

PROJECT NAME: Guinotte Manor HOPE VI
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TIMELINE: 1999 (conducted within a \$40 million public housing redevelopment initiative)
CONTENT AREA:
FUNDER: U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
CLIENT: Housing Authority of Kansas City (HAKC)
AUDIENCE:
RESEARCH METHODOLOGY:

RDI served as program evaluator of this project; Guinotte Manor HOPE VI, a unique cooperation between project residents, the Kansas City Housing Authority, and the City of Kansas City, Missouri, was a \$47M effort to revitalize public housing and bring new social services to assist public housing and other neighborhood residents. RDI provided an assessment of the accomplishment of program and service goals. RDI's reports were used to develop more efficient and effective services.

The evaluation at Guinotte Manor, an apartment complex originally constructed in 1954, had four primary overall goals:

- Foster innovative and comprehensive approaches to the problem of severely distressed public housing developments and their residents and produce attractive communities sustainable over a long term.
- Develop social and community service programs that will foster opportunities for resident self-improvement, including economic self-sufficiency.
- Develop collaborative relationships with a broad array of actors/organizations that endure after the end of HOPE VI funding, promote the common interests of Guinotte Manor/Columbus Park residents, and address the isolation of public housing.
- Leverage the grant funds and use other private or governmental funds to create additional affordable and/or market rate housing in which the HOPE VI units can be blended.

OVERVIEW:

In addition to the four overall goals evaluation was conducted for twenty-six Guinotte Manor HOPE VI initiatives: adult education; citizen class and English for US citizenship exam (ESL-1); survival English (ESL-2); public safety; computer training laboratory; CWLA healthcare initiative; pre-apprenticeship program; information hotline; lease guidelines and community rules; property management; new resident training and orientation; neighborhood participation; revolving loan fund; family self-sufficiency; family crisis management training; Full Employment Council; Guinotte Tenant Association resident activities; Guinotte Tenant Association business services; home ownership training; transportation services; youth development activities; relocation; resident property manager training; endowment fund; day care; and resident participation.

HUD in May 2003 announced the winners of its "New Face of

America`s Public Housing Award." The award recognizes housing authorities, developers, and urban designers for their efforts to replace outmoded housing projects with attractive, walk-able, mixed-income neighborhoods. The HAKC received a certificate of recognition for the reconstruction of Guinotte Manor.

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