River District - Railyards

Though the River District – Railyards neighborhood is located just north of the affluent downtown of Sacramento, the community has faced years of isolation and disinvestment. River District – Railyards, including the Twin Rivers housing development, has faced high levels of exclusion for the past 70 years.

Improving Health & Wellness: USI advocates for enhancements to local systems, like better access to transportation resources, while also working to expand the network of medical resources available to families. For example, in just two years we have helped increase the percentage of residents connected with appropriate care to manage a chronic health condition by 11%. This is critical to a community where 52% live with a chronic condition.

Accelerating Gainful Employment: Families in Twin Rivers are averaging $30,000 dollars per year. USI is partnering with local stakeholders to get residents employed by connecting them to job training and workforce development programs, aligning efforts with the Transformative Climate Communities, the local Promise Zone work group, and maximizing employment retention.

Propelling Educational Success: USI work has produced gains in children 0-4 years of age are “Ready to Learn”, school-aged children/ youth are proficient in Math, Reading and English Language Art; college and career readiness for high school students and improved on-time graduation; and connection to tutorial and after school/out of school program services to improve academic proficiency.
Our Experience with Choice Neighborhoods

Urban Strategies partners with a diversity of stakeholders in twelve 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”**.