

Co-Housing for University Students with Children Columbus, Ohio

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Project partners were joined by program and project planners Jones and Toomey to address housing needs for single-parent students attending institutions of higher education. Faculty researchers began the project proposal through course initiatives to engage students in processes of design that address relevant social concerns. Students developed a web site to share research and analyses of possible sites and models of appropriate architecture to address unique residential and neighborhood needs. The Ohio State student housing office learned by sponsoring a market study that a demand of 190 units was viable. *Co-housing for University Students with Children* grew out of this research to involve prospective residents in the design process and provide more housing for the population of low-income single-parent families seeking to advance their education.

The design project includes 50 two-bedroom dwelling units, program offices, child care for 100 pre-school children, recreation and meeting facilities, library and computer workshops, laundry, communal storage facilities, gardens, playgrounds, and parking.

Collaborators

Austin E. Knowlton School of Architecture
School of Social Work
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Housing, Food Service, & Event Centers
Office of University Architect and Physical Planning
Columbus Office of Housing and Urban Development
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Prospective student residents

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