



We all want to make sure kids are safe and healthy. That starts with safe and stable housing. Children in stable housing grow up with:

- Better academic outcomes
- Lower dropout rates
- Fewer behavioral problems
- Better health outcomes

Imagine a child's well-being as a house. In order to withstand all the seasons and storms (throughout the years, a house will need strong foundation. The same is true with a child's well-being, with stable housing acting as that critical component that builds resiliency through better relationships with early child care centers, schools, and health care providers. Healthier children then lead to stronger families and prosperous communities.

Parents/caregivers who don't have to worry about housing and their environment have more time and energy to devote to making sure their child's other needs are being met.

Housing stability protects kids and points them toward a brighter future.

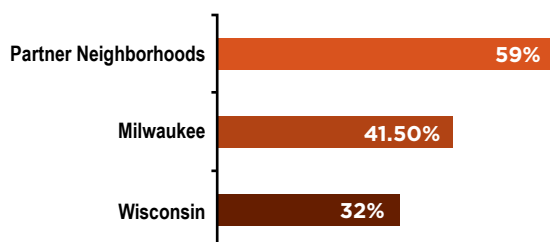
## HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES MADE TO ENHANCE STABILITY (HOMES)

is focused on engaging the community, through community cafes, surveys, and other resident participation, to establish partnerships across health care, child welfare, housing, and other systems to advance services and policies that support healthy and stable housing.

HOMES is a project between the Institute of for Child and Family Well-Being and Children's Hospital of Wisconsin's Community Health Navigator program. The Navigators partner with the Milwaukee neighborhoods of Metcalfe Park, Amani/Franklin Heights and Lindsay Heights to address the health and other needs of residents.

Since the Navigators were established in 2013 the most requested resource by residents each year has been related to housing. Residents in the Partner Neighborhoods face a number of complex challenges, and the lack of affordable housing is clearly a one of those challenges when compared to Milwaukee or Wisconsin as a whole.

### PERCENT OF FAMILIES PAYING MORE THAN 30% OF INCOME TOWARDS HOUSING



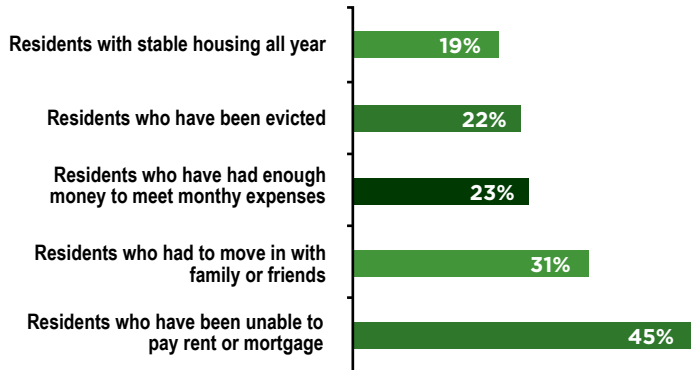
When families spend more than **30%** of their income on housing they have less to spend on food and health care. Children are at greater risk for multiple moves, which negatively impacts health, well-being and academic performance.

When families lack affordable housing options they may be forced to live in substandard housing that puts residents at increased risk of lead poisoning, asthma and accidental injury.

## HOMES SURVEY

In June 2016 the Navigators surveyed 52 households in the Partner Neighborhoods to learn more about housing stability, resource needs, and resilience of the residents. The results show that residents have faced a number of challenges related to housing and service access, but also found that residents have support and resilience

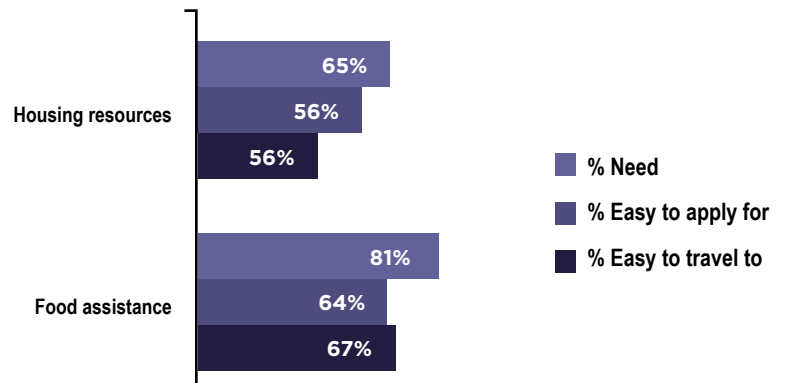
### HOUSING STABILITY OVER THE PAST YEAR (N=42)



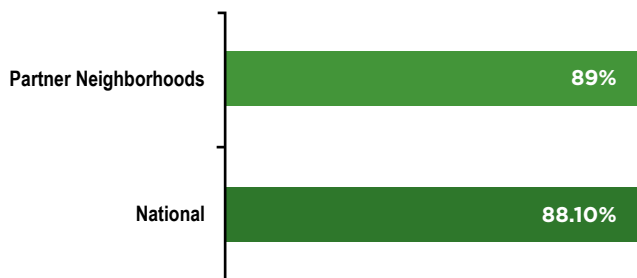
Only **19%** of residents did not report any housing challenges for the past 12 months. Almost twice as many residents had trouble paying their rent/mortgage as those who indicated they have enough money to meet expenses in the past year.

### PARENTS NEEDS AND ACCESSIBILITY TO RESOURCES (N=43)

A lack of adequate access to basic services increases stress among families. Parents were asked about the need for, and ability to access, ten types of services during the previous 12 months. Four out of five parents identified food assistance as a need, but only two-thirds of them reported easy access to the service. The need for housing resources was reported by two-thirds of the parents, but only two out of five found it easy to get to.



### PARENTS WITH DAY-TO-DAY SUPPORT (N=37)



**87%** of residents surveyed self-identified as having protective factors that support resilience. Parents also indicated that they had day-to-day support with parenting at about the same rate as a national survey

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