

AFFORDABLE HOUSING BENEFITS EDUCATION

Children who grow up in housing their families can afford have improved behavioral and cognitive health outcomes, better access to high-quality education and higher achievement in school. The North Carolina Housing Finance Agency's home ownership, rental housing and supportive housing investments set families on a path of lifelong success.



Improves child development

Housing quality has a strong, consistent impact on child development.¹ Children who live in safe, sanitary homes have lower risk of emotional, behavioral and cognitive problems, which influence school performance and access to academic and job opportunities as they age.²



Reduces childhood instability

Unstable and unaffordable housing situations can cause frequent moves,³ harming children's educational outcomes by interfering with instruction and school attendance.⁴ The Agency's rental, home buyer and foreclosure prevention investments can help reduce housing instability.

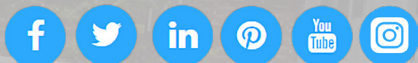


Boosts child achievement

Adolescents living in poor-quality housing have lower math and reading scores, even after adjusting for parenting and other factors.⁴ Children whose parents are homeowners also perform better academically, are more engaged in civic and volunteer activities and are less likely to participate in criminal activity.⁵

To learn more about how affordable housing benefits education, visit 2018.HousingBuildsNC.com

Sources: ¹ Developmental Psychology (Journal), ² MacArthur Foundation, ³ Society for Prevention Research, ⁴ Child Development (Journal), ⁵ Science (Journal)



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