**THEORY OF CHANGE**

**BENEFICIARIES**
- Residents
- Community stakeholders
- Academic community

**UM-SSW Technical Assistance Center**
- "Content"
  - University connections and reputation
  - Faculty expertise
  - Staff time and talents

**PARTNERS**
- Skillman Foundation
- NCDI
- Learning Partnership
- GN Communities
- Other UM Departments

**TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**
- Communities have existing assets and can develop to their full potential
- Knowledge will be built upon through information and training
- Change will occur systematically across neighborhoods
- Partnerships must be established in order to achieve community change

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- Based on the requests of residents, stakeholders, community groups, and non-profits and designed to build capacity

**CROSS NEIGHBORHOOD**
- Based on emerging issues from each neighborhood and from the Initiative and designed to meet capacity-building and learning needs common across neighborhoods

**INITIATIVE**
- Based on emerging issues and requests from the Skillman Foundation and designed to identify appropriate strategies, future projects, and evaluation mechanisms

**OUTPUTS**
- Residents and organizations gain skills and knowledge
- Partnerships and working relationships are established across communities
- Good Neighborhoods responds to emerging issues in a timely and...
OUTCOMES
GN partners and communities make informed decisions
Residents and stakeholders develop a sense of community ownership
Residents and stakeholders respond to community issues with skills

KEY ACTIVITIES
Consultation to Action Planning Teams, residents, and small groups
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Preparation for community meetings
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Cross-neighborhood forums, symposiums, etc
Cross-neighborhood briefs
Facilitation of roundtable discussions/learning clusters
Leadership Development Academy
Cross-neighborhood partnerships - i.e. Safe Routes to School

INITIATIVE
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Learning clusters
Best practices research, literature reviews, and briefs
Data input and analysis from community meetings, action planning team meetings
Qualitative analysis
Creation of templates and workshop documents
Participation in Operations Group Meetings, Wednesday Conference Calls, Learning Partnership, etc
Develop system for learning from and integrating best practices

INTERNAL
Based on TAC identified needs and desired outcomes

KEY ACTIVITIES
Publications and presentations
Field placement site
Grant requirements
Future vision of TAC

INDICATORS
Increased request for service
Increased name recognition and understanding of role
Positive feedback via surveys
Increased identification of neighborhood issues (timeliness, response, etc.).
Increased amount of time spent in the neighborhood with residents
Increased number of resources in toolbox
Improved ability to use evaluation data to inform neighborhood decisions

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