Concentrated poverty

LocalHousingSolutions.org includes guidance on policies that communities can use to strengthen the resources available in high-poverty neighborhoods and address concentrations of poverty.

Brief: Strengthening the resources and opportunities in high-poverty neighborhoods

Compelling evidence indicates that growing up in high-poverty neighborhoods has negative effects on children’s life chances. Research has also shown significant improvements in adults’ mental and physical health after moving from high-poverty neighborhoods. This brief describes several approaches that local jurisdictions can use to address concentrations of poverty depending on available resources and neighborhood characteristics. Read the brief

Selected local housing policies

- Low-Income Housing Tax Credit
- Rental assistance demonstration
- Housing Choice Vouchers
- Mobility counseling for housing voucher holders
- Landlord recruitment and retention
- Enforcement of fair housing laws
- Code enforcement
- Lead abatement
- Tax incentives for the maintenance and rehabilitation of unsubsidized affordable rental properties

Related content

- Resources on community development
- Policy guidance: In funding or developing dedicated affordable housing units, should cities focus on large-scale development or scattered-site development?
- Issue brief: Affirmatively furthering fair housing
- Issue brief: Developing mixed-income housing
- Explore external resources for concentrated poverty