



Choice Neighborhoods

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Promising Practice Guide: Resident Voices in Neighborhood Revitalization

HUD's Choice Neighborhoods office, in partnership with the Center for the Study of Social Policy, released a [Promising Practice Guide](#) that tells the stories of two resident leaders who actively represent their neighbors, foster strong social networks, and educate their peers as their communities are undergoing large-scale neighborhood revitalization. In their own voices, Uzuri Pease-Greene from San Francisco and Jocquelyn Marshall from New Orleans share insights into how they became leaders in their neighborhoods, how they have reached out to a diverse range of community members, and how they have used their voices to represent the priorities and perspectives of their neighbors. Their paths to leadership can serve as lessons for other community leaders and stakeholders seeking to identify, grow, and support strong resident leadership in support of neighborhood change.

Milwaukee Choice Neighborhoods Video

On September 28, 2015, the City of Milwaukee and the Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee received a \$30 million Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant. The grantees recently released a [video](#) that describes their community's efforts and vision for the Westlawn neighborhood. The video premiered at the Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee's [annual meeting](#), which was held at the community park in Westlawn Gardens. The event also included a breakfast block party, remarks by Mayor Tom Barrett, and recognition of individuals who have worked to improve quality of life for residents. Do you have a Choice Neighborhoods video? Share it by posting the link to the [Choice Neighborhoods Peer Exchange](#) group on LinkedIn!

Comcast Offers Low-Cost Internet for up to 2 Million HUD-Assisted Households

HUD's [ConnectHome](#) initiative and Comcast recently [announced](#) an opportunity for up to 2 million HUD-assisted households to access low-cost, high-speed internet service. Comcast is offering internet for \$9.95 per month for individuals and families with HUD-assisted housing (including Public Housing, Housing Choice Vouchers, and Multifamily housing programs) who live in a Comcast service area. Families can learn more and see if they qualify for the internet service, called Internet Essentials, by applying [here](#).

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

FY 2016 Promise Neighborhoods Competition

The Department of Education (ED) through the Promise Neighborhoods program announced the availability of \$30 million in funding to improve educational and developmental outcomes for students in distressed neighborhoods. Eligible applicants include certain nonprofits, institutions of higher education, and Indian tribes. Promise Neighborhoods grants provide support for the implementation and coordination of comprehensive services ranging from early learning, K-12, to college and career, including programs to improve the health, safety, and stability of neighborhoods. The competition has a competitive preference priority focused on Quality Affordable Housing for applicants or an applicant's partner who received a Choice Neighborhoods or HOPE VI grant. ED anticipates awarding 5-7 grants of \$4-6 million each per year for up to 5 years. For more information, click [here](#). Applicants must apply through [Grants.gov](#) by September 6, 2016.

EVENTS AND TOOLS

Recorded Webinar: Innovative Strategies for Economic Development

Smart Growth for America released [Amazing Place: Six Cities Using the New Recipe for Economic Development](#), a report that looks at how six cities are using smart growth and placemaking strategies to gain a competitive edge. The case study examples—Boise, ID; Denver, CO; Greenville, SC; Minneapolis, MN; Nashville, TN; and Pittsburgh, PA—represent a diversity of geographies, locations, population sizes, industries, and development challenges. Despite their differences, all of these cities are using smart growth development to successfully attract new companies and new residents. View a [recorded webinar](#) about the report.

Resource Guide on Two-Generation Approaches

The Department of Education's [Place Based Initiative Pilot Team](#) has recently released a resource that focused on [Two-Generation Approaches](#). Two generation approaches consider the needs of both vulnerable children and parents, together, in the design and delivery of services and programs to support improved economic, educational, health, safety, and other outcomes that address the issues of intergenerational poverty. Developed by [Jobs for the Future](#), this document is intended to provide local communities and practitioners with an overview of the research, best practices, and resources available to stakeholders interested in two-generation approaches.

Resource Guide on Youth Workforce Development

The U.S. Department of Education's Place Based Initiative Pilot Team and [Performance Partnership Pilots](#) has recently released a resource guide focused on [Youth Workforce Development](#). Developed by [Jobs for the Future](#), this document is intended to provide local communities and practitioners with an overview of the research, best practices, and resources available to stakeholders interested in youth workforce development.

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

Evaluation of School-Based Wrap-Around Supports

Child Trends' [Making the Grade: Assessing the Evidence for Integrated Student Supports](#) (ISS) evaluates the effectiveness of school-based approaches to coordinate wrap-around supports for students and their families that target both academic and non-academic barriers to learning. The report describes key components of ISS models and summarizes the existing research on wrap-around supports. The evaluation finds emerging evidence for ISS and large returns on investment from three studies. A [Brookings Institution Post](#) recently featured this study as well as other new research on ISS.

Youth Summer Job Programs: Aligning Ends and Means

The Brookings Institute recently published a paper entitled [Youth Summer Job Programs: Aligning Ends and Means](#), which explores how local governments, practitioners, funders, and others can strengthen summer youth employment programs. The paper summarizes research showing which program design and implementation elements can help ensure youth programs achieve their intended outcomes.

Creating a Re-Entry Housing Program in Public Housing

The Department of Housing and Urban Development has recently released a guide on re-entry and public housing entitled, [It Starts with Housing: Public Housing Agencies Are Making Second Chances Real](#). The publication describes steps to create your own housing program for people leaving prisons and jails to return to their communities and provides case studies from several housing authorities.

Section 3 Outcomes

The Department of Housing and Urban Development released a report highlighting Section 3 outcomes, titled [Section 3: Connecting Low-income Residents with Opportunity](#). The report presents 2012-2015 data on economic opportunities provided for local low-income persons in the form of jobs and training and contracts awarded to businesses that substantially employ those persons.

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