

**Urban Community Development
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Community Involvement, Activities and Facilities

Neighbors get to know each other.

Block leaders are identified to help organize block residents.

Young people are involved in neighborhood youth organizations.

Adults are active in developing and participating in community programs that address their needs like Big Brothers/Big Sisters and neighborhood organizations.

Youth clubs and organizations are available (like softball and Boy & Girl Scouts).

Recreational facilities (like swimming pools and community centers) are available for people of all ages.

Parks are kept clean and safe.

Community residents, business owners, and churches work together to develop a healthy, supportive neighborhood.

Walking and bicycle paths are available.

Neighbors care about and look out for one another.

Health & Human Services

Emergency vehicles, such as ambulances and police, get to accidents and crime victims quickly.

Health insurance is available and affordable.

Vaccinations are available and affordable.

People have access to basic healthcare services, including dental, eye exams, glasses, and orthodontic care as needed.

Kids and adults take part in regular physical exercise.

Teens and adults know about the risks involved with having unprotected sex, including pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases.

Minors can't buy alcohol or cigarettes in our community.

Pregnant women don't smoke, drink, or use other drugs.

Pregnant women take care of their health by eating healthy foods, exercising, and receiving prenatal care.

There are adequate and available drug treatment services.

Teens and adults do not use or abuse of tobacco, alcohol, cocaine and other drugs.

People eat the right amount of tasty and healthy foods.

Businesses encourage healthy behaviors while employees are at work (like stop smoking programs and eating healthy foods)

Communities promote health and wellness with free public events.

Houses are free of hazardous materials (like lead paint).

Day care homes and centers that meet state requirements for child safety are affordable and available.

Landlords and homeowners install smoke alarms in rented apartments and homes.

People use safety belts.

Hospitals provide medical care to people without insurance.

Support -groups and facilities are available for people who are HIV positive or have AIDS.

Condoms are easily available to people of all ages.

Affordable medical treatment is available to people who are HIV-positive or who have AIDS.

Crime & Violence

People don't sell drugs in our community.

Laws against selling tobacco and alcohol to minors are strictly enforced.

Neighborhoods work with police to implement community policing programs.

Children are free from abuse and sexual assault.

Women are free from abuse and sexual assault from their spouses and mates.

Medical and emergency room personnel treat victims of domestic violence and sexual assault without blaming the victim.

Victims of domestic and gang violence are supported with appropriate resources like shelter and counseling.

School teachers, emergency workers, and police recognize and offer support to people who are victims of domestic or gang violence or sexual assault.

Children know how to use 911.

Children are fingerprinted and know how to look out for strangers and remain safe.

Guns are kept out of the reach of teens and children.

Laws for drunk drivers are strictly enforced.

People feel safe in our community day and night.

Youth are not involved in crime.

Weapons laws are strictly enforced.

Local neighborhoods organize crime watch organizations.

Drug houses are identified and closed down or torn down.

People know how to safeguard their houses (lighting, trimmed bushes).

Cars and homes are safe from burglaries.

Neighbors report suspicious and criminal activity.

Youth & Families

Parents know how to talk to their children about sex and drugs.

Kids discourage each other from becoming pregnant or getting others pregnant.

Abstinence from sex by unmarried teens is encouraged in the family, community, and school.

Parents closely monitor home parties.

Teens have short term and long term goals or plans for the future.

Teens learn skills in decision making and conflict resolution to better handle peer pressure and stresses.

Youth have somewhere safe to meet with friends.

Family members get acceptable food, clothing, and shelter.

Family members handle anger without violence.

Family members show affection and that they care.

Adults manage the behavior of their children in and outside of the home.

Daily chores are shared between family members.

Families participate in celebrations, cultural traditions, and activities together.

Families have enough money to meet their needs.

Youth and adults have close relationships with friends and neighbors.

Youth and adults are apart of a religious organization (church, temple, mosque).

Youth and adults volunteer in the community.

Family members know the history of their family and culture.

Young and older adults vote during elections.

Housing & Community Appearance

Affordable and adequate housing is available.

People keep their home and property clean and free of trash.

City codes for home and land maintenance are enforced.

Programs are available to assist people in painting and repairing their homes.

Absentee landlords maintain their properties.

Illegal dumping of trash, yard trimmings, and junk is reported simply and anonymously with city or police follow-up.

Neighborhood streets are free from ice in the winter, potholes, and debris.

Dilapidated houses and structures are torn down.

Vacant lots are not littered with trash and junk.

Street lights are installed so that neighborhood blocks are well lit.

Noise and loud music is kept to an accepted level in the community.

Parks are kept clean and safe for public use.

Trees are cut to prevent accidents.

Old junk cars are removed from sidewalks.

Well constructed older homes are renovated with low-interest loans.

Home-based services are available and affordable for older adults.

Homes of older adults are safe with grab bars, good lighting, and other features to prevent injuries.

Billboard advertising alcohol and tobacco are limited.

Liquor stores are limited in number.

Education

Students are staying in school and graduating on time.

Schools are safe and supportive environments.

Schools provide age-appropriate information on human sexuality, birth control, reproduction, and parenting.

Teens have access to birth control through school-based clinics.

Schools offer supervised before- and after-school activities.

Schools educate students about the effects of alcohol and drug abuse.

School policies against drinking, using drugs, and possessing weapons on school grounds are strictly enforced.

Schools serve low fat, high fiber food in their lunch programs.

Schools provide education about pregnancy and the needs of the baby.

Schools provide skill training in conflict resolution.

Schools provide mentoring and tutoring programs for students.

Outreach services get dropouts back into school.

Students are performing at or above their expected grade level.

Parents are involved in school organizations like PTA.

Parents know their children's teachers and visit their school on a regular basis.

Teachers present class materials that encourage all students to participate in class.

Cultural history and activities are incorporated into all classroom settings.

Local community colleges, universities, and vocational technical schools are affordable and accessible.

Classes and workshops are available to community members to learn more about how to improve their community.

Business & Economic Conditions

Jobs are available in the community.

Businesses offering basic services are available (like banks and grocery stores).

Job skills training is available to residents at low or no cost.

Business loans are available for those within the community.

Local development projects hire local people from the community.

Business owners are friendly and respectful of all customers.

Local businesses keep their property clean and safe.

Local businesses hire people from the community.