



PHFA's Housing Services Department **Best Practices**

PENNSYLVANIA HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY

Residences at Governor's Square/ FBI Child Safety

Categories: Education and Access to Services

Outcomes:

Parenting skills are improved resulting in a safer environment for residents' children. Residents are given an opportunity to have necessary information recorded about their children that can be used to help in the event a child is lost or missing.

Program Components:

- **FBI Agency Community Outreach Specialist.** The Service Coordinator reached out to the FBI's Community Outreach Specialist about the availability of them coming to the site to provide free ID kits for the children at the site.
- **Promotion.** The Service Coordinator created a flyer advertising the event and distributed it to residents, churches and neighbors in the local community. The Service Coordinator rented a cartoon character's costume and had a volunteer wear it, the day of the event, helping to draw residents' interest. The Service Coordinator invited the local media to the event.
- **Event.** The FBI provided free professional photos that were taken on-site with the FBI's Cross Match Child Identification machine. A free "take home" ID kit was provided to the parents of children under the age of 5. Additional kits were provided by the FBI to the Service Coordinator for distribution to anyone requesting one.

Background:

The Residences at Governor's Square is a general occupancy development that is available for residents of all ages, including persons with disabilities. The tax credit financed development is located in the City of Harrisburg and contains a mix of townhouse and apartment style units.

Units: Residences at Governor's Square consists of 222 one, two, three and four bedroom units for general occupancy

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Investment in Services:

The site incurred minimal costs for the snacks, flyers, and costume rental for sponsoring this activity.

RESULTS

Collaboration provides youth with positive experiences in dealing with the law enforcement system

Promotion event provides the site with a positive community image and potential new residents

Safety of children in the community is heightened

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