



Safe Neighborhoods

Safety is fundamental to the health and vitality of communities. People need to know that their children can walk to school without fear, and that their neighborhood streets and parks are peaceful places - every bit as much as they need good, affordable housing, living-wage jobs and strong schools.

Safety is also critical to attracting community-minded businesses and homeowners to neighborhoods. When crime is high, local economies shrivel. Revitalization and crime reduction must go hand in hand, which is why LISC invests in safety initiatives that promote police-community partnerships and community development at the same time.



Police-Community Collaboration

LISC Safety (formerly known as Community Safety Initiative or CSI) supports residents, police, community developers and other stakeholders to collaborate in addressing violence and disorder. LISC offers technical assistance and training that helps those team members share expertise, make joint decisions and solve problems. Neighborhoods with these kinds of partnerships have posted 40 to 70 percent drops in crime compared to places where police are tackling crime alone.

Revitalization as a Key to Crime Reduction

Through LISC Safety and other programs, we support neighborhoods in building their way out of crime. We help them transform nuisance properties into quality affordable housing, attract businesses to streets where crime once discouraged investment and reclaim parks to make them safe spaces for people from all walks of life. We also back programs that help former offenders re-enter the community and break the cycle of recidivism, and that enlist at-risk youth in crime-prevention initiatives.

A Partnership with the Justice Department

In 2012, the US Department of Justice selected LISC to be the national technical assistance provider for its **Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program**. Byrne is a federal effort to bring community members, law enforcement and other partners together to tackle crime and create connection. With LISC's training and technical assistance, grantees gather data and use it to tailor comprehensive crime reduction strategies for specific, local places.

A Safe Neighborhood is a Healthy Neighborhood

Communities are more secure, healthier places when residents can enjoy well-maintained parks and playing fields and youth can access quality programming during non-school hours.

Our partnership with the **NFL Foundation Grassroots Program** has built or refurbished 300+ playing fields. And in collaboration with the new **ESPN Home Court Pilot Program** we are helping schools and community organizations rehab local basketball courts. Through our local offices we have invested in hundreds of parks, trails and green spaces where people can safely walk, play and gather.

Neighborhoods where
LISC Safety works have
experienced reductions in
crime — as much as 70%.



LISC community partners in Rhode Island team up with local police.



Open communication between law enforcement and residents builds trust that is essential to community safety as seen in Woonsocket, RI.



Refurbished parks provide safe places to play and eliminate spaces that once invited illicit activity.

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