



2022 PARTNER IMPACT REPORT



South Side Thrive
Collaborative

ABOUT



VISION

Columbus' South Side is a mosaic of vibrant communities in which every resident thrives.

MISSION

To support South Side residents in living healthy, fulfilling lives by strengthening the collective efforts of community partners.

South Side Thrive Collaborative brings together a network of stakeholders to improve the overall quality of life in the South Side. Our network includes more than forty human service organizations, healthcare providers, civic groups, and local businesses. We work collaboratively to mitigate the effects of poverty in the South Side.

To understand the collective impact of services and programs, South Side Thrive Collaborative annually aggregates data from 25 partners. In this report, if more than one partner reported data for a single measure, it is noted as (# partners).

Our work aims to advance the following outcomes for South Side residents with low to moderate income:



Housing Stability

Making sure residents can maintain housing because displacement risks have been addressed.



Economic Mobility

Ensuring residents have full-time employment that supports their household and a financially secure future.



Health

Improving residents quality of life through increased access to healthcare, fresh food, and healthy living resources.



Community Connection

Elevating the voice of residents and building the capacity of stakeholders to delivery high-quality services.

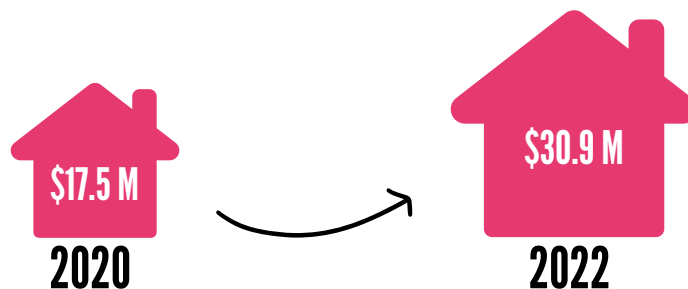
HOUSING STABILITY

South Side Thrive partners effectively ensured housing stability by expanding the availability of affordable housing and deploying interventions that help residents avoid evictions and stay in their homes.

Preserving Housing Affordability:

- 130** affordable rental units in construction (2 partners)
- 137** new affordable rental units leased (2 partners)
- \$396,307** invested into 30 units via homeowner repair grants (2 partners)

TOTAL INVESTED INTO AFFORDABLE HOUSING



In 2022, a group of partners remained steadfast in their effort to build more affordable housing units in the South Side. Construction was completed at Jenkins Loft, Touchstone Place, and several scattered sites in 2022. Two partners reported \$30.9 million invested into new affordable housing developments in 2022.

One partner reported that tenants of affordable rental units developed in 2022 were predominately Black women with incomes under 41% of area median income.

While the total number of home repair grants in 2022 decreased, the total amount of funds issued for repairs increased by over \$100,000 as compared to 2021. In 2022, 36 South Side residents completed HUD certified financial literacy and homeownership programming, and 375 residents received free furniture to make a house into a home.

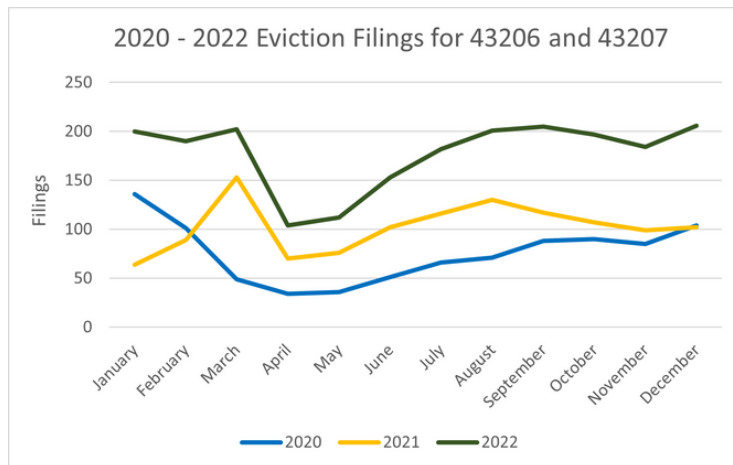
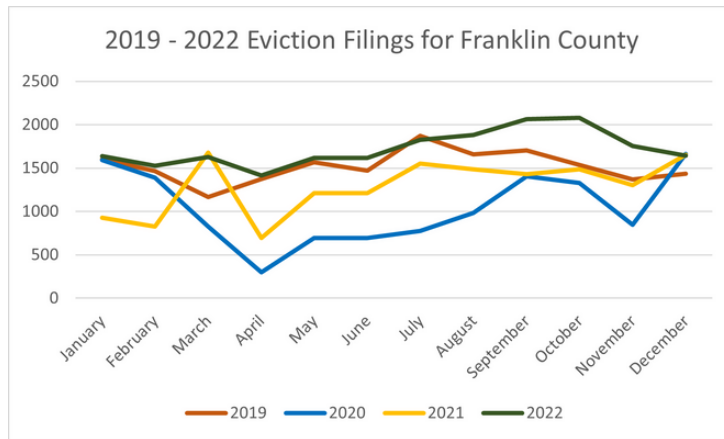
HOUSING STABILITY

Preventing Evictions

\$6.7 MILLION in rental assistance issued to 1,240 South Side households (3 partners)

426 tenants received legal or mediation support to mitigate an eviction (3 partners)

47 residents received legal support to improve the quality of housing



46% of South Side residents are housing cost burdened, meaning they pay over 30% of their income on housing costs. With nearly half of South Side households being renters, the overall lack of affordable housing is pricing many out of their homes. In 2022, eviction filing rates for Franklin County, and the South Side, hit record levels. As the Columbus region experiences an overall housing crisis, this scarcity is driving up the cost of rent. While rental assistance resources were at an all time high in 2022, heading into 2023 there are dramatically less funds available for assistance.

ECONOMIC MOBILITY

South Side Thrive partners mobilized the workforce by providing job skill development services that help residents improve employment skills, acquire full-time employment, and achieve a livable wage.



In an effort to increase income sufficiency through quality employment, partners provided workforce training, adult education, and employment services to 569 South Side residents in 2022 (9 partners). One partner reported that individuals had an 18% increase in wages after programming.

98 formerly incarcerated South Side residents received legal assistance to overcome employment barriers, including 21 people assisted with record sealing, expungement, or Certificates for Qualification for Employment.

Finally, one partner assisted 55 South Side families by filing their taxes for free. This service helped families claim \$37,800 in Child Tax Credits, \$20,605 in Earned Income Tax Credits, and a total of \$67,108 in refunds.

PROMOTING HEALTH

South Side Thrive partners supported residents in improving their health by addressing food insecurity, providing place-based medical services, and offering healthy living programs and resources.

- 3,455** South Side residents received primary care services
- 11,040** Primary care visits at local health clinics (2 partners)
- 3,615** assisted with health insurance enrollment (2 partners)
- 258** expecting and new South Side moms received referrals to support services



In 2022, partners helped South Side residents avoid difficult tradeoffs that comprise their health and well-being. A greater number of households received emergency food assistance in 2022 compared to 2021. Of the total individuals served, 35% were children and 16% were seniors.

Healthcare clinics located in the South Side continued to provide accessible health care services to individuals. In 2022, South Side residents had 9,243 specialty care visits including OBGYN and behavioral health from local providers (2 partners).

Finally, in an effort to reduce harm from opiate overdoses, one behavioral health organization distributed over 1,000 units of Narcan, and revived 275 people from overdoses by administering Narcan in the South Side.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

South Side Thrive partners met residents where they are to best connect people to critical community resources and programs, and provide community-based services.

12,750

REQUESTS FOR
SERVICES AND
LINKAGES

18,000

REFERRALS TO
PROGRAMS AND
SERVICES

50,160
RIDES

In the South Side, there is a robust network of community-based organizations. Several partners provide information and referral services in order to connect South Side residents to resources. In 2022, there were 12,750 requests for information and referrals from South Side residents. The top two referral types issued were for food assistance and rent payment assistance.

Finally, COTA's on-demand transit solution, COTA Plus South Side, provided over 50,000 rides in 2022. This real-time transportation service helps South Side residents move through-out the community.

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- Community Development for All People
- Community Housing Network
- Community Mediation Services
- Central Ohio Transit Authority
- Furniture Bank of Central Ohio
- Godman Guild
- Goodwill Columbus
- Habitat for Humanity MidOhio
- IMPACT Community Action
- Legal Aid Society of Columbus
- Lutheran Social Services
- Mid-Ohio Food Collective
- Nationwide Children's Hospital
- New Directions Career Center
- OhioMeansJobs Columbus-Franklin County Job Center
- The Ohio State University, Franklin County Extension
- PrimaryOne Health
- The Reeb Center
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