

# Choice Neighborhoods Overview

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# Public Housing: Decades of Neglect



- **Distressed public housing**
  - Housing of last resort for many individuals and families
  - Legacy of segregation
- **Terrible conditions**
  - Poor management
  - Physical decay
  - Drug trafficking, gang violence
  - Troubled residents

# Public Housing: Transformation

- HUD takeovers, improved management
- HOPE VI: \$6.7 billion over 15 years
- Deconcentrating Poverty
  - Vouchers
  - Mixed income



# HOPE VI: A Mixed Legacy



- Transformed housing, improved management, financing innovations
- For many residents, better housing, safer neighborhoods
- But challenges remain:
  - Persistently low employment
  - Extremely poor health
  - “Hard to house,” multi-problem families

# Choice Neighborhoods: Beyond HOPE VI

- Broader vision
- Goals are:
  - Transform distressed public housing/assisted properties into energy-efficient mixed-income housing
  - Support positive outcomes for residents (health, safety, employment, education)
  - Transform high poverty (more than 20% poor) neighborhoods

# Differences from HOPE VI

- Goes beyond public housing
- Requires preservation of affordable housing in neighborhood
- Returning residents have right of return
  - replacement housing requirements
  - Tracking of relocated residents
- Emphasis on supportive services
- Coordination with Promise Neighborhoods, schools, other place-based initiatives

# Current Status

- HUD has issued a “Pre-Notice” for 2010 funding
- \$65M total; \$3M for planning grants (\$250K), \$62M for implementation grants
- Two rounds of competition summer 2010