



Educational Support Programs in Affordable Housing

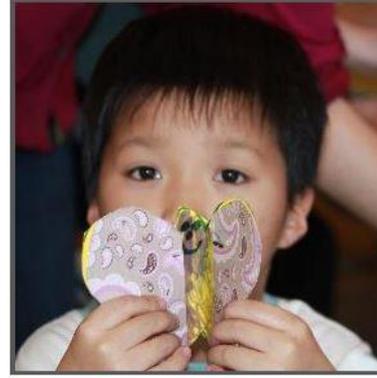
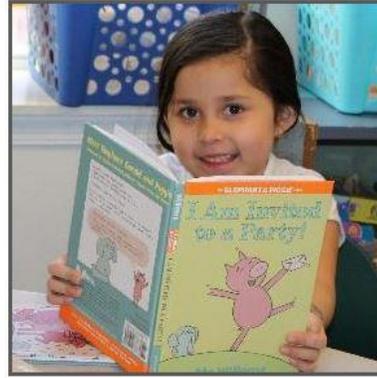
Building Successful Families & Neighborhoods
through Resident Services

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Long History of Resident Services

- AHC Inc. (Arlington Housing Corporation) started in 1975. Resident Services began in 1993.
- Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing (APAHA) started in 1989. Resident Services began in 2009.
- Both organizations provide a variety of programs to help residents, including employment skill-building, health and wellness information and services, eviction prevention and educational programs.
- Three key ways that affordable housing is helping students succeed are by providing stability, community partnerships and out-of-school opportunities.

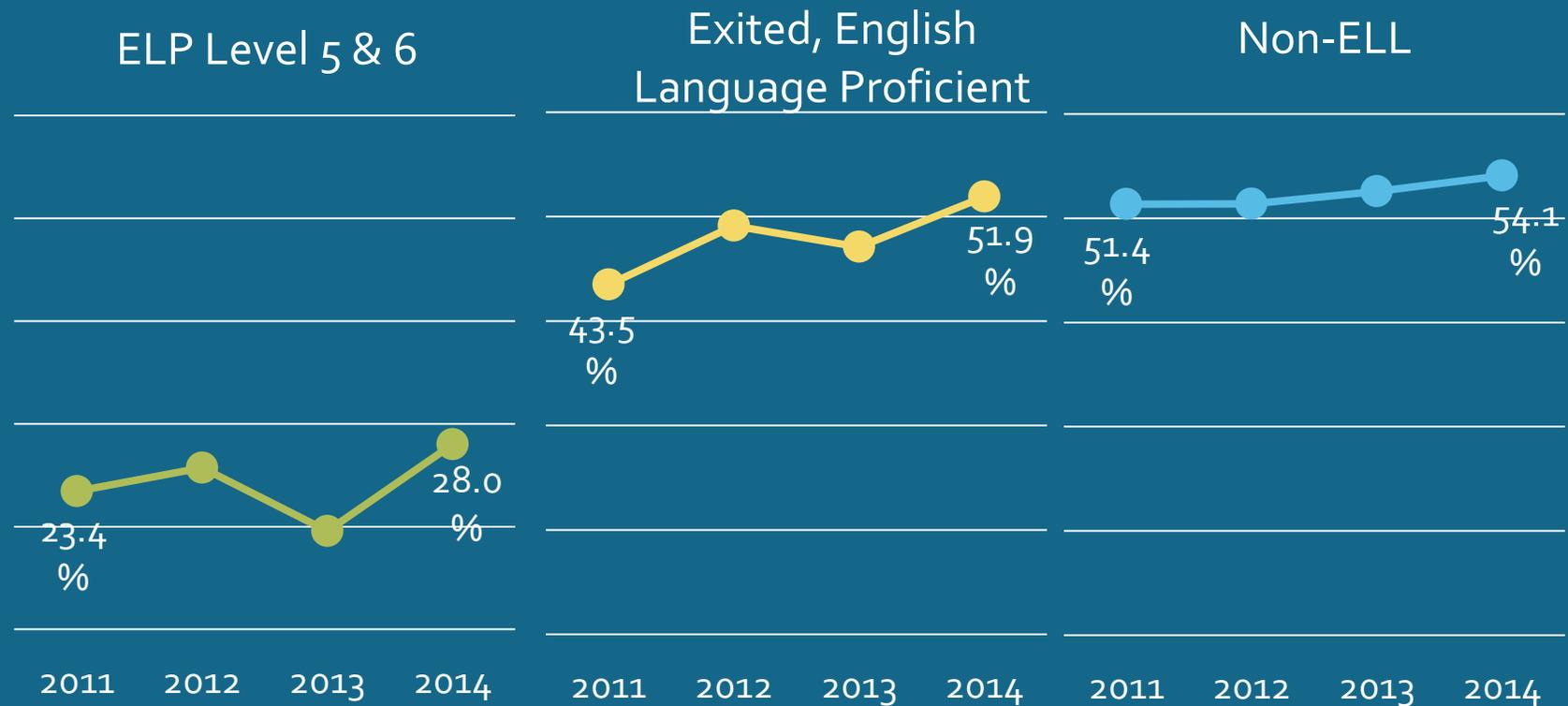


Children Are More Than Test Scores

Fact: Parent involvement and housing stability are better predictors of academic success.

Progress & Performance: Advanced Courses

% of English Language Learners (ELLs) enrolled in Advanced Courses – language acquisition paves the way



Sources: ESOL/HILT Monitoring Report, June 2015



Success Story: Estephani



Estephani, a recent high school graduate, is so much more than her test scores.

Although she had trouble passing her high school English SOL, Estephani thrived in AP English. She worked hard, earned numerous scholarships and is now studying to be a teacher at Northern Virginia Community College.



How Affordable Housing Helps Families and Neighborhoods Succeed

1. STABILITY



How Affordable Housing Builds Stability

- Apartments are “committed” to being affordable – no financial uncertainty.
- Apartments are not overcrowded.
- Families are less transient & have regular, convenient access to community services. (Example: The market average is close to 50% for both market and market affordable properties; while APAH’s annual resident turnover is 20%.)
- Participation in community activities is higher since they are offered right where residents live, which encourages engagement and builds community.
- Greenbrier Learning Center compared families living in committed affordable housing to families living in market-rate affordable and found that committed affordable residents were apt to be more stable and to actively participate in their children’s activities and community services.



Stable Housing Has Positive Impact on Students' Intellectual and School Outcomes

- Numerous studies indicate that children who change schools experience declines in educational achievement.
- Impoverished children who move three or more times prior to turning 6 years old demonstrate increased behavior and attention problems.
- Student achievement at schools with high turnover is significantly lower than at schools with little or no turnover.
- Students experience better health when living in committed affordable housing that is high quality and not overcrowded.

*-The Impacts of Affordable Housing on Education: A Research Summary,
Center for Housing Policy, November 2014*



Success Story: Mussa



Housing stability is helping Mussa build a strong life.

The stability of affordable housing enables Mussa to take advantage of all the enriching opportunities Arlington has to offer, including AP classes, sports teams, an AHC internship and a better than minimum wage job.



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2. PARTNERSHIPS



Community Partnerships – Invaluable Resources

- Building community is key – it takes a village!
- Affordable housing groups develop partnerships with community groups that enhance services, add resources and increase successful participation.
- Affordable housing community centers provide space for partnership programs and convenient access to residents.
- Partners, which include local government, non-profits and schools, provide services that involve health & nutrition education, academic & reading programs, employment guidance, financial training, and language classes.
- Community partnerships provide necessities as well as teach skills.
- Volunteers, parents and youth can also be invaluable partners – forming relationships and a wide community network.



Success Story: Parent-Led Reading Program at Arlington Mill



Parents get involved and make a difference.

Parents at Arlington Mill sought training and organized themselves as a group to help improve reading skills of both children and parents.



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3. OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME



Out-of-School Time – Growth Opportunity

- Programs offered by affordable housing groups provide stability and regular opportunities to build personal and academic skills.
- Huge advantage by being located where families live – convenience, consistency and trust.
- Hours after school are vital for students – and a critical opportunity for academic and personal growth. Enrichment, music, art and physical activity are key.
- AHC example: Project-based learning gives students an opportunity to develop leadership, research, teamwork skills and build self-confidence.
- Time is ripe for expansion with Arlington Public Schools as they face all of the challenges related to growing enrollment and work to expand their emphasis on the whole child.
- DC has a fund that provides grants to afterschool programs. Possibility for Arlington?



Affordable Housing Programs' Positive Impact on Students

Greenbrier Learning Center –After-School Partnerships (APAH & AHC)

Greenbrier Learning Center connects 3rd-5th graders, their parents and schools to build community and improve academic performance.

- 92% improved reading instructional level or were at highest level.
- 67% of English Language Learners made significant progress.
- 100% maintained high expectations points, showing ability to self-regulate behavior.



Affordable Housing Programs' Positive Impact on Students

AHC After-School Program – Elementary Students

- Afternoon program focuses on improving literacy for elementary students. Reading specialists work intensively - one-on-one with struggling readers.
- 96% of assessed students improved their reading level by at least one full grade and/or are reading at or above grade level.
- 28 out of 28 struggling readers improved at least a year's worth of progress in their reading ability.

AHC Teen Program – Middle and High School Students

- Evening and late afternoon program that provides one-on-one tutoring 3 to 4 days a week, college trips, SAT test prep, help with scholarship and financial aid applications.
- 100% of AHC's participating seniors have graduated from high school since 2008.
- More than 90% of graduates continue their education.



Success Story: Angel



Consistency of education program changed his life.

Angel, a recent high school graduate, benefited from the consistency of AHC's Education Programs. He was a struggling student who turned around by late high school. Today he is studying at Northern Virginia Community College and works at The Smithsonian.



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MOVING FORWARD



To Think About...

- Kids are more than just numbers.
- Housing stability is critical to a child's academic and lifelong success.
- Affordable housing with onsite programs and access to community resources are key parts of that equation: To help a parent is to help a child.
- Out-of-school time is a key ingredient to children's success.
- Affordable housing (& other nonprofit organizations) need more partnerships & \$\$ for out-of-school time.
- Possible opportunity for Arlington right now!
- It takes a village.



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Stability, Community Partnerships and Out-of-School Opportunities