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Mr. Austin Evers
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RE: Freedom of Information Act Request
FOIA Control No.: 19-FI-HQ-01100

Dear Mr. Evers:

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated and received on April 25, 2019. You asked for copies of the following information from March 2, 2017, through the date of the search:

1. Records sufficient to identify all open and operating Department of Housing and Urban Development EnVision Centers.
2. Records sufficient to identify all confirmed partner organizations for each open or planned HUD EnVision Center and the services these partner organizations are providing or will provide.

Your request is granted in full. Enclosed are copies of documents responsive to both items of your request.

I am the official responsible for this determination based on information provided by the Department's Office of Policy Development and Research. You may appeal this determination within 90 days from the date of this letter. If you decide to appeal, your appeal should include copies of your original request and this response, as well as a discussion of the reasons supporting the appeal. The envelope should be plainly marked to indicate that it contains a FOIA appeal and be addressed to:

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If you have any questions regarding your request, you may contact me at (202) 402-4315. Thank you for your interest in the Department's programs and policies.

Sincerely,

Eugene McGirt

Eugene McGirt
Government Information Specialist

Enclosures

EnVision Center Locations

Envision Center	Address
San Diego, CA	South Career Metro Center 4389 Imperial Avenue San Diego, CA 92113
Hartford, CT	Parker Memorial Community Center 2621 Main Street Hartford, CT 06120
Washington, DC	Southwest Family Enhancement and Career Center 203 N St SW Washington, DC 20024
Chicago, IL	A Safe Haven Foundation 2750 West Roosevelt Road Chicago, IL 60608
Kansas City, KS	Miracle Temple EnVision Center Site 2106 Quindaro Blvd. Kansas City, KS 66104
Bowling Green, KY	Bowling Green Housing Authority, Family Learning Center 247 Double Springs Road Bowling Green, KY 42101
Detroit, MI	Diggs Community Center 1047 Canfield Detroit, MI 48207
Detroit, MI	Durfee Innovation Society 2470 Collingwood Detroit, MI 48206
Inkster, MI	4360 Hickory Inkster, MI 48141
Kansas City, MO	aSteam Village 1600 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard Kansas City, MO 64108
Hickory, NC	Western Piedmont Council of Governments - Regional Housing Authority 1880 Second Ave. NW Hickory, NC 28601
Grand Forks, ND	LaGrave Learning Center 832 4th Ave S Grand Forks, ND

Envision Center	Address
Phillipsburg, NJ	Phillipsburg Housing Authority 530 Heckman St. Phillipsburg, NJ 08865
Youngstown, OH	Rockford Village 1402 Dogwood Lane Youngstown, OH 44505
Choctaw Nation, OK	** Mobile service providers 511 Nanih Waiya Poteau, OK 74953
Philadelphia, PA	Vaux Community Building 2300 Master St. Philadelphia, PA 19121
Ft. Worth, TX	Martin Luther King Community Center 5565 Truman Drive Ft. Worth, TX 76112
Spokane, WA	Spokane Resource Center 130 South Arthur Street Spokane, WA 99202

EnVision Center Federal Partnerships

EnVision Center Location	Federal Agency	Service/Program Provided
Bowling Green, KY	US Department of Agriculture (USDA)	Assist the Housing Authority of Bowling Green (HABG) EnVision Center with implementing a USDA-funded After School Feeding Program. Meals are being prepared by the school and are being transported to the children by the HABG daily.
Bowling Green, KY	Department of Education (DOE)	Bowling Green City Schools is preparing the meals for the USDA at-risk feeding program after-school for resident children. They also provide transportation to after-school Why Try Mentoring Program.
Bowling Green, KY	Department of Education (DOE)	Warren County Public Schools provides a master level teacher in the summer and transportation to their after-school program.
Bowling Green, KY	Small Business Administration (SBA)	Western Kentucky University (WKU) Small Business Development Center provides workshops on starting a small business and one-on-one counseling to those residents interested in starting a small business and in providing ongoing support for small business owners.
Bowling Green, KY	Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)	Through the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Human Services, the REACH (Resident Income and Employment Program) program has been funding Welfare to Work programs for the residents of HABG since 1997.
Hickory, NC	Department of the Treasury	In partnership with Goodwill, the Regional Housing Authority is offering free tax help through the Internal Revenue Service's (IRS) Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program to people who generally make \$54,000 or less, persons with disabilities, and limited English-speaking taxpayers needing assistance in preparing their tax returns.
Hartford, CT	US Department of Agriculture (USDA)	TBD; kickoff meeting to discuss role USDA-FNS can play will be held 12/13/18.
Hartford, CT	Small Business Administration (SBA)	Provide information on small business programs at EnVision Center Workshop series in Spring 2019.
San Diego, CA	HUD	HUD is assisting the San Diego Housing Commission, San Diego Workforce Partnership, and the City of San Diego in creating programming for the EnVision Center. The Housing Commission, through their Achievement Academy, and the Workforce Partnership are creating an intake process to assess individuals needing

assistance. They are also working to strengthen and build new relationships with service providers to provide a full suite of services. To date, this EnVision Center team has won \$70,000 from two bank foundations to support the EnVision Center.

Bowling Green, KY	US Department of Agriculture (USDA)	Assist the Housing Authority of Bowling Green (HABG) EnVision Center with implementing a USDA-funded After School Feeding Program. Meals are being prepared by the school and are being transported to the children by the HABG daily.
Youngstown, OH	Corporation for National and Community Service	Provide capacity building for the Rockford Village EnVision Center through the AmeriCorp VISTA program.
Youngstown, OH	Small Business Administration	Working with SBA staff on Job Fair, Section 3 Workshop and additional community support in 2019.
Life Remodeled – Detroit	IRS	Tax preparation assistance
Life Remodeled – Detroit	Social Security	Donated 13 computers
Life Remodeled – Detroit	Department of Labor (Job Corps)	Sending students to the EC facility for cross training in early December
Inkster, MI	Social Security Administration	Donated six computers
A Safe Haven – Chicago, IL	Department of Veterans Affairs	Provides onsite services for homeless veterans
A Safe Haven – Chicago, IL	Department of Defense Department of Labor	Provides support for Veterans stand-down events

Status of EnVision Centers

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Region I

Hartford:

Current status

- Open at Parker Memorial Community Center (PMCC); Opening preceded EC designation in June 2018.

Current partners

- City of Hartford (COH)
- Housing Authority of the City of Hartford (HACH)
- Catholic Charities (CC)
- Over 60 additional partners involved

Target population

- Residents within a mile radius of the EnVision Center location

Current or planned services

- Current
 - CCs currently offers services designed to promote positive parent/child interaction
 - Parent advocacy/leadership development opportunities
 - Basic needs and social support
 - Health and wellness
 - Adult education
 - Child care for parents utilizing services at the center
 - Family Enrichment Services home visiting program.
- Planned
 - COH plans to offer nightly workshops that will be themed around the 4 pillars
 - COH also plans to staff a Navigator on site who will help residents identify on- or offsite services to address their needs.

Philanthropic Engagement

- Hartford's primary philanthropic engagement thus far has been with CC via its grant from the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving (HFPG). CC's Family Center at the PMCC is part of the Brighter Futures Initiative of HFPG. Led by a parent advisory group and in collaboration with the COH, the Family Center at PMCC educates parents on topics ranging from promoting literacy development in their children to financial management through programming in core areas specially designed for parents of young children.
- CC currently provides direct services at PMCC as noted above. The Family Center also collaborates with other community providers and provides families with information on community resources and workshops on a variety of topics including parenting, health

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and nutrition, HUSKY health insurance, child development, child care, money management, cultural diversity, as well as other topics requested by parents.

- Hartford is currently working on a *potential* EnVision Center partnership with Third Sector Capital Partners (TSCP), a nonprofit advisory firm, in creating a system at the PMCC that would focus on incentivizing improved education/workforce outcomes for young mothers and wellbeing outcomes for their families in the EnVision Center target area and the North Hartford Promise Zone. Prudential Foundation has suggested that this engagement with TSCP may lead to supporting future phases of the work, on top of the \$50,000 they have committed in initial services via TSCP.
- The *potential* engagement could resemble the following:
 - **Phase I:** Accelerator Assessment and Roadmap (14-weeks).
 - **Future Phase II:** Build and Launch Outcomes-Based Contracts (6-12 months).
 - **Future Phase III:** Scale across NHPZ and City of Hartford (1-3 years).
- Additionally, Hartford is poised to engage with the local philanthropic affinity groups, mainly those which have funded its Youth Service Corps in past years, but are waiting to flesh out the TSCP/Prudential project before doing so.

Region II

Phillipsburg

- Waiting on information from the Regional Office

Region III

Washington D.C.

Current status

- Open; June 26, 2018. Secretary Carson visited for the grand opening.

*Current Partners**

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| • A Wider Circle | Active |
| • A& E Collective | Referral |
| • Alliance to End Strong | Scheduled |
| • BB&T | Referral |
| • Bread for the City | Active |
| • Building Futures | Active |
| • Byte Back | Active |
| • Capital City Mambo Sauce | On-Call |
| • Capreit | Referral |
| • Career Team | Referral |
| • Carry Coleman | Active |

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• Central Union Mission	Active
• Clifton Larson Allen	Scheduled
• Community Family Life Services	Referral
• Davis & Davis Advisors	Referral/On-Call
• DC Central Kitchen	Referral
• DC Credit Union	Referral/On-Call
• DC Department of Behavioral Health (DBH)	Active
• DC Department of Employment Services (DOES)	Active
• DC Department of Small & Local Business Development (DSLBD)	Scheduled
• DC Infrastructure Academy (DCIA)	Active
• DC Solar Project	Referral
• DC-Re-Engagement Center (OSSE)	Referral
• Department of Human Services (DHS)	Active
• Donohue Development Company	Referral
• Dress for Success	Active
• Far Southeast Family Strengthening Collaborative (FSFSC)	Referral
• Friendship Place	Referral
• Generation	Scheduled
• Guidewell Financial Solutions	Referral/On-Call
• Job Corps	Active
• Latino Economic Development Center	Active/On-Call
• Little Lights	Referral
• Living Classrooms	Active
• Melwood	Referral
• Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE)	Referral
• Ramunda Young Incorporated	On-Call
• ReMax Distinctive	Active/Scheduled
• Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington	Active
• Sasha Bruce Youthworks	Referral
• Sherwin Williams	Active/Scheduled
• Smart from the Start	Referral
• So Others Might Eat (S.O.M.E.)	Active
• TD Bank	Referral/On-Call
• The Love Dynasty Catering	On-Call
• Thrive DC	Active
• Training Grounds	Referral
• United Planning Organization	Referral

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • University of the District of Columbia Community College • University of the District of Columbia Community College • US Probate Office • US Vets • Ward8Works • Washington Area Community Investment Fund • Work Safety Lab • Yaay Me • YMCA | <p>Referral</p> <p>Active</p> <p>Active</p> <p>Referral</p> <p>Referral</p> <p>Referral</p> <p>Active/Scheduled</p> <p>Referral</p> <p>Referral</p> |
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Current or planned services

- Family Wrap-Around Services
- Blueprint Reading
- Financial Literacy
- Pre-Apprenticeship Training
- Digital Literacy
- Entrepreneurship
- Education/Employment
- Workforce Development
- Food Handler's Certification Training
- Family Wrap-Around Services
- Digital Literacy
- Family Wrap-Around Services
- Financial Literacy
- Mental Health
- Training/Employment
- GED program
- Medicaid, SNAP, TANF & Re-Certifications
- Professional Attire
- Case Management
- Workforce Development/Employment
- Employment/Workforce Development - special needs
- Workforce Development - youth
- Painting Certifications
- Housing Assistance
- Agriculture Workshops/Training
- Expungement
- Financial Literacy
- OSHA Certifications/First Aid & CPR Certifications

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- Overall Health & Wellness

Philadelphia

Current status of EC

- Finishing renovations for partners to occupy space.

Date of opening or expected date of opening of the PHA Workforce Center

- April 1, 2019; awaiting final approval from HUD

Current partners:

- Clarifi
- Philadelphia Youth Network
- Temple University
- Big Picture Philadelphia
- Reach to Employment (don't know who this entity is) No clue either let's remove
- District 1199C Training & Upgrading Fund
- Philadelphia OIC
- Community College of Philadelphia
- West Philadelphia Skills Initiative
- Santander Bank
- Intercultural Family Services
- Philadelphia School District

Target population:

- PHA residents
- Sharswood Neighborhood
- Vaux Big Picture High School Students (and families)
- Section 3 Eligible Community Members

Current or planned services:

- FSS
- Section 3
- Homeownership
- Resume development
- Youth and young adult employment services
- Re-entry employment services
- ESL employment services
- Connection to Adult Basic Education and GED Services
- Job Placement Services
- Workforce Individualized Career Pathway planning - including wrap around supports and referrals

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- Financial Literacy
- Employer engagement
- Digital Literacy

Region IV - Awaiting additional information from the RA/DRA

Bowling Green –

Health & Wellness

- Mobile Grocery Store – a refurbished 34 passenger bus with shelves, generator, cooler, freezer, AC, etc. The bus makes stops in neighborhoods who are labeled a food desert or are low-income. Partners include, Broadway United Methodist Church, First Christian Church, United Way of Southern Kentucky, Warren Co. Public Schools, local churches and many other community partners.
- WKU Kinesiology & Recreation Department provides a weekly program called Bingocize for elderly disabled residents. Residents perform chair exercises while playing Bingo
- BG City Schools provides a meal for after-school participants during the school year and also during the summer
- Med Center Health provides a monthly class on health and wellness to residents
- Partners with the Warren County Conservation District for the Housing Authority of Bowling Green (HABG) Greenhouse to produce plants for garden, kids are able to see firsthand about produce and its production
- Calvary Baptist Church sponsors Calvary Cares food bank which provides food to over 200 families per month
- Partners with WKU mobile unit for flu shots and wellness checks, such as blood pressure checks, blood sugar checks, and other screenings
- Partners with Barren River District Health Department to provide health education classes
- WKU Nursing Department provides health education classes
- WKU Dental Hygiene Department assists with dental screening and referrals
- Commonwealth Health Free Clinic provides discounted health services for those with no insurance
- Warren County Extension Office educates limited resource families with young children as well as other low income adults on how to plan nutritious meals on a limited budget, acquire safe food handling practices, improve food preparation skills and change behavior necessary for a healthy lifestyle
- Feeding America's Second Harvest provides 126 commodity boxes delivered monthly to residents doors

Character and Leadership

- P.O.W.E.R. G (Police Officers with Educated Responsible Girls) is a partnership with Bowling Green Police Department. Fifteen female officers from the department volunteer 2 times a month with a group of 20 teenage girls to provide a positive mentoring relationship. Bi-weekly activities include fitness, volunteering, making healthy choices, etc.

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- Black Men United is a mentoring group of professional black men mentoring young boys
- HUD's Father's Day Initiative provides opportunities for fathers (or men in the community) and families to connect and ensure positive effects on children's health, development, and well being
- Independence Bank adopt a class in the After-school program
- Empowerment classes for FSS participants

Educational Advancement

- Partners with United Way of Southern Kentucky to provide funding for the after-school and summer program
- Partners with Warren County Public Library to provide educational enrichment activities and a book exchange program
- Partners with The Gatton Academy of Mathematics and Science in Kentucky provides 24 tutors per week to assist with homework assistance
- In partnership with WKU and Dollar General Corporation to provide a literacy center to help adults whose first language is not English, those needing to improve their literacy skills to get into the GED program, and basic adult literacy skills to help meet daily reading and writing demands
- SKYCTC provides basic work-related ESL classes on site at the Housing Authority of Bowling Green
- Student with a Goal (SWAG) camp at WKU provides a college experience camp for teens
- Partners with Bowling Green Independent School System to provide transportation to after-school program and open communication with teachers and staff
- Partners with Warren County Public Schools who provide a Master Level teacher during the Summer Enrichment Program as well as transportation and open communication with teachers and staff
- WKU TRIO program provides academic tutoring, personal counseling, mentoring, financial guidance and other support necessary for educational access and retention. Assists with post-secondary education opportunities for participants.
- Southcentral Kentucky Community and Technical College (SKYCTC) provides educational opportunities as well as personality screening for participants
- WKU Paralegal Studies Department assists with Family Law and Estate Planning
- Community Action of Southern Kentucky provides parenting skills classes

Economic Empowerment

- Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) coordinator and Community Initiatives Director will continue to work with residents on job search, resume writing, interview skills, etc.
- Partners with Kentucky Legal Aid, Southcentral Kentucky Workforce Development Board and Clean Slate Kentucky on expungement
- HABG Reach Higher Welfare to Work Program is a six-month job training program providing 30 hours of paid work experience per week at a rate of \$7.25 per hour in lieu of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) benefits. Participants are required to attend four hours of unpaid job and life skills training per week. The grant is funded through the Kentucky Works Grant through The Department of Community Based Services

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- Live the Dream homeownership program provides one on one counseling for home purchase
- Edmonton State Bank provided \$7,500 for Financial Literacy training for all ages program participants
- Partners with the WKU Small Business Development program to provide small business training classes
- Sherwin Williams Homework Program was created to support communities through training individuals the proper way to paint a home. The skills gained by the students provides them with an opportunity to find work with painting contractors. The program also offers a certification in lead-based paint. Sherwin Williams takes on all finances for the program.
- Partners with WKU to continue providing a Daycare located at our Bryant Way complex
- Hancock Bank and Trust has setup a special loan program for Housing Authority homeownership participants

Hickory

Date of Opening

- The WPCGO was designated as an EnVision Center in October 2018. There are no immediate plans for physical location given resources and the population they serve-many of their clients live in very rural areas.

Current Status

- The Western Piedmont Council of Government (WPCOG) Housing Authority's (Hickory) EnVision Center program is designed to address the lengthy waiting list which has prevented more families from receiving federal assistance. The WPCOG serves Alexander, Burke, Caldwell and Catawba Counties.
- WPCOG currently lacks personnel resources to develop grant application, pursue funding and partnership opportunities. The recent hiring of an FSS Coordinator has helped.
- Lack of internet service by clients-no broadband/internet service in the EnVision Center service area due rural locality.

Current Partners

- VITA
- Goodwill
- County Social Services (Alexander, Burke, Caldwell and Catawba)
- United Way
- Partners
- Local Chevrolet Dealership

Target Population

- The goal of the program is to provide centralized support services for the whole family in order to achieve self-sufficiency so that others can receive assistance.
- All HCV (no public housing) many living in rural locations.

Current Services

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- The RHA is offering free tax preparation service to low-income individuals through its partnership with VITA and Goodwill. This program is offered for all families or individuals making less than \$55,000 annually.
- <http://www.wpcog.org/single-post/2018/10/17/RHA-EnVision-Center-through-partnership-with-VITA-and-Goodwill-will-be-offering-free-tax-preparation-services-to-low-income-individuals>

Planned Services/Programs in Development

- Early Education Childhood Development organizations.
- The RHA would like to set up a Children's Advocacy Council/Center which would advise them on program planning and objectives. This program will help parents so that they can go to school, work, find work, access healthcare. It is also beneficial for the children to receive educational care early in their development.
- Senior Center activity center program where seniors can watch kids
 - mutually beneficial for all parties
 - Seniors remain active
 - pre-k development priority
 - affordability
 - "Mother's Morning Out Program" which could serve as a model.
- Safe Harbor Women's Rescue Ministry
 - watches children during certain mornings
- Chevrolet dealer temp job initiative
 - re-entry temporary work program that provides on the job training to formerly incarcerated individuals at a livable wage
 - Can be turned into permanent employees

Region V

Chicago

Current status

- Not Officially Open; A Safe Haven current operations support EnVision Center goals and objectives

Date of opening or expected date of opening

- No date scheduled, waiting on HUD approval to proceed.

Current partners

- Veteran's Administration
- Department of Labor
- Department of Justice
- Cook County Sherriff
- Multiple Corporate Sponsors

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- Local and national nonprofit organizations

Target population

- Homeless
- HUD assisted residents
- Low-income neighborhood residents

Current or planned services

- Workforce development and employment opportunities for youth and/or adults
- Supportive housing services
- Financial literacy
- Access to health care

Detroit (Life Remodeled)

Current status of EC

- Open

Date of opening or expected date of opening

- June 7, 2018

Current partners

- Multiple Corporate Sponsors
- Local and national nonprofit organizations

Target population

- Detroit children, families and single adults

Current or planned services

- Educational opportunities for youth and/or children
- workforce development and employment opportunities for youth and/or adults
- supporting and cultivating entrepreneurship

Detroit (Detroit Housing Commission)

Current status of EC

- Not Open

Date of opening or expected date of opening

- July 2019

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Current partners

- City of Detroit

Target population

- Public Housing Residents

Current or planned services:

- Youth education and literacy
- Health screening and awareness
- Workforce development

Inkster

Current status of EC

- Open but currently not offering programming due to a flood in the building and title dispute with the City of Inkster

Date of opening or expected date of opening

- June 7, 2018

Current partners

- Volunteers of America
- CREAM Corp.

Target population

- Public Housing Residents

Current or planned services

- Financial Literacy
- Childcare
- Health and wellness

Youngstown

Current status of EC

- Not Open

Date of opening or expected date of opening

- June 2019

Current partners

- Heart Reach Neighborhood Ministries
- The Center for Community Empowerment
- American Baptist Churches of Mahoning & Trumbull County

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- The Commonwealth Kitchen Incubator
- Financial Education Services
- The Community Foundation
- The Albert Street Project
- United Returning Citizens
- Community Initiative to Reduce Violence
- Rockbrook Business Services
- The Center for Community Empowerment
- Eastern Ohio Education Partnership
- Heart Reach Neighborhood Ministries
- Second Harvest Food Bank
- Ohio State Extension
- Mercy Health
- Mahoning County Sherriff's Department

Target population

- Public Housing Residents

Current or planned services

- Workforce Development
- Food Security
- Youth Services
- Adult Education
- Community Leadership
- Community Health

Region VI

Choctaw Nation

Current status

- The Choctaw Nation Housing Authority EnVision Center is operational at this time.
- The efforts of the team have resulted in over 250 clients being served throughout the entire jurisdiction in the month of February.
- These services range from assisting with applications for social services, housing applications, credit counseling, homebuyer counseling (Pre and post homebuyer), foreclosure prevention, substance abuse counseling, domestic violence prevention and many other items that relate to self-sufficiency.
- The Choctaw Nation Housing Authority does have a physical office for the EnVision Center Coordinator; however, their concept is based on a virtual center with events that will be conducted throughout their jurisdictional area that is close to 12,000 square miles.

Date of opening or expected date of opening

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- Planned for May 2, 2019 for an official opening

Current partners

- Choctaw Nation
- Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency
- Unique to a Tribal Nation is the ability to utilize all of their social service programs including their Education, Job Training, Asset Building Programs, Family and Children Services, Behavioral Health and their Tribal Health Department
- Many of the programs will be coordinated with other Tribal programs and may have restricted use of their funds to be limiting to Tribal members or Native Americans only

Target Population

- Native Americans who reside in NAHASDA and Tribally assisted housing (such as Independent Elder sites, Affordable Rental Housing sites, Section 202 multi-family Elder housing sites) operated by the Housing Authority of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma.
- Choctaw Housing assists Native Americans with an intense program to progress into homeownership and self-sufficiency within a 12-month period.

Current or planned services

- Wellness classes for elders
- Counseling services
- Credit counseling
- Homebuyer counseling
- Self-sufficiency services
- Job placement
- Youth outreach to address pillars and education.

Fort Worth

Current status of EC

- The MLK Community Center is open and currently serves as the primary location for the Fort Worth EnVision Center.
- The City of Fort Worth also serves as the Community Action Agency for Tarrant County, implementing the Community Services Block Grant through its Community Action Partners program.

Date of opening or expected date of opening

- The official launch of the EnVision Center is targeted for May 1, 2019.

Current partners

- Workforce Solutions of Tarrant County
- Tarrant County College District
- Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce

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Target population

- The MLK Community Center resides in the heart of Fort Worth's Historic Stop Six area.
- In 2018, some of the demographics served at the MLK Community Center included; 64% female, 40% ages 0-17 and 22% ages 18-44, 69% African American and 15% Hispanic, 49% single persons and 28% single-parent females, 54% in the 9th-12th grade and high school graduate/GED.

Current or planned services

- From January 2019 through present, the CAP program has served 70 households and 138 individuals at this site
- Essential social services: Preventing homelessness with rental assistance
- Home energy stability, payment of utility bills to health and safety of vulnerable households
- Provision of case management services, assisting individuals with setting life goals and developing a plan to help them achieve them, including enrollment in certification training courses which lead to a higher earning wage
- This site also hosts a Freedom School to assist youth through 8th grade with improving their reading level
- An afterschool program, youth sports and an evening late night program concentrated on keeping teens positively focused

Region VII

Kansas City

Current status of EC

- Currently working with Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) on 2nd Philanthropic Roundtable to leverage public-private partnerships and identify gaps in current services/resources and develop specific benchmarks/goals for the EC.

Date of opening or expected date of opening

- July 31, 2019.

Current partners

- KCK Unified School District 500
- Unified Government of Wyandotte County
- United Way of Greater Kansas City
- Amen Ankh Urban Farms, Code Combat Inc.
- STEAM Revolution.
- Miracle Temple COGIC
 - Provides computer labs and space for summer programming, provides meals to feed the summer camp participants
- Boone Tabernacle COGIC

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- Provides computer labs and space for summer programming, provides meals to feed the summer camp participants
- National Society of Black Engineers
 - Provides educational programming, materials, software and hardware, also pays registration fees for national robotics and race engineering competitions, provides mentors and scholarships to members
- Black Digital Professionals Association
 - Provides educational programming, materials, software and hardware, also pays registration fees for national robotics and race engineering competitions, provides mentors and scholarships to members
- Strategic Workforce Development Inc.
 - Provides training and job placement services for re-entry individuals
- Urban League of Greater Kansas City
 - Provides computer labs and space for after-school and summer programming, provides access to students
- Amazon Fulfillment of KCK
 - Provides funding and tours of the facility, community STEM education initiative engagement
- Catholic Charities
 - TBD
- United Way of Greater Kansas City
 - Will provide students and adults from the Paseo Gateway Choice Neighborhood Cohort

Target population

- PHA Residents and other low-income individuals/households.

Current or planned services

- Computer labs and space for educational programming; software/hardware; summer programming; meals for summer camp participants; registration fees for national robotics/race engineering competitions, mentors, and scholarships; training/job placement services for re-entry individuals; community STEM education; urban/gardens & hydroponics. More planned services.

Region VIII - Awaiting information from the RA/DRA

Grand Forks

Region IX

San Diego

Current status

- Operational

Date of opening or expected date of opening

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- “Hard Opening”- Mid-July

Current partners

- Manpower (training, job placement)
- Real Life Skills (training) San Diego Workforce Partnership (access to training dollars and case management)
- Self Help Federal Credit Union (bank accounts, education)
- San Diego Public Library (free books, events for families),
- GEICO (workshops, recruitments)
- La Maestra Clinic (services, opportunity for mobile health clinic to EnVision Center)
- UCSD Mobile Eye Clinic (free glasses to children)
- San Diego Community College District (training programs, certificates)
- UCSD (evaluation of program-pending partnership)

Target population

- San Diego Promise Zone – Low to Moderate-Income Households – 61 clients served – thru 2/20/19

Current or planned services:

- Education & Career Pathways
- Financial Education & Credit Counseling
- Health & Wellness
- Transitional Age Youth (16-24) Programs

Region X

Spokane

Current status of EC

- Soft opening was on March 5, 2019; since then they are taking clients by appt only 9am – noon

Date of opening or expected date of opening

- Grand opening, April 15th. Hours will be 9-5 and walk-ins welcome starting April 16th.

Current partners

- The Arc of Spokane
- Career Path Services
- Catholic Charities Eastern Washington
- Center for Justice
- City of Spokane (**lead partner**)
- Community Health Association of Spokane (CHAS)
- Compass Career Solutions
- Frontier Behavioral Health
- Goodwill Industries of the Inland Northwest

Status of EnVision Centers

March 2019

- Partners with Families and Children
- Pioneer Human Services
- Revive Reentry Services
- Spokane Housing Authority (**lead partner**)
- Spokane Neighborhood Action Partners (SNAP)
- Spokane Workforce Development Council (**lead partner**)

Target population

- Low income and those at risk of homelessness (poverty reduction is the goal)
- FYI: Spokane does not have public housing (it is a voucher city)

Current or planned services

- **Housing** (housing assessments, energy assistance, rental help, dispute resolution, tenant education)
- **Pre-Employment** (job readiness, pre-employment training, social-skill building)
- **Health and Wellness** (CHAS appointment scheduling, help with insurance application, healthcare assistance, counseling, crisis intervention, behavioral and mental health screenings, and referral to treatment services)
- **Peer Support** (certified peer counselors, mentoring, sober coaching, advocacy, and networking)
- **Education and Workshops** (parenting classes, financial counseling, basic computer skills, credit counseling)
- **Benefits/Basic Needs** (reinstating/increasing Veterans Administration benefits, SSI/SSDI Access Outreach and Recovery support)
- **Justice** (legal assistance for tenants, rental rights clinics, housing rights, and employment rights)



Envision Center: Hartford

Field Office: Hartford Field Office

Date: 4/18/2019

Participants: City of Hartford

1. Upcoming Events

Parker Memorial Community Center, site of the Hartford EnVision Center, will be undergoing quarterly maintenance from April 21 through May 5, open for limited engagements during this time.

- a. 30 days: From 4/23/19-4/25/19, medical students from the University of Connecticut will be coming to the North Hartford Promise Zone to engage in dialogue around NHPZ's life expectancy being on average 10 years shorter than individuals living in neighboring zip codes. The discussion will be with North Hartford Promise Zone local leaders and will serve as an opportunity to shape the minds of aspiring doctors who will one day serve Hartford and similar communities. The discussion will focus on residents living in the target area for the EnVision Center.

From April 30 through May 2, the EnVision Center at Parker Memorial will host the annual Wellville Gathering, which brings together members of the five Wellville community collaboratives nationwide plus potential partners, investors, service providers, outside advisors and experts.

On May 11, Yale University, in coordination with Yale Alumnae and Members of the Yale Club of Hartford, will hold a Yale Day of Service during which Yale men's and women's basketball teams, along with numerous other volunteers, will conduct cleaning, landscaping, and beautification projects at Parker Memorial and neighboring Brackett Park. After the cleanup activities, both teams will conduct a youth basketball clinic at the Parker Memorial gymnasium.

- b. 60 days: Nothing to Report
- c. 90 days: Nothing to Report

2. Issues/Concerns

Hartford will have a mayoral election this year. Depending on the outcome, an administration change could complicate the City's role as the lead for the EnVision Center initiative.

3. Best Practices

Hartford's plan, via the North Hartford Triple Aim Collaborative, for the resident services to be offered at or coordinated through Parker Memorial, has been very successful.

4. General observations

Hartford will be conducting several events in the coming month that should help to promote and reinforce the EnVision Center at Parker Memorial as a community hub that can connect residents to any resources they may need.



Envision Center: Phillipsburg Housing Authority

Field Office: Newark Field Office

Date: 4/17/2019

Participants: Barbara Gruson of the New York Regional Office (Primary POC)

1. Upcoming Events

The Philanthropic Roundtable for the Phillipsburg EnVision Center has been cancelled twice. The regional office is planning to reschedule the roundtable once it receives the green light from PD&R (Chris Bourne) to proceed.

- a. 30 days: TBD
- b. 60 days: TBD
- c. 90 days: TBD

2. Issues/Concerns

The opening date of the center is dependent on the completion of the philanthropic roundtable which has been cancelled twice.

3. Best Practices

N/A

4. General observations

The Kick-Off Meeting was held on July 17, 2018, in Phillipsburg, NJ. Approximately 40 representatives of non-profit organizations and local government entities attended the kick-off meeting along with 20 residents of the Phillipsburg Housing Authority. PD&R also sent 2 representatives from HQ.

- **Current Partners:**
 - City of Phillipsburg, NJ
 - Phillipsburg Housing Authority
 - Community Prevention Resources of Warren County
- **Target Population:**
 - Residents of the Phillipsburg Housing Authority
 - Citizens of Phillipsburg, NJ
 - Citizens of Easton, PA
 - Citizens of Warren County, NJ
- **Current or Planned Services:**
 - Substance abuse treatment services
 - Financial literacy training
 - Health and wellness services
 - Educational services, including career counseling and training
 - Economic empowerment services
 - Character and leadership services



Envision Center: District of Columbia EnVision Center

Field Office: District of Columbia Field Office

Date: 4/8/2019

Participants: Larry Williams (DCHA), Brian Harris (DCHA), Hanna Koerner (DCHA), LaShawn Douglas (Senior Management Analyst, HUD) and Lisa Nowinski (Management Analyst, HUD)

1. Upcoming Events

A calendar, with all events occurring in May, has been attached to the email submission.

- a. 30 days: Sherwin Williams Painter Course (5.13.2019 – 5.17.2019), Annual Career Fair (5.31.2019), Leasing Property Management & Skills Development Orientation (5.21.2019), Food Handlers Course (5.18.2019), Digital Literacy Orientation 5.23.2019)
- b. 60 days: N/A
- c. 90 days: N/A

2. Issues/Concerns

There are no issues or concerns from the District of Columbia Housing Authority related to getting the EnVision up and running. DC EnVision Center Staff has indicated they are interested in learning more about what types Federal partnerships that will be established, in order to utilize Federal resources to support the EnVision Center. Also, they are interested in a case management data system to help keep track of their work with residents. These two items were discussed with the HUD HQ working group during their visit on 4.17.2019.

3. Best Practices

The DC EnVision Center has done a great job with their local partnerships, related to employment training and placement. Through their own Property Management Apprenticeship program, they have been able to train and certify residents, aligning them for employment in this realm. The Housing Authority has hired individuals from this program. They will be having their information session on May 18th for the next cohort. They have also partnered with the University of the District of Columbia to offer new classes over the summer for residents. Lastly, they have created a dashboard that is updated quarterly displaying the types of services provided and residents that have been successfully connected or graduated from training.

4. General observations

The DC EnVision Center has done a wonderful job of integrating the 4 Pillars of the initiative in their space, as well through utilizing their local partnerships. They have also done well in creating new partnerships. An example is with Generation, which will offer hospitality and skill development courses that provides a direct pathway to employment to Nandos Peri Peri. With alignment of additional Federal and National partners, they will be able to add to their impactful work and work towards making it sustainable.



EnVision Center: Philadelphia EnVision Center

Field Office: Philadelphia Field Office

Date: 4/15/2019

Participants: Macro Ferreria (PHA), Kyle Flood (PHA) and Lisa Nowinski (Management Analyst, HUD)

1. Upcoming Events

A calendar, with all events occurring in April, has been attached to the email submission.

- a. 30 days: Workforce Orientation Sessions, Shoe Drive (4.26.2019), Partner Open House (4.25.2019), Homeownership Seminar). (4.8.2019), Community College Enrollment Sessions, Homeownership HCV Seminar (4.29.2019)
- b. 60 days: Clarifi will move into their designated space in the EnVision Center, where they will provide residents, enrolled in the FSS program, with support (5.3.2019).
- c. 90 days: N/A

2. Issues/Concerns

There are no issues or concerns from the Philadelphia Housing Authority related to getting the EnVision started. However, there has been an interest in how they are able to announce that they are open and running. They are waiting for HUD to give them instructions on how to work with Public Affairs for the announcement. As well, they are interested in learning more about the reporting requirements for being designated an EnVision Center. Lastly, there has been minimal Federal Inter-Agency communication and were interested in learning more about how that will be established.

3. Best Practices

The Philadelphia EnVision Center has moved their Workforce Development Center into the EnVision Center. They have held multiple focus groups to learn from the various residents (HCV, 0 income and public housing) to learn which services would best support their needs at the EnVision Center.

The Philadelphia Housing Authority has relocated their entire Workforce Development team to the EnVision Center. The workforce development team includes; the Director of Workforce Development & Homeownership, job placement staff and Section 3 staff. At the entrance, an intake center has been created, where residents can be evaluated by a staff person to be pointed to the programs that would best fit their situation. The EnVision Center also has a Temple University Health Clinic on-site. Currently, the Temple University staff can only provide Health & Wellness classes, but they are working on getting licensure to provide primary medical care and referrals onsite. Another, best practice of the EnVision Center is they will be having the FSS coordinators, through Clarifi, in a space at the EnVision Center to work with residents enrolled in the program.

4. General observations



The Philadelphia Housing Authority is moving along nicely with their work on the EnVision Center. They have aligned their services to the community with the 4 Pillars established by HUD. The site is in the middle of a previous CHOICE Planning grant and the Housing Authority, through their own fundraising, have been rehabilitating the housing in the neighborhood. With alignment of Federal and local resources, and sufficient funding avenues this site could be a great resource for the residents it aims to serve.



Envision Center: Western Piedmont Council of Governments Regional Housing Authority

Field Office: Greensboro, NC

Date: 4/23/2019

Participants: Click or tap here to enter text.

1. Upcoming Events

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- a. 30 days: May 23, 2019 - Housing Partnership Meeting "Public Seminar on social mobility" in partnership with Greenway Public Transit; discussing wellness-health, re-entry, integrative care
- b. 60 days:
- c. 90 days: June 27, 2019 – Free Dental Services offered to residents. A dental bus will be in the WPCoG parking lot to provide dental treatments including cleanings, restorations, fillings and extractions.

2. Issues/Concerns

Transportation; access to more nutritional foods and health clubs for a healthier lifestyle

3. Best Practices

March 2019 – Hickory Regional Housing Authority (RHA) held a "Distributing Dignity" Drive to collect feminine hygiene products for disadvantaged girls and women, eliciting an overwhelming response from the community. The RHA EnVision Center gathered and distributed close to 10,000 products region-wide to under-privileged high schools, battered women's and homeless shelters, and pantries.

Hickory RHA is coordinating an effort to form a regional Rapid Response Team (RRT) for sex and labor human trafficking. This group of professionals from multiple fields (law enforcement, legal services, social services, policy, etc.) will work to raise awareness about human trafficking across the region. The RRT will assist with the prosecution of traffickers and identify and assist identified victims in the first 24 to 72 hours of the recovery and rehabilitation process. Along with establishing a coordinated, inclusive protocol for providing immediate refuge for survivors of human trafficking, the RRT will take a holistic approach to healing by providing wrap around services. This will help each trafficked individual to move from a state of enslavement to self-sufficiency.

4. General observations

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Envision Center: Bowling Green

Field Office: Louisville, KY

Date: 4/23/2019

Participants: Click or tap here to enter text.

1. Upcoming Events

April 26 – Education & Job Fair for residents and communities; 25 vendors scheduled to participate

- a. 30 days: May 17 - Health Fair for residents and communities
- b. 60 days: June 1 – Grand opening for 20 new units; June 3 – Start of Summer Academy at the Learning Center, grades K - 12
- c. 90 days: July 18 – Lip Sync Battle fundraiser to support mobile grocery store

2. Issues/Concerns

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3. Best Practices

HABG EnVision Center began an all-female mentoring program called Police Officers with Educated Responsible Girls or P.O.W.E.R.G, which seeks to empower mentees by providing support, self-awareness, personal and professional growth, collaborative effectiveness, accountability, as well as to broaden kids' outlook on police officers. All 16 BGPD female officers got on board with the mentoring program, which started in February. The officers and teens are scheduled to meet twice monthly, and the sessions cover life skills such as cooking, fitness and careers. The current P.O.W.E.R.G. program will conclude in May and then a new group of teens will start being mentored in the fall.

4. General observations

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Envision Center: Inkster Housing Commission

Field Office: Detroit

Date: 4/22/2019

Participants: Paul Bollinger, Executive Director, Inkster Housing Commission

1. Upcoming Events

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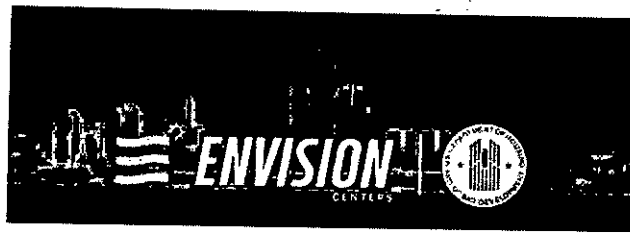
2. Issues/Concerns

The EC is currently closed and not operational due to an issue with the City involving title to the property where the EC is located. HUD is meeting with the Mayor and the Housing Commission to help resolve this matter so the EC can get up and running once again.

3. Best Practices

4. General observations

The Inkster EC is hampered by a lack of capacity. The housing commission is a poor performing housing commission and they have struggled to keep their EC open due to lack of staff. The EC has offered some programming, but on a limited basis.



Envision Center: Life Remodeled – Durfee Innovation Society

Field Office: Detroit

Date: 4/22/2019

Participants: POC: Denise Lyles, 313-437-1549, denise@liferemodeled.com

1. Upcoming Events

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- a. 30 days: 04/27/2019: Teach 313-Career Fair
04/28/2019: Santia Productions
05/11/2019: Mothers Day- Fashion Show
05/10/2019: Teach 313- Career Fair
- b. 60 days: 05/29/2019: Teach 313- Career Fair
06/08/2019: Teach 313-Career Fair
TBD: Detroit Code
06/13/2019: Youth Ambassador graduation
06/17-06/21: Detroit Start up Week
- a. 90 days: 06/26/2019: Teach 313- Career Fair
07/10/2019: Teach 313- Career Fair
07/13/2019: Fire House Prayer Revival
07/17/2019: Teach 313- Career Fair

2. Issues/Concerns

Lack of signage indicating an EnVision Center site

3. Best Practices

Life Remodeled has chosen to incorporate the EnVision Center into its Durfee Innovation Society. Durfee has partnered with many nonprofits to offer a wide range of services that are available to all EnVision Center participants as well. They are currently working with HUD and the State of Michigan to set up a summer feeding program at the site.

4. General observations

Life Remodeled is operating at a high level. I believe they would be doing so even without the EnVision Center designation. They would like more HUD assistance with engaging other federal partners, as this has yet to materialize. They have indicated they feel they have been "left out here on our own."

As an interesting side note, the Ballmer Group (think Steve Ballmer/Microsoft) has reached out to HUD Detroit to discuss the EnVision Centers, specifically the Life Remodeled EnVision Center. We are currently working on setting up a meeting date and time.



Envision Center: Detroit Housing Commission

Field Office: Detroit

Date: 4/22/2019

Participants: Seana Page, Detroit Housing Commission

1. Upcoming Events

Grand Opening scheduled for June 3, 2019

- a. 30 days: Site visit and walkthrough with Regional Administrator Joe Galvan and US Treasurer Jovita Carranza on May 3, 2019
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- c. 90 days: Click or tap here to enter text..

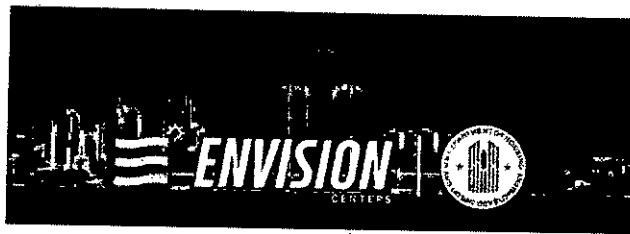
2. Issues/Concerns

No issues or concerns

- 3. Best Practices:** The Detroit Housing Commission (DHC) has provided HUD with a binder outlining its partnerships, schedule of services and hours of operation. For example, Mondays will be dedicated to the Economic Empowerment pillar and programming will be offered Michigan State University, Wayne State University and the Greening of Detroit, to name just a few. Tuesdays are dedicated to the Educational Advancement pillar and will offer programming by SER-Metro, Wayne State University and the Dominican Literacy Program. Wednesdays will be focused on the Health and Wellness pillar. Programming to be offered by Wayne State University, Team Wellness Mental Health and Karmanos Cancer Institute (screenings). Thursdays are dedicated to the character and Leadership and Character pillar. Michigan State, Wayne State and BLAST Detroit will all offer programming. Fridays are a free day with other programs offered by the Wayne County Sheriff's office, Hustle Exercise class, and 4H arts and crafts.

4. General observations

The DHC EnVision Center site has not even officially opened yet, but they are doing a terrific job of securing partners and coming up with a schedule of programs. They are off to a very promising start.



Envision Center: A Safe Haven, Chicago, IL

Field Office: Chicago Regional Office

Date: 4/23/2019

Participants: Neli Vazquez Rowland

1. Upcoming Events

Nothing planned. A Safe Haven is still awaiting approval from HQ to proceed and is looking for funding. Previous EnVision staff informed A Safe Haven not to proceed until communicated by HQ.

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- b. 60 days: Click or tap here to enter text.
- c. 90 days: Click or tap here to enter text.

2. Issues/Concerns

Awaiting further guidance from the Headquarters EnVision Center team to proceed.

3. Best Practices

A Safe Haven's President, Neli Vazquez Rowland made two presentations to the Federal Community in Chicago. On March 5, 2019 Ms. Rowland made a presentation to the FEB general committee (open to all federal employees) as part of a larger program on addressing poverty in Region V. She also presented at the FEB Executive Committee on March 7, 2019 to seek support from other Federal agencies for the EnVision Center.

Ms. Rowland also participated in and presented at the White House Opportunity Zone Conference in Washington on April 17, 2019.

4. General observations

Funding continues to be an obstacle to a fully operational EnVision Center with A Safe Haven. They have space that is currently leased and they would like to receive operational support to place the EnVision Center activities in this space. The site is currently providing services that are consistent with EnVision Center principles and activities.



Envision Center: Youngstown EnVision Center – Rockford Village

Field Office: Cleveland, Ohio

Date: 4/22/2019

Participants: United Returning Citizens, Center for Community Empowerment, Mahoning County Sheriff's Dept., Corporation for national and Community Service, Small Business Administration

1. Upcoming Events

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- a. 30 days: Click or tap here to enter text.
- b. 60 days: Click or tap here to enter text.
- c. 90 days: The Center is supposed to open in June but the Day-care center which is run out of the space will not be vacated until the end of June. The opening is to take place sometime in August.

2. Issues/Concerns

The opening of the Center is delayed which was to open in June.

3. Best Practices

N/A

4. General observations

There are a number of community organizations which are offering various programming that is ongoing in the community which will benefit the Rockford EnVision Center. It would be good for the lead from YMHA to direct programs to the site of the EnVision Center once it is open that would be for the benefit of the community there.



Envision Center: Choctaw Nation Housing Authority (CNHA)

Field Office: Oklahoma City

Date: 4/15/2019

Participants: Michelle Tinnin, Shelby Holt – EnVision Coordinator for CNHA

1. Upcoming Events

Opening of Choctaw Nation EnVision Center, 511 Nanih Waiya Rd, Poteau, OK

- a. 30 days: May 2, 2019 – 10 AM Ceremony to Open EnVision Center in Poteau, OK
- b. 60 days: Click or tap here to enter text.
- c. 90 days: Click or tap here to enter text.

2. Issues/Concerns

Flow of communication – It needs to go through Michelle Tinnin, ONAP.

Services Coordinator Director is working on advertising strategies to generate interest by tribal members.

3. Best Practices

Almost all outreach programs in the Choctaw Nation area have agreed to help with either classes or getting the word out on the EnVision Center.

On April 18, 2019, CNHA presented service coordination and EnVision Center project including rental housing counseling and homeownership information to the Southern Plains Indian Housing Association.

4. General observations

N/A



Envision Center: Fort Worth

Field Office: Fort Worth

Date: 4/18/2019

Participants: Linda Banks

1. Upcoming Events

Opening Ceremony for EnVision Center

- a. 30 days: May 6, 2019 is date of opening ceremony.
- b. 60 days: Click or tap here to enter text.
- c. 90 days: Click or tap here to enter text.

2. Issues/Concerns

N/A

3. Best Practices

The Fort Worth EnVision Center has been coordinating with aSTEAM Village to introduce a community-based pilot project with the intent of networking several communities together via online portal system. The 12-16-week project will target school-age students from grades 6th through 12th. The project anticipates beginning by the end of April.

4. General observations

N/A



Envision Center: Kansas City, Kansas and Kansas City, Missouri

Field Office: Kansas City Regional Office

Date: 4/3/2019

Participants: David Alvey - Mayor of Kansas City, KS; Christal Watson Deputy Chief of Staff – Office of the Mayor KCK; Maureen Mahoney – Chief of Staff, Office of the Mayor, KCK; Lauren Cooper – Vista, Office of the Mayor, KCK; Chester Johnson – Board Member, aSTEAM Village; William Wells – Executive Director, aSTEAM Village, Bruce Ladd – HUD; Jose Davis - HUD

1. Upcoming Events

Kansas City, Kansas

- a. 30 days: Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) Engagement: April 11, 2019, the MARC in Kansas City hosted a Kansas City EnVision Center discussion with the Executive Directors from the Public Housing Authorities of Kansas City, KS and the Housing Authority of Kansas City, Missouri. In attendance were Ed Lowndes – ED HAKC; Milton Scott – ED KCK HA; Marlene Nagle, Director of Community Development, Jason Mohr RA HUD Region VII; Bruce Ladd – DRA HUD Region VII; Aggie Gutierrez – Public Affairs, HUD Region VII; Jose Davis – HUD Supervisory Management Analyst.
- b. 60 days: Youth Entrepreneurial Project: Coordination with Kansas City and Ft. Worth EnVision Centers to promote business and socio economic improvement. Recruiting 60 students – 30 each from KCK and FTW comprising of a team of five. Students will earn micro badging with the potential to earn a 30% stipend. The project is a 16-week program. College students will be leading the program.
- c. 90 days: Summer Camp: 9-week camp to promote STEM activities with local elementary school that includes nutritional state funded lunch program that will allow parent involvement at the camp. Reaching out to recruit public housing students.

2. Issues/Concerns

- 1.) aSTEAM Village is proposing to extend its programs district wide in Kansas City, KS that will include a STEM Expo. To do this will require \$50-70K in revenue. The Mayor of Kansas City, KS will reach out and connect aSTEAM Village representatives with key funders who in the past have contributed \$2million to STEM programs. 2). Given that the City of Kansas City, Missouri withdrew from the EnVision Center of Kansas City, Missouri, the Housing Authority of Kansas City (HAKC) Missouri has been slow to fully engage with the initiative. As such, the Mid-America Council of Kansas City, Missouri has agreed to support the collaboration and engagement for the HAKC to become more fully engaged in the EnVision Center.

3. Best Practices

- 1.) The Mayor of Kansas City, KS wants aSTEAM Village to connect with the local Kansas City Community College to increase and promote the next generation workforce and increase the capacity for workforce mobility.
- 2.) The Mayor will celebrate the aSTEAM Village accomplishment through his State of the City Address on May 14, 2019 for participating with the International Space Station program. The



Space Project completed by a cohort of local students will be marketed for other students to embrace as “can do” opportunities. 3). The Mid-America Regional Council of Kansas City will look at models supporting the EnVision Center Pillars similar to the Kansas City Impact through local non-profits Avenue for Life and Metro Lutheran Ministry.

4. General observations

Both Housing Authorities of the EnVision Centers of Kansas City, Kansas and Kansas City, Missouri do not want to create redundant programs that already exist. They want to go beyond what aSTEAM Village promotes for youth programs and education. Both Executive Directors want to extend the EnVision Center concept to support gaps in programing and increase the focus on Education with focus on Pre-K, Parenting, and Charter Schools. Both Housing Authorities believe that the United Way for the Greater Kansas City and United Way of Wyandotte would serve as a key anchor institution to further the EnVision Center initiative. The HUD Regional Administrator will coordinate with the United Way CEO's and the Federal partners to gain further support for the EnVision Centers.



Envision Center: Grand Forks, ND

Field Office: Fargo, ND FO

Date: 4/18/2019

Participants: Joel Manske, State Director, Terry Hanson, Exec. Dir. GFHA, Dan Bussien, Resident Services Director GFHA

1. Upcoming Events

The EnVision Center in Grand Forks is also a ConnectHome site. A meeting is scheduled for 4/18 with Maribel Martinez, EveryOne On, to discuss a potential ConnectHome convening at the EC in August 2019.

- a. 30 days: Ongoing practice of meeting with EC team to discuss furthering the EC pillars, broadening community engagement, and identifying leveraging resources.
- b. 60 days: Same as above
- c. 90 days: Same as above

2. Issues/Concerns

No concerns - The Grand Forks EnVision is a highly operational facility offering an abundance of resident services. The EC team is still focused on leveraging the EC designation to further its ability to expand the delivery of resident services.

3. Best Practices

Bridging the digital divide of low-income residents throughout the city of Grand Forks is a focus of the EC. Working via their ConnectHome designation, Grand Forks Housing Authority plans to engage City leaders to implement a "Digital Inclusion Policy" and provide resources to ensure that LMI members of the community have access to technology.

4. General observations

EnVision Center is on track, and highly functioning.



Envision Center: San Diego, California
Field Office: Los Angeles
Date: 4/19/2019
Participants: San Diego Housing Commission

1. Upcoming Events

The following events are scheduled for the San Diego Envision Center:

- a. 30 days: 1) Job Readiness Workshop: Earn a Customer Service Credential Class 4/22-4/25/19, 9am to 3pm); 2) Financial Workshop: Using a Checking Account- 4/24/2019, 2:30 - 3:30 pm; 3) Recruitment Event: Go Staff Hiring Event, 4/25/2019, 2:00 - 4:00 pm; 4) CC Recruitment Event: "How to Get Hired at UCSD!", 4/29/2019, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm; and 5) Financial Workshop: Auto Loan Financing- 5/15/2019, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm.
- b. 60 days: 1) Recruitment Event: Go Staff Hiring Event, 5/30/2019, 2:00 - 4:00 pm.
- c. 90 days: 1) Financial Workshop: Credit Repair Basics- 6/13/2019, 1:30 am - 2:30 pm; 2) Recruitment Event: Go Staff Hiring Event, 6/20/2019, 2:00 - 4:00 pm; and 3) Financial Workshop: Loans to Avoid- 6/2/2019, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm.

2. Issues/Concerns

The San Diego Envision Center has expressed that a concern about the unknown future of the initiative including resources and support for the initiative.

3. Best Practices

The following have been identified as recent emerging and new best practices at the San Diego Envision Center: 1) Grant: Received a \$5,000 grant from State Farm to provide financial education and counseling services to clients that use the Envision Center. 2) Professional Resume Writing Service: The professional resume writing service the Envision Center provides is the number one way that the San Diego Envision Center is getting clients. San Diego Envision Center clients feel more confident with their new resumes and they are telling their friends and family. Referrals from previous/current clients has been phenomenal. The San Diego Envision Center uses Jobscan.com with every client and walk them through how to tailor their resume for the specific job. Because of this tool, their clients have been much more successful at gaining employment- and not just jobs, but careers. 3) Credit Counseling: Their Credit Counseling service is the 2nd biggest selling point of the center. The Individual appointments have been very fruitful for bringing in new clients. They are averaging 2 new clients per week because of this service.

4. General observations

The San Diego Envision Center would like to have an update on what is happening at HUD with the Envision Center model and initiative including future plans.



Envision Center: Spokane, Washington

Field Office: Seattle Regional Office

Date: 4/22/2019

Participants: Matthew Hunter, Jeffrey McMorris, Michael Look, Kim McCollim

1. Upcoming Events

Senior Management Analyst Kim McCollim will be stationed at the EnVision Center on more or less a daily basis for the next few weeks to provide assistance to the Center as it ramps up its services, and to provide real-time observations for the regional administrator's office. The Center, located in Spokane, is a five-hour drive from the Seattle Regional Office.

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- c. 90 days: Click or tap here to enter text.

2. Issues/Concerns

The day following the public opening, a small group of homeless advocates (approximately ten) arrived at the center to question the expenditure of local funds on the Center when those actually experiencing homelessness are allegedly not receiving all of the services they need to exit homelessness. The group was reported to be friendly, appreciated the attention by HUD and EnVision Center staff and the ability to tour the Center, but nevertheless were adamant in their message that funds should be spent elsewhere to assist the homeless.

3. Best Practices

The Spokane Center has offered to host a convening of EnVision Centers to share experiences and best practices.

4. General observations

The public opening of the Center was held on April 15. It was attended by approximately 100 local service providers and elected officials. HUD was highlighted as a valuable partner by the speakers, including Spokane Mayor Condon.

EnVision Center Location	Substance Abuse Treatment Services
Grand Forks, ND	Does not offer these services directly, but, is partnered with the community health agency that does provide the treatment services. This is a pretty small community by standards, and networked very closely
San Diego, CA	Does not provide nor intends to provide SAB Tx services
Choctaw EnVision Center	No , services for substance abuse education and counseling will not be provided directly by the EnVision Center staff. The EnVision Center staff will operate as a referral portal to many services that are available to Tribal members through the Choctaw Nation. <i>The Choctaw Nation Behavioral Services Department</i> has staff that has specialized experience and training to work with individuals who may be seeking assistance with substance abuse.
Hickory, NC	Not currently providing substance abuse treatment services. They are in talks with agencies providing those services, so they may make referrals to their clients. They have identified a few programs in their region willing to provide free counseling and case management, but no contracts are in place.
Philadelphia, PA	No plans to provide substance abuse treatment services. The EnVision Center shares a space with a high school, Vaux Big Picture High School, and there are concerns around providing this service in a school setting.
Washington, DC	Does not provide substance abuse treatment at the EnVision Center but does refer clients to partners to receive treatment. DC's Department of Behavioral Health is a key referral partner; and the EnVision Center also has a few counseling services in the area clients are referred to.
Chicago, IL	Currently provides substantial substance abuse treatment services, including residential care

Youngstown, OH	Provides substance abuse services through onsite caseworkers
Detroit, MI	Does not currently provide substance abuse services but they are interested in providing such services if appropriate linkages can be made
Spokane, WA	Does not provide substance abuse treatment assessment and referrals on site, but they plan to provide the service. However, there has not been a commitment to provide actual treatment services on site at this time.
Bowling Green, KY	Not currently providing substance abuse treatment services. They do, however, make referrals to other agencies when necessary.
Phillipsburg, NJ	Intends to provide substance abuse treatment services once it is fully operational. These services will be offered along with several other resources, training, and services for residents and constituents in the area. HUD held the organizational kick-off meeting for the center in 2018, and our office is currently in the process of rescheduling the Philanthropic Roundtable.
Fort Worth, TX	Intends to provide Substance Abuse Treatment Services. It is anticipated that these services will be primarily offered by the local My Help My Resources
Hartford, CT	While the Hartford EnVision Center is not currently offering substance abuse treatment services, there is a substance abuse group that uses the meeting space in the facility. Additionally, the City does not have plans to offer substance abuse treatment services at the EnVision Center. However, the City intends to be able to use the EC to connect any individual requiring these services to a service provider offsite. Furthermore, the City intends to respond to the community's asks, including establishing substance abuse treatment services at the EC should the community make the request
Kansas City, KS	Does not and will not be providing substance abuse treatment services.

Kansas City, MO	Does not and will not be providing substance abuse treatment services.



Envision Center: Hartford

Field Office: Hartford Field Office

Date: 4/18/2019

Participants: City of Hartford

1. Upcoming Events

Parker Memorial Community Center, site of the Hartford EnVision Center, will be undergoing quarterly maintenance from April 21 through May 5, open for limited engagements during this time.

- a. 30 days: From 4/23/19-4/25/19, medical students from the University of Connecticut will be coming to the North Hartford Promise Zone to engage in dialogue around NHPZ's life expectancy being on average 10 years shorter than individuals living in neighboring zip codes. The discussion will be with North Hartford Promise Zone local leaders and will serve as an opportunity to shape the minds of aspiring doctors who will one day serve Hartford and similar communities. The discussion will focus on residents living in the target area for the EnVision Center.

From April 30 through May 2, the EnVision Center at Parker Memorial will host the annual Wellville Gathering, which brings together members of the five Wellville community collaboratives nationwide plus potential partners, investors, service providers, outside advisors and experts.

On May 11, Yale University, in coordination with Yale Alumnae and Members of the Yale Club of Hartford, will hold a Yale Day of Service during which Yale men's and women's basketball teams, along with numerous other volunteers, will conduct cleaning, landscaping, and beautification projects at Parker Memorial and neighboring Brackett Park. After the cleanup activities, both teams will conduct a youth basketball clinic at the Parker Memorial gymnasium.

- b. 60 days: Nothing to Report
- c. 90 days: Nothing to Report

2. Issues/Concerns

Hartford will have a mayoral election this year. Depending on the outcome, an administration change could complicate the City's role as the lead for the EnVision Center initiative.

3. Best Practices

Hartford's plan, via the North Hartford Triple Aim Collaborative, for the resident services to be offered at or coordinated through Parker Memorial, has been very successful.

4. General observations

Hartford will be conducting several events in the coming month that should help to promote and reinforce the EnVision Center at Parker Memorial as a community hub that can connect residents to any resources they may need.



Envision Center: Phillipsburg Housing Authority

Field Office: Newark Field Office

Date: 4/17/2019

Participants: Barbara Gruson of the New York Regional Office (Primary POC)

1. Upcoming Events

The Philanthropic Roundtable for the Phillipsburg EnVision Center has been cancelled twice. The regional office is planning to reschedule the roundtable once it receives the green light from PD&R (Chris Bourne) to proceed.

- a. 30 days: TBD
- b. 60 days: TBD
- c. 90 days: TBD

2. Issues/Concerns

The opening date of the center is dependent on the completion of the philanthropic roundtable which has been cancelled twice.

3. Best Practices

N/A

4. General observations

The Kick-Off Meeting was held on July 17, 2018, in Phillipsburg, NJ. Approximately 40 representatives of non-profit organizations and local government entities attended the kick-off meeting along with 20 residents of the Phillipsburg Housing Authority. PD&R also sent 2 representatives from HQ.

• **Current Partners:**

- City of Phillipsburg, NJ
- Phillipsburg Housing Authority
- Community Prevention Resources of Warren County

• **Target Population:**

- Residents of the Phillipsburg Housing Authority
- Citizens of Phillipsburg, NJ
- Citizens of Easton, PA
- Citizens of Warren County, NJ

• **Current or Planned Services:**

- Substance abuse treatment services
- Financial literacy training
- Health and wellness services
- Educational services, including career counseling and training
- Economic empowerment services
- Character and leadership services



Envision Center: District of Columbia EnVision Center

Field Office: District of Columbia Field Office

Date: 4/8/2019

Participants: Larry Williams (DCHA), Brian Harris (DCHA), Hanna Koerner (DCHA), LaShawn Douglas (Senior Management Analyst, HUD) and Lisa Nowinski (Management Analyst, HUD)

1. Upcoming Events

A calendar, with all events occurring in May, has been attached to the email submission.

- a. 30 days: Sherwin Williams Painter Course (5.13.2019 – 5.17.2019), Annual Career Fair (5.31.2019), Leasing Property Management & Skills Development Orientation (5.21.2019), Food Handlers Course (5.18.2019), Digital Literacy Orientation 5.23.2019)
- b. 60 days: N/A
- c. 90 days: N/A

2. Issues/Concerns

There are no issues or concerns from the District of Columbia Housing Authority related to getting the EnVision up and running. DC EnVision Center Staff has indicated they are interested in learning more about what types Federal partnerships that will be established, in order to utilize Federal resources to support the EnVision Center. Also, they are interested in a case management data system to help keep track of their work with residents. These two items were discussed with the HUD HQ working group during their visit on 4.17.2019.

3. Best Practices

The DC EnVision Center has done a great job with their local partnerships, related to employment training and placement. Through their own Property Management Apprenticeship program, they have been able to train and certify residents, aligning them for employment in this realm. The Housing Authority has hired individuals from this program. They will be having their information session on May 18th for the next cohort. They have also partnered with the University of the District of Columbia to offer new classes over the summer for residents. Lastly, they have created a dashboard that is updated quarterly displaying the types of services provided and residents that have been successfully connected or graduated from training.

4. General observations

The DC EnVision Center has done a wonderful job of integrating the 4 Pillars of the initiative in their space, as well through utilizing their local partnerships. They have also done well in creating new partnerships. An example is with Generation, which will offer hospitality and skill development courses that provides a direct pathway to employment to Nandos Peri Peri. With alignment of additional Federal and National partners, they will be able to add to their impactful work and work towards making it sustainable.



Envision Center: Philadelphia EnVision Center

Field Office: Philadelphia Field Office

Date: 4/15/2019

Participants: Macro Ferreria (PHA), Kyle Flood (PHA) and Lisa Nowinski (Management Analyst, HUD)

1. Upcoming Events

A calendar, with all events occurring in April, has been attached to the email submission.

- a. 30 days: Workforce Orientation Sessions, Shoe Drive (4.26.2019), Partner Open House (4.25.2019), Homeownership Seminar). (4.8.2019), Community College Enrollment Sessions, Homeownership HCV Seminar (4.29.2019
- b. 60 days: Clarifi will move into their designated space in the EnVision Center, where they will provide residents, enrolled in the FSS program, with support (5.3.2019).
- c. 90 days: N/A

2. Issues/Concerns

There are no issues or concerns from the Philadelphia Housing Authority related to getting the EnVision started. However, there has been an interest in how they are able to announce that they are open and running. They are waiting for HUD to give them instructions on how to work with Public Affairs for the announcement. As well, they are interested in learning more about the reporting requirements for being designated an EnVision Center. Lastly, there has been minimal Federal Inter-Agency communication and were interested in learning more about how that will be established.

3. Best Practices

The Philadelphia EnVision Center has moved their Workforce Development Center into the EnVision Center. They have held multiple focus groups to learn from the various residents (HCV, 0 income and public housing) to learn which services would best support their needs at the EnVision Center.

The Philadelphia Housing Authority has relocated their entire Workforce Development team to the EnVision Center. The workforce development team includes; the Director of Workforce Development & Homeownership, job placement staff and Section 3 staff. At the entrance, an intake center has been created, where residents can be evaluated by a staff person to be pointed to the programs that would best fit their situation. The EnVision Center also has a Temple University Health Clinic on-site. Currently, the Temple University staff can only provide Health & Wellness classes, but they are working on getting licensure to provide primary medical care and referrals onsite. Another, best practice of the EnVision-Center is they will be having the FSS coordinators, through Clarifi, in a space at the EnVision Center to work with residents enrolled in the program.

4. General observations



The Philadelphia Housing Authority is moving along nicely with their work on the EnVision Center. They have aligned their services to the community with the 4 Pillars established by HUD. The site is in the middle of a previous CHOICE Planning grant and the Housing Authority, through their own fundraising, have been rehabilitating the housing in the neighborhood. With alignment of Federal and local resources, and sufficient funding avenues this site could be a great resource for the residents it aims to serve.



Envision Center: Western Piedmont Council of Governments Regional Housing Authority

Field Office: Greensboro, NC

Date: 4/23/2019

Participants: Click or tap here to enter text.

1. Upcoming Events

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- a. 30 days: May 23, 2019 - Housing Partnership Meeting "Public Seminar on social mobility" in partnership with Greenway Public Transit; discussing wellness-health, re-entry, integrative care
- b. 60 days:
- c. 90 days: June 27, 2019 – Free Dental Services offered to residents. A dental bus will be in the WPCoG parking lot to provide dental treatments including cleanings, restorations, fillings and extractions.

2. Issues/Concerns

Transportation; access to more nutritional foods and health clubs for a healthier lifestyle

3. Best Practices

March 2019 – Hickory Regional Housing Authority (RHA) held a "Distributing Dignity" Drive to collect feminine hygiene products for disadvantaged girls and women, eliciting an overwhelming response from the community. The RHA EnVision Center gathered and distributed close to 10,000 products region-wide to under-privileged high schools, battered women's and homeless shelters, and pantries.

Hickory RHA is coordinating an effort to form a regional Rapid Response Team (RRT) for sex and labor human trafficking. This group of professionals from multiple fields (law enforcement, legal services, social services, policy, etc.) will work to raise awareness about human trafficking across the region. The RRT will assist with the prosecution of traffickers and identify and assist identified victims in the first 24 to 72 hours of the recovery and rehabilitation process. Along with establishing a coordinated, inclusive protocol for providing immediate refuge for survivors of human trafficking, the RRT will take a holistic approach to healing by providing wrap around services. This will help each trafficked individual to move from a state of enslavement to self-sufficiency.

4. General observations

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Envision Center: Bowling Green

Field Office: Louisville, KY

Date: 4/23/2019

Participants: Click or tap here to enter text.

1. Upcoming Events

April 26 – Education & Job Fair for residents and communities; 25 vendors scheduled to participate

- a. 30 days: May 17 - Health Fair for residents and communities
- b. 60 days: June 1 – Grand opening for 20 new units; June 3 – Start of Summer Academy at the Learning Center, grades K - 12
- c. 90 days: July 18 – Lip Sync Battle fundraiser to support mobile grocery store

2. Issues/Concerns

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3. Best Practices

HABG EnVision Center began an all-female mentoring program called Police Officers with Educated Responsible Girls or P.O.W.E.R.G, which seeks to empower mentees by providing support, self-awareness, personal and professional growth, collaborative effectiveness, accountability, as well as to broaden kids' outlook on police officers. All 16 BGPD female officers got on board with the mentoring program, which started in February. The officers and teens are scheduled to meet twice monthly, and the sessions cover life skills such as cooking, fitness and careers. The current P.O.W.E.R.G. program will conclude in May and then a new group of teens will start being mentored in the fall.

4. General observations

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Envision Center: Inkster Housing Commission

Field Office: Detroit

Date: 4/22/2019

Participants: Paul Bollinger, Executive Director, Inkster Housing Commission

1. Upcoming Events

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- a. 30 days: Click or tap here to enter text.
- b. 60 days: Click or tap here to enter text.
- c. 90 days: Click or tap here to enter text.

2. Issues/Concerns

The EC is currently closed and not operational due to an issue with the City involving title to the property where the EC is located. HUD is meeting with the Mayor and the Housing Commission to help resolve this matter so the EC can get up and running once again.

3. Best Practices

4. General observations

The Inkster EC is hampered by a lack of capacity. The housing commission is a poor performing housing commission and they have struggled to keep their EC open due to lack of staff. The EC has offered some programming, but on a limited basis.



Envision Center: Life Remodeled – Durfee Innovation Society

Field Office: Detroit

Date: 4/22/2019

Participants: POC: Denise Lyles, 313-437-1549, denise@liferemodeled.com

1. Upcoming Events

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- a. 30 days: 04/27/2019: Teach 313-Career Fair
04/28/2019: Santia Productions
05/11/2019: Mothers Day- Fashion Show
05/10/2019: Teach 313- Career Fair
- b. 60 days: 05/29/2019: Teach 313- Career Fair
06/08/2019: Teach 313-Career Fair
TBD: Detroit Code
06/13/2019: Youth Ambassador graduation
06/17-06/21: Detroit Start up Week
- a. 90 days: 06/26/2019: Teach 313- Career Fair
07/10/2019: Teach 313- Career Fair
07/13/2019: Fire House Prayer Revival
07/17/2019: Teach 313- Career Fair

2. Issues/Concerns

Lack of signage indicating an EnVision Center site

3. Best Practices

Life Remodeled has chosen to incorporate the EnVision Center into its Durfee Innovation Society. Durfee has partnered with many nonprofits to offer a wide range of services that are available to all EnVision Center participants as well. They are currently working with HUD and the State of Michigan to set up a summer feeding program at the site.

4. General observations

Life Remodeled is operating at a high level. I believe they would be doing so even without the EnVision Center designation. They would like more HUD assistance with engaging other federal partners, as this has yet to materialize. They have indicated they feel they have been "left out here on our own."

As an interesting side note, the Ballmer Group (think Steve Ballmer/Microsoft) has reached out to HUD Detroit to discuss the EnVision Centers, specifically the Life Remodeled EnVision Center. We are currently working on setting up a meeting date and time.



Envision Center: Detroit Housing Commission

Field Office: Detroit

Date: 4/22/2019

Participants: Seana Page, Detroit Housing Commission

1. Upcoming Events

Grand Opening scheduled for June 3, 2019

- a. 30 days: Site visit and walkthrough with Regional Administrator Joe Galvan and US Treasurer Jovita Carranza on May 3, 2019
- b. 60 days: Click or tap here to enter text.
- c. 90 days: Click or tap here to enter text.

2. Issues/Concerns

No issues or concerns

- 3. Best Practices:** The Detroit Housing Commission (DHC) has provided HUD with a binder outlining its partnerships, schedule of services and hours of operation. For example, Mondays will be dedicated to the Economic Empowerment pillar and programming will be offered Michigan State University, Wayne State University and the Greening of Detroit, to name just a few. Tuesdays are dedicated to the Educational Advancement pillar and will offer programming by SER-Metro, Wayne State University and the Dominican Literacy Program. Wednesdays will be focused on the Health and Wellness pillar. Programming to be offered by Wayne State University, Team Wellness Mental Health and Karmanos Cancer Institute (screenings). Thursdays are dedicated to the character and Leadership and Character pillar. Michigan State, Wayne State and BLAST Detroit will all offer programming. Fridays are a free day with other programs offered by the Wayne County Sheriff's office, Hustle Exercise class, and 4H arts and crafts.

4. General observations

The DHC EnVision Center site has not even officially opened yet, but they are doing a terrific job of securing partners and coming up with a schedule of programs. They are off to a very promising start.



Envision Center: A Safe Haven, Chicago, IL

Field Office: Chicago Regional Office

Date: 4/23/2019

Participants: Neli Vazquez Rowland

1. Upcoming Events

Nothing planned. A Safe Haven is still awaiting approval from HQ to proceed and is looking for funding. Previous EnVision staff informed A Safe Haven not to proceed until communicated by HQ.

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- b. 60 days: Click or tap here to enter text.
- c. 90 days: Click or tap here to enter text.

2. Issues/Concerns

Awaiting further guidance from the Headquarters EnVision Center team to proceed.

3. Best Practices

A Safe Haven's President, Neli Vazquez Rowland made two presentations to the Federal Community in Chicago. On March 5, 2019 Ms. Rowland made a presentation to the FEB general committee (open to all federal employees) as part of a larger program on addressing poverty in Region V. She also presented at the FEB Executive Committee on March 7, 2019 to seek support from other Federal agencies for the EnVision Center.

Ms. Rowland also participated in and presented at the White House Opportunity Zone Conference in Washington on April 17, 2019.

4. General observations

Funding continues to be an obstacle to a fully operational EnVision Center with A Safe Haven. They have space that is currently leased and they would like to receive operational support to place the EnVision Center activities in this space. The site is currently providing services that are consistent with EnVision Center principles and activities.



Envision Center: Youngstown EnVision Center – Rockford Village

Field Office: Cleveland, Ohio

Date: 4/22/2019

Participants: United Returning Citizens, Center for Community Empowerment, Mahoning County Sheriff's Dept., Corporation for national and Community Service, Small Business Administration

1. Upcoming Events

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- a. 30 days: Click or tap here to enter text.
- b. 60 days: Click or tap here to enter text.
- c. 90 days: The Center is supposed to open in June but the Day-care center which is run out of the space will not be vacated until the end of June. The opening is to take place sometime in August.

2. Issues/Concerns

The opening of the Center is delayed which was to open in June.

3. Best Practices

N/A

4. General observations

There are a number of community organizations which are offering various programming that is ongoing in the community which will benefit the Rockford EnVision Center. It would be good for the lead from YMHA to direct programs to the site of the EnVision Center once it is open that would be for the benefit of the community there.



Envision Center: Choctaw Nation Housing Authority (CNHA)

Field Office: Oklahoma City

Date: 4/15/2019

Participants: Michelle Tinnin, Shelby Holt – EnVision Coordinator for CNHA

1. Upcoming Events

Opening of Choctaw Nation EnVision Center; 511 Nanih Waiya Rd, Poteau, OK

- a. 30 days: May 2, 2019 – 10 AM Ceremony to Open EnVision Center in Poteau, OK
- b. 60 days: Click or tap here to enter text.
- c. 90 days: Click or tap here to enter text.

2. Issues/Concerns

Flow of communication – It needs to go through Michelle Tinnin, ONAP.

Services Coordinator Director is working on advertising strategies to generate interest by tribal members.

3. Best Practices

Almost all outreach programs in the Choctaw Nation area have agreed to help with either classes or getting the word out on the EnVision Center.

On April 18, 2019, CNHA presented service coordination and EnVision Center project including rental housing counseling and homeownership information to the Southern Plains Indian Housing Association.

4. General observations

N/A



Envision Center: Fort Worth

Field Office: Fort Worth

Date: 4/18/2019

Participants: Linda Banks

1. Upcoming Events

Opening Ceremony for EnVision Center

- a. 30 days: May 6, 2019 is date of opening ceremony.
- b. 60 days: Click or tap here to enter text.
- c. 90 days: Click or tap here to enter text.

2. Issues/Concerns

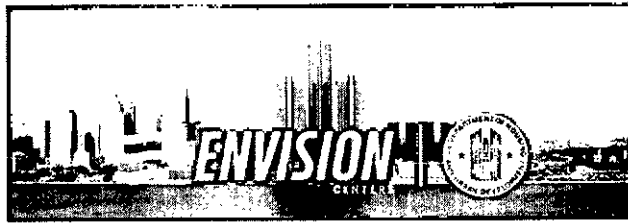
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3. Best Practices

The Fort Worth EnVision Center has been coordinating with aSTEAM Village to introduce a community-based pilot project with the intent of networking several communities together via online portal system. The 12-16-week project will target school-age students from grades 6th through 12th. The project anticipates beginning by the end of April.

4. General observations

N/A



Envision Center: Kansas City, Kansas and Kansas City, Missouri

Field Office: Kansas City Regional Office

Date: 4/3/2019

Participants: David Alvey - Mayor of Kansas City, KS; Christal Watson Deputy Chief of Staff – Office of the Mayor KCK; Maureen Mahoney – Chief of Staff, Office of the Mayor, KCK; Lauren Cooper – Vista, Office of the Mayor, KCK; Chester Johnson – Board Member, aSTEAM Village; William Wells – Executive Director, aSTEAM Village, Bruce Ladd – HUD; Jose Davis - HUD

1. Upcoming Events

Kansas City, Kansas

- a. 30 days: Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) Engagement: April 11, 2019, the MARC in Kansas City hosted a Kansas City EnVision Center discussion with the Executive Directors from the Public Housing Authorities of Kansas City, KS and the Housing Authority of Kansas City, Missouri. In attendance were Ed Lowndes – ED HAKC; Milton Scott – ED KCK HA; Marlene Nagle, Director of Community Development, Jason Mohr RA HUD Region VII; Bruce Ladd – DRA HUD Region VII; Aggie Gutierrez – Public Affairs, HUD Region VII; Jose Davis – HUD Supervisory Management Analyst.
- b. 60 days: Youth Entrepreneurial Project: Coordination with Kansas City and Ft. Worth EnVision Centers to promote business and socio economic improvement. Recruiting 60 students – 30 each from KCK and FTW comprising of a team of five. Students will earn micro badging with the potential to earn a 30% stipend. The project is a 16-week program. College students will be leading the program.
- c. 90 days: Summer Camp: 9-week camp to promote STEM activities with local elementary school that includes nutritional state funded lunch program that will allow parent involvement at the camp. Reaching out to recruit public housing students.

2. Issues/Concerns

- 1.) aSTEAM Village is proposing to extend its programs district wide in Kansas City, KS that will include a STEM Expo. To do this will require \$50-70K in revenue. The Mayor of Kansas City, KS will reach out and connect aSTEAM Village representatives with key funders who in the past have contributed \$2million to STEM programs. 2.) Given that the City of Kansas City, Missouri withdrew from the EnVision Center of Kansas City, Missouri, the Housing Authority of Kansas City (HAKC) Missouri has been slow to fully engage with the initiative. As such, the Mid-America Council of Kansas City, Missouri has agreed to support the collaboration and engagement for the HAKC to become more fully engaged in the EnVision Center.

3. Best Practices

- 1.) The Mayor of Kansas City, KS wants aSTEAM Village to connect with the local Kansas City Community College to increase and promote the next generation workforce and increase the capacity for workforce mobility.
- 2.) The Mayor will celebrate the aSTEAM Village accomplishment through his State of the City Address on May 14, 2019 for participating with the International Space Station program. The



Space Project completed by a cohort of local students will be marketed for other students to embrace as “can do” opportunities. 3). The Mid-America Regional Council of Kansas City will look at models supporting the EnVision Center Pillars similar to the Kansas City Impact through local non-profits Avenue for Life and Metro Lutheran Ministry.

4. General observations

Both Housing Authorities of the EnVision Centers of Kansas City, Kansas and Kansas City, Missouri do not want to create redundant programs that already exist. They want to go beyond what aSTEAM Village promotes for youth programs and education. Both Executive Directors want to extend the EnVision Center concept to support gaps in programing and increase the focus on Education with focus on Pre-K, Parenting, and Charter Schools. Both Housing Authorities believe that the United Way for the Greater Kansas City and United Way of Wyandotte would serve as a key anchor institution to further the EnVision Center initiative. The HUD Regional Administrator will coordinate with the United Way CEO’s and the Federal partners to gain further support for the EnVision Centers.



Envision Center: Grand Forks, ND

Field Office: Fargo, ND FO

Date: 4/18/2019

Participants: Joel Manske, State Director, Terry Hanson, Exec. Dir. GFHA, Dan Bussien, Resident Services Director GFHA

1. Upcoming Events

The EnVision Center in Grand Forks is also a ConnectHome site. A meeting is scheduled for 4/18 with Maribel Martinez, EveryOne On, to discuss a potential ConnectHome convening at the EC in August 2019.

- a. 30 days: Ongoing practice of meeting with EC team to discuss furthering the EC pillars, broadening community engagement, and identifying leveraging resources.
- b. 60 days: Same as above
- c. 90 days: Same as above

2. Issues/Concerns

No concerns - The Grand Forks EnVision is a highly operational facility offering an abundance of resident services. The EC team is still focused on leveraging the EC designation to further its ability to expand the delivery of resident services.

3. Best Practices

Bridging the digital divide of low-income residents throughout the city of Grand Forks is a focus of the EC. Working via their ConnectHome designation, Grand Forks Housing Authority plans to engage City leaders to implement a "Digital Inclusion Policy" and provide resources to ensure that LMI members of the community have access to technology.

4. General observations

EnVision Center is on track, and highly functioning.



Envision Center: San Diego, California
Field Office: Los Angeles
Date: 4/19/2019
Participants: San Diego Housing Commission

1. Upcoming Events

The following events are scheduled for the San Diego Envision Center:

- a. 30 days: 1) Job Readiness Workshop: Earn a Customer Service Credential Class 4/22-4/25/19, 9am to 3pm); 2) Financial Workshop: Using a Checking Account- 4/24/2019, 2:30 - 3:30 pm; 3) Recruitment Event: Go Staff Hiring Event, 4/25/2019, 2:00 - 4:00 pm; 4) CC Recruitment Event: "How to Get Hired at UCSD!", 4/29/2019, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm; and 5) Financial Workshop: Auto Loan Financing- 5/15/2019, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm.
- b. 60 days: 1) Recruitment Event: Go Staff Hiring Event, 5/30/2019, 2:00 - 4:00 pm.
- c. 90 days: 1) Financial Workshop: Credit Repair Basics- 6/13/2019, 1:30 am - 2:30 pm; 2) Recruitment Event: Go Staff Hiring Event, 6/20/2019, 2:00 - 4:00 pm; and 3) Financial Workshop: Loans to Avoid- 6/2/2019, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm.

2. Issues/Concerns

The San Diego Envision Center has expressed that a concern about the unknown future of the initiative including resources and support for the initiative.

3. Best Practices

The following have been identified as recent emerging and new best practices at the San Diego Envision Center: 1) Grant: Received a \$5,000 grant from State Farm to provide financial education and counseling services to clients that use the Envision Center. 2) Professional Resume Writing Service: The professional resume writing service the Envision Center provides is the number one way that the San Diego Envision Center is getting clients. San Diego Envision Center clients feel more confident with their new resumes and they are telling their friends and family. Referrals from previous/current clients has been phenomenal. The San Diego Envision Center uses Jobscan.com with every client and walk them through how to tailor their resume for the specific job. Because of this tool, their clients have been much more successful at gaining employment- and not just jobs, but careers. 3) Credit Counseling: Their Credit Counseling service is the 2nd biggest selling point of the center. The Individual appointments have been very fruitful for bringing in new clients. They are averaging 2 new clients per week because of this service.

4. General observations

The San Diego Envision Center would like to have an update on what is happening at HUD with the Envision Center model and initiative including future plans.



Envision Center: Spokane, Washington

Field Office: Seattle Regional Office

Date: 4/22/2019

Participants: Matthew Hunter, Jeffrey McMorris, Michael Look, Kim McCollim

1. Upcoming Events

Senior Management Analyst Kim McCollim will be stationed at the EnVision Center on more or less a daily basis for the next few weeks to provide assistance to the Center as it ramps up its services, and to provide real-time observations for the regional administrator's office. The Center, located in Spokane, is a five-hour drive from the Seattle Regional Office.

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- b. 60 days: Click or tap here to enter text.
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2. Issues/Concerns

The day following the public opening, a small group of homeless advocates (approximately ten) arrived at the center to question the expenditure of local funds on the Center when those actually experiencing homelessness are allegedly not receiving all of the services they need to exit homelessness. The group was reported to be friendly, appreciated the attention by HUD and EnVision Center staff and the ability to tour the Center, but nevertheless were adamant in their message that funds should be spent elsewhere to assist the homeless.

3. Best Practices

The Spokane Center has offered to host a convening of EnVision Centers to share experiences and best practices.

4. General observations

The public opening of the Center was held on April 15. It was attended by approximately 100 local service providers and elected officials. HUD was highlighted as a valuable partner by the speakers, including Spokane Mayor Condon.

