

## **Neighborhood Revitalization**

**POLICY:** Neighborhood Revitalization stems from research showing that a lack of attachment to neighborhoods and schools where families live, increases the chance of children engaging in high risk behaviors. Umatilla-Morrow Head Start will collaborate with community partners to provide neighborhood revitalization in the targeted communities of Hermiston, Pendleton, and Umatilla. The process will take 12-18 months in each neighborhood.

1. UMHS will provide Neighborhood Revitalization programs in Hermiston, Pendleton, and Umatilla.
2. Neighborhood Revitalization will be governed by a CORE Team that meets twice a month in each targeted community.
  - a. The CORE Team will be composed of Community Members, and Parents, Head Start Staff, City Officials, Law Enforcement, Code Enforcement, Schools, Fire Department, DHS, CAPECO, Faith-Based Organizations, and other Community Service Agencies and Grassroots Organizations.
3. The CORE team will select the targeted neighborhoods.
  - a. The Police Department will provide criminal profiles and calls for services for neighborhoods
  - b. The Neighborhood Coordinator and community partners will survey the neighborhoods to gauge interest in revitalization and determine the ratio of renter to owner occupied properties in the neighborhoods.
4. A letter and neighborhood survey will be mailed to all residents of the selected neighborhood informing them of the selection of the neighborhood and the revitalization project.
5. The neighborhood coordinator will establish relationships with neighborhood residents and introduce residents to community services and discuss residential concerns.
  - a. Neighborhood Coordinators will conduct a family assessment with families, and help families set and achieve strength based goals.
  - b. Neighborhood Coordinators will refer families to appropriate social services and conduct follow-up with families and agencies.
  - c. Neighborhood Coordinators will recruit all Head Start/Early Head Start age eligible children in the neighborhood.
6. Neighborhood Coordinators will work with Code Enforcement and Fire Department to conduct property assessments of each property in the neighborhood.
  - a. The Neighborhood coordinator and Code Enforcement Officer will work with residents to address code violations and abatement.
7. The CORE Team will conduct a block meeting to identify strengths, problems, and solutions for the neighborhood.
  - a. Results of the neighborhood survey will be presented.
  - b. The CORE Team will meet with residents and property owners to elicit issues that need addressing.

8. A Building Leadership for Community Development Class will be offered and targeted towards residents of the neighborhood.
9. A neighborhood clean-up day will be completed in the neighborhood 6-8 months after the project has begun.
  - a. The CORE Team will gather community volunteers to help with neighborhood clean-up days.
  - b. The Neighborhood Coordinators will develop a least of jobs that residents need help with, and coordinate volunteers at the clean-up day.
10. The Neighborhood Coordinator will work in conjunction with the Police Department and neighborhood residents to implement a block watch program.
11. The Neighborhood Coordinator and CORE Team will remain involved with the neighborhood for 6 months after the clean-up to endure neighborhood stability.