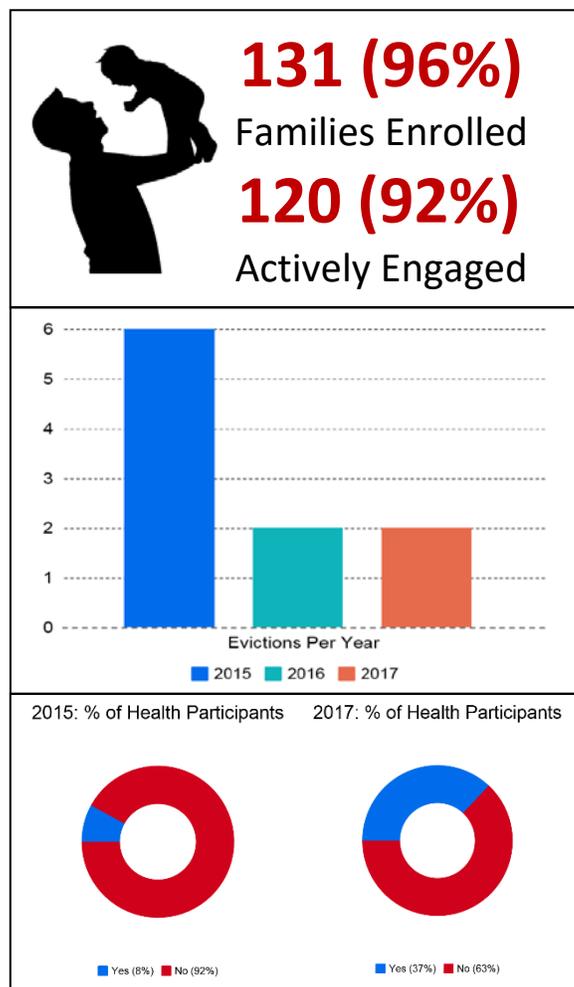


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Like neighborhoods in so many other American metropolises, the Larimer/ East Liberty community has experienced severe inequality as a result of the concentration of poverty. The construction of the Hamilton-Larimer and East Liberty Gardens developments segregated residents from resources and opportunity – trends that have continued well into the modern day. Because of the Choice Neighborhood Implementation grant awarded in 2013, Larimer/ East Liberty has experienced positive and measureable change that has improved the neighborhood's livability and opportunities for all residents, new and returning. Recent results Urban has tracked include:



Enrolling and Sustaining Families in Case Management:

Larimer/ East Liberty participants in case management services are actively engaging in the programs that Urban has established. Of the 137 household eligible for case management through Choice, 131 (96%) are enrolled. Moreover, 120 (92%) of those eligible households actively participate in case management.

Promoting Housing Stability:

A key part of Choice Neighborhoods is ensuring that residents are safe and stable. Urban works closely with residents and building management to ensure that families avoid the upheaval that comes with housing instability. In the last quarter of 2015 alone, 6 residents at Larimer/ East Liberty were evicted. Thanks to Urban's work and presence, only 4 residents were evicted in two full years from 2016 to 2017.

Improving Health & Wellness:

Urban is encouraging residents to live healthier, more active lifestyles and eat more nutritious food. At the onset of the Choice grant, only 8% of residents participated in health and fitness programming. That number has skyrocketed to 37% in only two years. More residents are also now utilizing new counseling and mental health services.

Our Experience with Choice Neighborhoods

Urban Strategies partners with a diversity of stakeholders in nine Choice Neighborhoods sites to create and implement comprehensive neighborhood plans with a focus on human service needs. We owe our success with Choice Neighborhoods to our commitment to using a **Results-Based Accountability** framework that governs our approach to service delivery. We are using data to constantly measure and improve our programs for children and families in real time. Using our **LEARN (Learning for Effective Actions to Revitalize Neighborhoods)** performance measurement system, Urban continuously builds evidence on what works best for the more than 30,000 families we serve. We aim to further build upon early successes with Choice to realize our organizational vision that **"All families are stable and thriving"**.

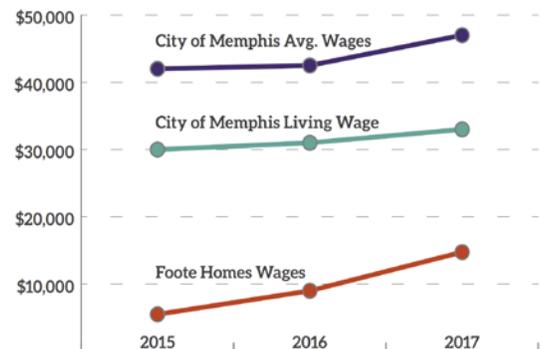
URBAN STRATEGIES, INC.

Urban Strategies, Inc. is a non-partisan, national not-for-profit organization with extensive experience in the design and implementation of human capital building and community development strategies. **Urban supports more than 30,000 families, totaling 100,000 individuals, in 24 unique communities located in 12 major metropolitan areas.**

This year, Urban celebrates our 40th anniversary as an organization serving parents and children through a diverse portfolio of human capital transformation efforts – forty years of leading place-based strategies with residents and partners that capitalize on inherent strengths of communities to transform neighborhoods and improve the capacity of local human service systems. Some of our most impactful accomplishments include:

Accelerating Family Economic Mobility

Urban is dedicated to leading efforts to find families jobs, keep them employed, and increase their wages. One of the most powerful examples of the impact of this work can be seen in Memphis, where we successfully helped **increase families' wages by more than 200% in just two years**. Urban has supported 1,307 households through workforce development, health and wellness, and youth empowerment initiatives.



Leadership on Major Federal Programs

Urban Strategies has served a leading role in the implementation of major federally-funded initiatives in 12 major metropolitan areas. This work includes:

- Overseeing more than \$40.5 million in support services funding for families impacted by Choice in nine unique communities;
- Planning and coordinating Community Support Services in 12 HOPE VI communities; and
- Assisting with the coordination and implementation of a Byrne Criminal Justice Initiative grant.

The Strategic Alliance

Urban Strategies has partnered with the **Center for the Study of Social Policy** and the **National Initiative on Mixed-Income Communities at Case Western Reserve University** to help improve, accelerate, and better track the progress of efforts to develop thriving and equitable mixed-income communities. The Alliance is forming a network of cities to collaborate as thought leaders to drive new policies, financing strategies, and accountability frameworks to improve the mixed-income field.

