

An Overview of the
Louisville-Metro
STRONG Partnership

*Supporting Transition Resources and
Opportunities in Neighborhoods Grant*

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The STRONG Partnership's first goal is to develop a Transition Resource Center

As a result of the Transition Resource Center's implementation, persons with disabilities and their families will

- Connect with services and supports near where they live
- Build relationships with agency staff who place the interests of families above agency or procedural concerns
- Anticipate and prepare for transitions that occur across the life-span through person-centered planning
- Be involved in decision-making as members of Community Councils, advisory groups, and other community initiatives

The Lead Partners Represent a Unique Partnership



Other Partners

Career Visions

Center for Accessible Living

Portland Family Health Center

Volunteers of America

Jefferson County Health Department

Healthy & Ready to Work National Center

Archdiocese of Louisville Catholic Charities

Kentucky Partnership for Families and Children

Department for Community Based Services

Jefferson County Public Schools

Louisville Metro Office for Aging & Disabled Citizens

Louisville Metro Health Department

Louisville Diversified Services
Community Health Project at Park DuValle
ACCESS Center Partnership
KentuckianaWorks
Louisville Metro Department for Family Services
South Louisville Community Ministries
Louisville Metro Parks
Americana Community Center
Metro United Way
Passport Health Plan
KIPDA (Area Council on Aging)
FIND of Louisville & Council on Mental Retardation

The Transition Resource Center will be
Incorporated in the Neighborhood Place



The first Neighborhood Place was opened ten years ago to put an end to the traditional, fragmented system of service delivery.

Today over 450 staff from 4 agencies representing health, education, and human services professionals staff 8 Neighborhood Place locations near where families in need of services live.

The Neighborhood Place Mission

Neighborhood Place works with communities in the Louisville Metro area to provide blended and accessible health, education, employment, and human services that support children and families in their progress toward self-sufficiency.

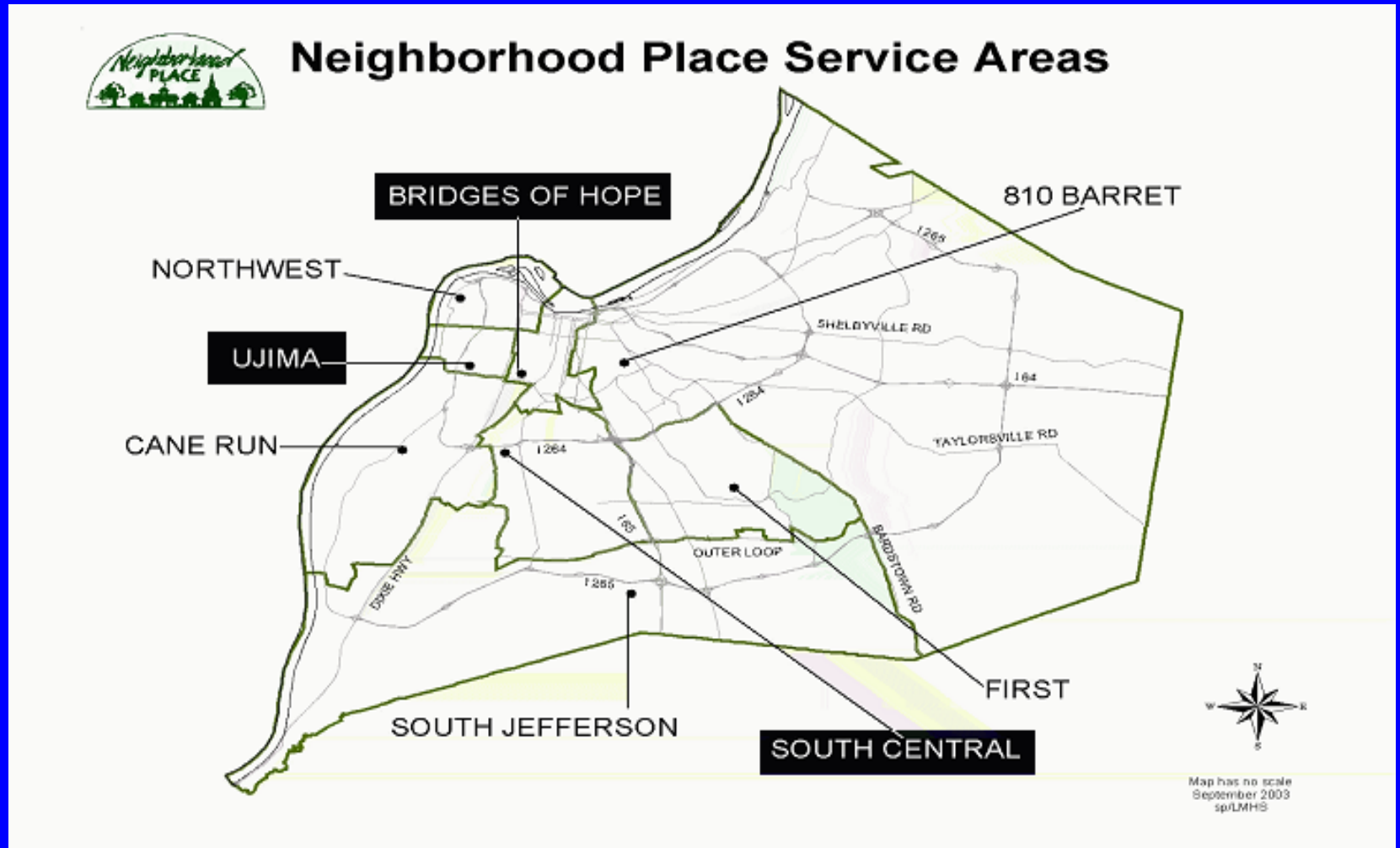
The Neighborhood Place Goals

- To improve economic self-sufficiency
- To improve the health status of mothers and babies
- To reduce violence within families
- To improve the level of student participation in school among children
- To provide timely access to an array of services
- To provide services that are coordinated
- To work in concert with communities

The Core Services Offered by the Neighborhood Place

- Emergency Financial Assistance for Food, Rent/Mortgage, and Utilities
- Food Stamps and Medicaid
- Clinic Services and Immunizations
- WIC Nutrition Program
- KY Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
- School Social Services & Truancy Referrals
- Resources for Pregnant Teens & First Time Mothers
- Early Intervention & Prevention
- Community Partnership for Protecting Children

Our Initial Focus is on 3 Neighborhood Place Service Areas



Race/Ethnicity

| | Metro Total | South Central | Bridges of Hope | Ujima |
|--------------------|----------------|------------------|--------------------|-------|
| White | 77.4% | 76.2% | 45.1% | 2.0% |
| Black | 18.9% | 14.5% | 49.1% | 95.8% |
| Hispanic Origin | 1.8% | 3.4% | 1.9% | 0.7% |
| Other | 3.8% | 5.9% | 4.0% | 1.5% |

2000 Census

Language Spoken at Home by Persons 5 and Older

| | Metro Total | South Central | Bridges of Hope | Ujima |
|--------------------|----------------|------------------|--------------------|-------|
| Spanish | 2.3% | 3.8% | 3.2% | 2.1% |
| French | 0.4% | 0.4% | 0.7% | 0.3% |
| German | 0.4% | 0.5% | 0.4% | 0.1% |
| Vietnamese | 0.2% | 2.2% | 0.1% | 0.0% |
| Serbo- Croatian | 0.2% | 0.8% | 0.1% | 0.0% |
| Arabic | 0.2% | 0.4% | 0.7% | 0.0% |

Elderly and Elderly Residents Below Poverty Level

| | Metro Total | South Central | Bridges of Hope | Ujima |
|----------------------------|----------------|------------------|--------------------|-------|
| 65+ | 12.4% | 13.0% | 12.9% | 15.1% |
| 85+ | 1.6% | 1.5% | 2.5% | 1.6% |
| 65+ Below Poverty Level | 12.2% | 14.4% | 30.2% | 20.5% |

2000 Census

Non Institutionalized Persons 16 & Older with Mobility & Self Care Limitations

| | Metro Total | South Central | Bridges of Hope | Ujima |
|------------------------------------|----------------|------------------|--------------------|-------|
| Mobility Limit. | 2.9% | 4.0% | 4.9% | 3.5% |
| Self-Care Limit. | 2.6% | 3.0% | 4.1% | 5.9% |
| Mobility & Self-Care Limit. | 2.1% | 2.5% | 3.6% | 3.7% |
| No Mobility or Self-Care Limit. | 94.4% | 90.5% | 87.3% | 86.9% |

During the Design of the Transition Resource Center, the Partnership is Addressing:

- I. Inclusion & Authentic Representation
- II. Shared Vision
- III. Transition Life Mapping & the Knowledge, Attitudes & Personal/Family/Community Competencies that Support Self-Determination
- IV. Community Assets Mapping
- V. Service Integration
- VI. Integration with the Neighborhood Place Management Structures
- VII. Infrastructure Development
- VIII. Implementation Planning
- IX. Evaluation & Outcomes

Committees

- Outreach, Recruitment, and Inclusion
- Staff Development, Training, and Community Education
- Community Resource Development
- Transition Life Mapping
- Community Assets Mapping
- Implementation Planning

In Planning for Implementation the Committees are addressing:

- Outreach and recruitment
- Services and supports to be offered
- Operating policies and procedures
- Referral processes, interagency collaborations, etc.
- Staffing, including supervision
- Training
- Data collection and reporting
- Space and equipment needs
- Funding
- Evaluation, including consumer satisfaction & outcomes

Lessons Learned Thus Far

- Information sharing can be done through a common release form
- Staff learn to collaborate through integrated services and family team meetings
- Communication at all levels and participation of senior management are critical
- A shared information system is an admirable goal but unachievable at present because legacy systems are still required
- Partner agencies do not all have the same level of resources to devote to Neighborhood Place
- Emphasis on community involvement in planning & goal setting gives each Neighborhood Place the flexibility to meet local needs
- Sometimes the biggest barrier is finding the space to house a desk and files

Where We Are Today:

- Collaboration is hard work
- Securing authentic representation may be time consuming but represents a huge investment in the future
- Persons with disabilities may not be reflected in community data sets & thus remain unknown or overlooked
- Identifying interests is critical to securing participation & buy-in
- Planning for successful transition and the attitudes& skills that support self-determination starts early
- Taking the time to step back and look at the larger picture is important
- We must continue to identify, develop & support new leadership within our agencies and programs and the community to keep the “dream” alive

Challenges ahead or Neighborhood Place and for the Transition Resource Center