Eastside
San Antonio, Texas

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Wheatley Courts

After World War II, the Eastside Neighborhood and Wheatley Courts public housing development within the community suffered from a dramatic exodus of citizens into the surrounding San Antonio suburbs. Disinvestment in the neighborhood occurred steadily into the present-day.

74% of children are in positive youth development

Promoting Housing Stability: A key part of Choice Neighborhoods is the relocation of public housing residents that takes place. USI strives to bring back all families who wish to return to the new and improved homes and amenities in the community. To-date, Eastside has seen a 46% return rate.

71% of able-bodied adults are employed.

Accelerating Gainful Employment: Through strategic case management led by USI, Wheatley Court residents have already made tremendous strides in securing gainful employment. Between 2013 and 2017, the number of able-bodied residents 18-65 years old who had full-time employment steadily rose by 171%, from 14 to 38. When combined with residents in part-time positions and in training programs, there has been a 32% increase in employment overall. 92% of residents successfully complete training programs they enrolled in.

88% of residents have access to Primary healthcare

Propelling Educational Success: Eastside youth ages 6-17 have seen tremendous gains in educational opportunities since the implementation of Choice. From 2014 to 2017, the percentage of children in youth development programs has increased from 18% to 74%.

46% of residents have returned to their community
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”.