

Nighborhood Networks: Good for Residents, Good for the Community, and Good for You

While residents may benefit the most from the programs and services offered at a Neighborhood Networks center, the benefits of opening a center extend far beyond its property lines. Residents, property owners and managers, community partners, and the community at large all reap the rewards of an onsite, multiservice learning center.

Rewards to Residents

A Neighborhood Networks center provides residents with convenient access to programs and services that can help them improve job skills, further their education, and become economically independent. At a Neighborhood Networks center:

- Adults can receive job training, education, and support services.
- Children and youth can participate in afterschool programs that offer academic enrichment, skills-building, and safe recreational activities.
- Seniors can access health programs and social services, receive computer training, and participate in social activities.
- Residents with disabilities can access programs and services that enable them to maintain healthy and productive lives, as well as increase activity and social interaction.

Return on Investment for Owners and Managers

The money property owners and managers spend on creating a center often proves to be a wise investment. Neighborhood Networks centers:

- Make a property more attractive to both potential and existing residents. Potential residents are more likely to choose to live at a property that offers more than the standard amenities, and existing residents are more likely to stay. This means lower vacancy rates and tenant turnover.
- Decrease security and upkeep costs. When owners and managers demonstrate their pride in their property by investing in it, residents often reciprocate by developing a greater sense of community pride and having a greater interest in the future of the community.

Perks for Partners

By supporting the efforts of a Neighborhood Networks center, local businesses, corporations, and organizations connect with the community whose support is critical to their success. Neighborhood Networks partners:

- Gain greater access to targeted populations.
- Improve the economic health and vitality of the community.



- Help train a potential labor force with skills that meet the evolving needs of area employers.
- Strengthen community relations and meet their philanthropic commitments.
- Increase awareness of their organizations within the community.

Creating a Community Resource

Neighborhood Networks centers have a positive ripple effect that reaches the entire community. A center improves the quality of life for individuals and the entire community by:

- Providing residents of surrounding communities with access to resources, programs, and services for adults, children, youth, seniors, and people with disabilities.
- Equipping people with the skills necessary to compete in today's marketplace and take a more active role in community activities.
- Decreasing the incidents of crime and vandalism by providing access to employment opportunities and promoting community involvement.



For More Information

For more information on Neighborhood Networks, visit the Neighborhood Networks Web site at www.NeighborhoodNetworks.org, or call the Neighborhood Networks Information Center toll-free at (888) 312-2743. The hearing impaired may access the number via TTY by calling the Federal Information Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.