

The Seven Community Revitalization Partnership Principles



Purpose: Rebuilding Together is rooted in the community. We work closely with community members to revitalize our communities using the following principles.

Rebuilding Together is a **Community Revitalization Partner** When...

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We demonstrate a **commitment to safe and healthy housing** in our work. Our process integrates the 25 *Safe and Healthy Home Priorities* in homes served for a holistic approach. Our high-quality repairs remedy critical issues related to home systems. Our services lead to measurable outcomes that positively impact homes, communities and the overall well-being of every person served.

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We prioritize a **coordinated approach** with other organizations and service providers. We acknowledge that we are one piece of the broader housing and community development ecosystem. We connect our clients to other programs and services that can assist them.

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We seek opportunities to further serve our community through **innovation and expansion**. We offer services that complement our core home repair program either through our affiliate or collaborative partnerships. Examples include affordable housing programs, workforce development, energy efficiency or health care-funded modifications.

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We regularly engage with local, political, community and business leaders. We use our services as a **platform to advocate for those that we serve**. We participate in roundtables, housing alliances, community-based cohorts and other opportunities for organized advocacy for healthy housing and historically disinvested communities in general. As a result, various stakeholders seek our expertise to address issues related to housing and community engagement.

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We demonstrate a strong **understanding of the current and historical policies, practices and behaviors that create housing inequality** in our community. We regularly educate ourselves, our volunteers and our funders on these issues.

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We build **cultural competency** with our stakeholders by respecting and affirming the values of the community served. We utilize a person-first approach to programming to prioritize community members' interests, strengths, needs and active participation throughout the process with minimal disruption to the community.

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We practice **active listening** in the community. We participate in neighborhood meetings, planning processes and events. Our services adapt to the needs and interests identified by the community we serve. Community members and others with lived experiences actively participate at all levels of our organization. We seek to remove barriers to their involvement and include them in decision-making.