

The STRONG Partnership
(Supporting Transition Resources and
Opportunities in Neighborhoods Grant)

***“Strengthening Families
and Neighborhoods”***

Partners in Grant's Development



The **STRONG** Partnership shares a **vision** for people with disabilities and their families:

To realize opportunities

To have options

To make choices

To be respected

To realize their dreams!

Many individuals with disabilities and their families:

- Live in poverty
- Socially isolated
- Faced with a myriad of other challenges in daily living

With support and assistance, persons with disabilities and their families can have control over their lives. This includes goal setting and planning for the future.

The STRONG Partnership will produce a **plan** for the implementation of a **Transition Resource Center** in the Neighborhood Place. The Center will support self-determination and increase community presence and participation of persons with disabilities.

The Transition Resource Center will:

- Increase opportunities for persons with disabilities and their families to connect with services and supports in the community and to be active members of the community through recreation, civic participation, and other aspects of community life.
- Assist individuals and families through person-centered planning to anticipate and prepare for transitions that occur across the lifespan
- Provide a clearinghouse for transition-related resources and services

Neighborhood Place is the perfect location for a **Transition Resource Center** because each Neighborhood Place:

- Has a shared commitment to prevention, community education, and family self-sufficiency
- Provides a full array of health and human services and supports
- Supports children and youth (and their families) in being successful in school
- Recognizes families as full partners

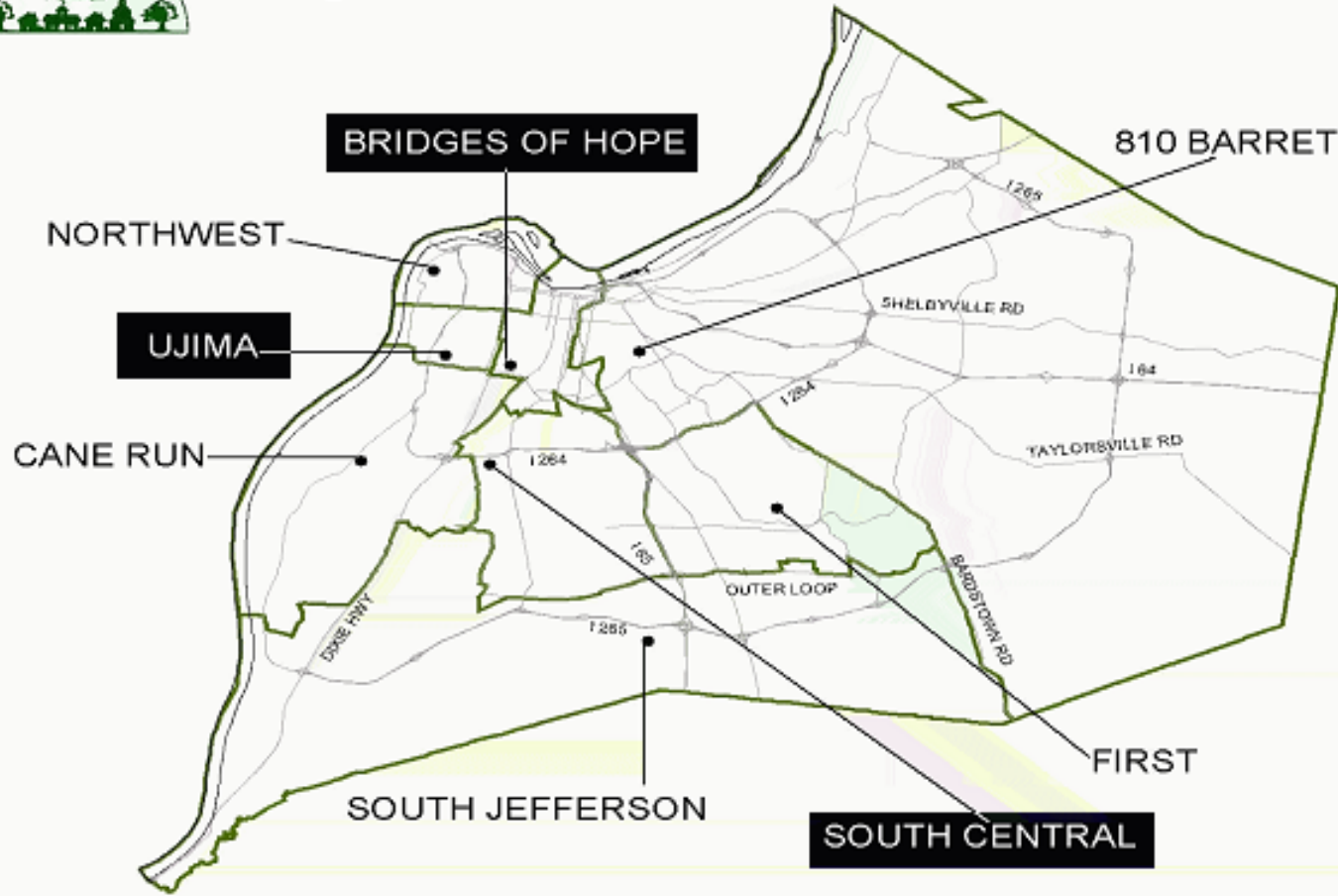
STRONG will focus on communities served by **3** of Louisville Metro's 8 Neighborhood Places

- Neighborhood Place **South Central**
- Neighborhood Place **Bridges of Hope**
- Neighborhood Place **Ujima**

Neighborhood Places



Neighborhood Place Service Areas



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The 3 Neighborhood Places were selected because of the higher number of:

- Families in poverty
- Families that are of racial/ethnic minorities
- Individuals age 16 or older with mobility and self-care limitations

STRONG Partnership members include:

- Representatives from the faith-based community
- State and local government
- Disability related organizations and service providers
- Advocacy and community organizations
- Individuals with disabilities and their families
- Family support and strengthening groups
- And others

STRONG Partnership Members will:

- Participate in the joint search for information
- Develop a collaborative vision for a transition resource center and define the principles that will guide its operation
- Identify outcomes and performance indicators that are consistent with the resources that are available to support the center's operation
- Participate in the development of mutually agreed upon course of action/plan

STRONG Committees

- Outreach, Recruitment & Inclusion
- Transition Life Mapping
- Community Assets Mapping
- Staff Development, Training & Community Education
- Resource Development

The Partnership will **focus**
on building **STRONG**
communities that contribute
to the health and well-being
of individuals with
disabilities and their
families.

Each Neighborhood Place
and the community it serves
offer a number of unique
assets that will be mobilized
through the **Transition
Resource Center.**

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Carl Dunst