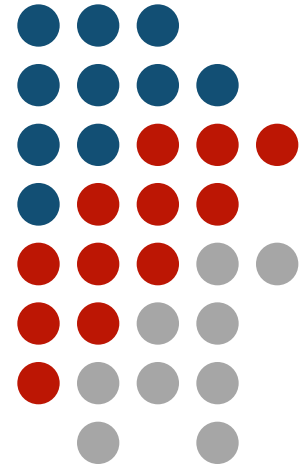


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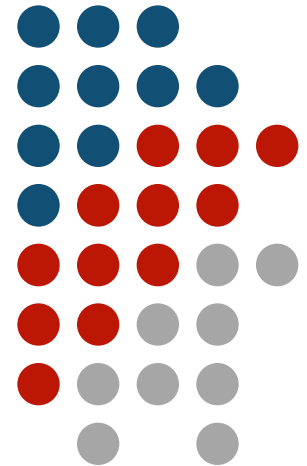


The Research: The Links Between Affordable Housing and Education

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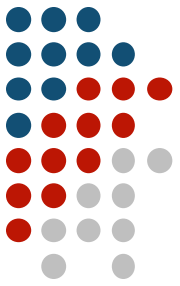


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Affordable Housing May Disrupt the Frequency of Disruptive Moves



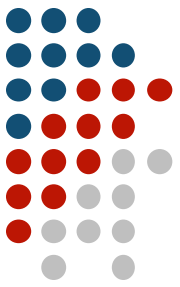
Moves resulting from **unstable housing situations, rising housing costs**, or other difficulties can adversely impact children's educational outcomes.

- ▶ Poorer test scores
- ▶ Behavior and attentions problems
- ▶ Broader impacts on classrooms and schools

Affordable housing, rent subsidies, housing counseling, and other stabilization programs can help.



Housing Programs May Help Families Move to Areas with Better Schools

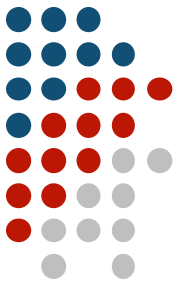


Well-designed **housing mobility** programs with a **strong counseling component** can result in positive school outcomes.

- Regional housing mobility programs

Other housing programs, including **mixed-income housing** development and **inclusionary zoning**, can also help families access strong schools.





Affordable Housing Can Reduce Overcrowding and Other Stresses

Living in crowded conditions can adversely impact children's education.

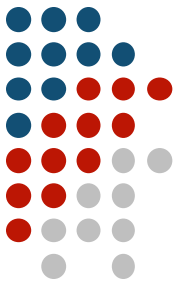
- ▶ **Reduce parental responsiveness** by creating social overload and withdrawal
- ▶ **Increase noise and chaos** that interfere with children's studies



- ▶ **Lack of space** to sit down and do homework

Homeownership programs, zoning for family-sized affordable units can help alleviate overcrowding.

Well-Constructed and Maintained Housing Can Reduce Health Hazards



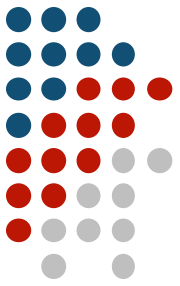
Poor housing quality has been associated with **poor developmental outcomes** for children.

Substandard housing can cause or exacerbate health problems that lead to **absenteeism**.

Housing rehab, lead abatement, code enforcement, and improving building maintenance can help create healthy homes

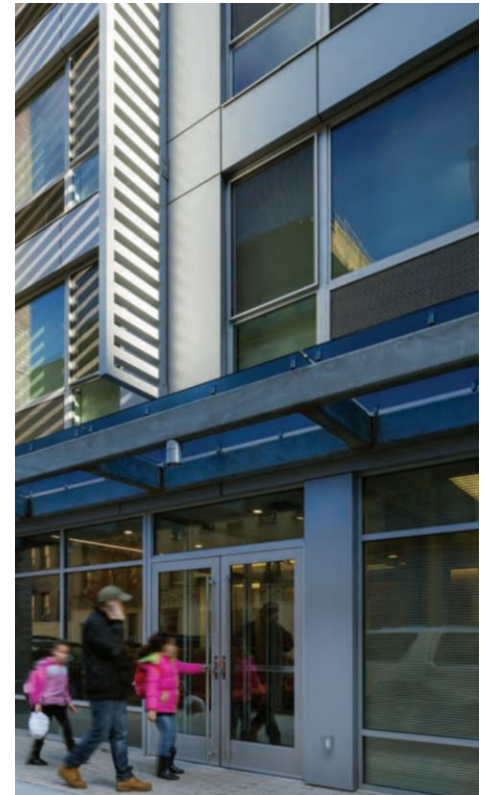


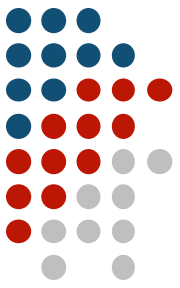
Affordable Housing Can Effect Change Through Holistic Community Development



Affordable housing developments that include on-site resident services, such as **after school programs**, can lead to better educational outcomes for children.

Housing revitalization programs can serve as an anchor for **new and improved schools**





Affordable Housing May Reduce Homelessness

Children who experience homelessness face difficulties **accessing preschool**, experience **adverse living conditions**, and can have trouble **obtaining personal records**

McKinney-Vento provides federal funding to states support programs that serve homeless students

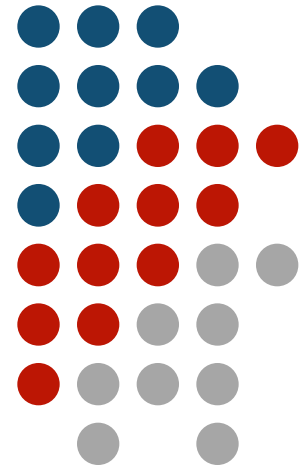
Programs that prevent homelessness among **infants and toddlers** are particularly important



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