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

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**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