td>• Appraisals do not reflect energy efficiency upgrades</td>
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<td>• Reduce install cost—Curry County is expensive (Use one model only? Drop perm found?)</td>
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<td>High percentage of MFH in parks—hard to reach those outside</td>
<td>Radio, print, Craigslist, Facebook, door-to-door, posters</td>
<td>Ongoing, but could use more ideas</td>
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## Roadblocks—Repair

(Our waiting list for repairs in parks is nearly 50 clients long)

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<td>CDBG process is long and involved</td>
<td>Keep pushing</td>
<td>Ongoing. Sec.3 and LEP done; enviro review ½. Sec. 504 compliance will take time.</td>
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<td>Can’t spend more than 50% value of structure with typical CDBG</td>
<td>Expanded environmental review allows up to 75%. Called “Major Rehab.” This is new to both NWU and OBDD-IFA</td>
<td>Ongoing. Expected complete 6 weeks. Expanded 8-step process is in progress.</td>
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<td>At 75% of value of structure, many cannot be helped due to HQS. There will be a great many we have to turn away.</td>
<td>Secure additional funding? Help families move out of parks onto new lots with new homes?</td>
<td>Any ideas? Is there a way around HQS?</td>
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<td>Misinformation among park residents</td>
<td>Hold more meetings at the parks. Reply carefully to all calls.</td>
<td>Getting better.</td>
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<td><strong>For non-park rehab, so many applicants owe back taxes</strong></td>
<td>Can NWU help set up pymt plan?</td>
<td>Right now, we must deny loans to clients owing taxes.</td>
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Q&A

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Tools & Resources

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Working Together for Strong Communities®
County Health Rankings & Roadmaps

HOW HEALTHY IS YOUR COMMUNITY?

Search by county or state

See what affects health

Choose a state to begin

How healthy is your community?

How can Roadmaps to Health help you?

Get step-by-step guidance from the action center

RWJF Culture of Health Prize

Work together for strong communities

American Institute of Planing
Toolkit for Communities Using Health Data

How to collect, use, protect, and share data responsibly

New Toolkit Designed to Help Communities Use and Share Data Responsibly

When communities use data effectively, there is a better understanding of the overall health of citizens, the challenges facing the community, and clearer opportunities for future success. Read more

Browse all Commons articles.
Community benefits are programs and services designed to improve health in communities and increase access to health care. They are integral to the mission of Catholic and other not-for-profit health care organizations, and are the basis of tax exemption. For nearly 20 years, CHA has been a leader in the community benefit field, helping not-for-profit health care organizations fulfill their community benefit mission.

A Guide for Planning & Reporting Community Benefit

2012 Edition

Recommended

- National Public Health Week (April 6-12) Infographic
- Order A Guide for Planning and Reporting Community Benefit
- What Counts Q&A
- IRS Form 990 Resources
- Assessing and Addressing Community Health Needs
- Community Benefit Reflection
Connecting the Dots: A Healthy Community Leader’s Guide to Understanding the Nonprofit Hospital Community Benefit Requirements

Imagine a healthy community as a connect-the-dots landscape painting. Each “dot” has its place and purpose: affordable housing, a vibrant economy, safe streets and public transportation, a high quality public education system, easy access to fresh food and safe recreation, and a healthcare system that provides both preventative and responsive services. When connected as designed by “artists” – community developers, business owners, school administrators, urban planners, traffic engineers and health professionals – the dots become a vibrant work of art that is a healthy community.

Today, we stand before a huge canvas with the challenge to collaborate on a shared vision for something creative and grand, as well as practical and effective – a healthy community.
Health Impact Assessment Helps Families Replace Unsafe Manufactured Housing

June 17, 2015 | Health Impact Project

A recent health impact assessment in Oregon is helping low-income families replace substandard manufactured homes that can contribute to serious health risks.

HIA Boosts Prison Alternatives

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HIAs in the United States Map:
Build Healthy Places Network:

Working at the Intersection of Community Development and Health

Watch Our Video
Learn About the Network

Working Together for Strong Communities®

NeighborWorks®
AMERICA
Health

Through grants, training and technical assistance, we support the efforts of NeighborWorks member organizations and the community development field to develop healthy homes and communities. Through community-driven programs and design practices, we engage and serve residents across the lifespan, including infants, children, and older Americans. Our work includes:

- Making homes healthier, by reducing asthma triggers and remediating lead hazards.
- Creating fruit and vegetable gardens and community-supported agriculture.
- Helping seniors stay healthy in their own homes.
- Building sidewalks, playgrounds and parks to exercise in.
- Cleaning up vacant lots and other environmental hazards.
- Making homes and communities more accessible to individuals with disabilities.
- Helping community residents to identify and take action on local health problems.
- Enhancing community safety through proven violence prevention strategies.

Healthy Communities: Full video

A tale of three cities working together for healthier communities. Watch to learn what our network members are doing in Roxbury, MA (Medison Park Development Corporation), St. Louis, MO (Beyond Housing) and Lowell, MA (Coalition for a Better Acre)
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Thank You!

Stay tuned for Part 2: Healthy Homes on Tuesday, October 6th from 2PM-3PM EST

“First Tuesdays” #HealthyCommunities