

Wisconsin

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Sojourner Family Peace Center

Community Profile

Milwaukee, WI

Poverty Rate 42.4%

Median Income 62.7%

Compared to AMI

Project Highlights

- Investor: PNC Bank
- Co-Allocatees: IFF, Forward Community Investments, Consortium America
- NMTC: \$21M
- Jobs: 350 construction jobs and more than 31 permanent jobs
- Brownfield site

Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker (R) was on hand in 2014 for the groundbreaking of one of the first co-located child advocacy and family violence centers in the country, the new Sojourner Family Peace Center (SFPC), located Milwaukee. The project is a partnership between Sojourner, the largest nonprofit provider of domestic violence prevention and counseling in Wisconsin, and Children's Hospital of Wisconsin (CHW), and is one of the first in the nation to provide comprehensive services for victims and families impacted by domestic violence. Using a proven, collaborative model, which combines co-located service providers in one easily accessible location, victims of domestic violence and their families have access to more integrated, streamlined and cost efficient services.

To make the project possible, IFF, Forward Community Investments, and Consortium America provided a total of \$21 million in NMTC financing, with an equity investment from PNC Bank.

"Without the initial support to jump-start the project, we would have had to engage in additional fundraising, which would have put us at least six months behind schedule in opening our doors to thousands of victims and their families who have been impacted by family violence," said Carmen Pitre, president and chief executive officer of Sojourner

The new 78,000 square foot community facility, completed in 2016, consolidated services that were previously provided in three different locations in the Milwaukee area and is one of the nation's first complete co-locations of a Child Advocacy Center with a Family Justice Center, interlinked to serve clients better. Sojourner has also increased the number of shelter beds from 46 to 56 and doubled the number of bathrooms to eight. Other new amenities include more private and family rooms, in addition to a workout room, a quiet room, a health room for screenings, a cafeteria and other small and large capacity meeting rooms. To date, the new facility has created more than 125 job opportunities for the neighborhood.

Besides the impact of the services provided to the largely low income population, the project expects to add six new full-time and 1 part-time staff person from its existing staff levels. CHW will bring 31 full-time employees to the facility and will add one full-time position. An estimated 350 construction workers) assisted in the construction of the project.

SFPC has provided employment assistance to its clients since 2005 and plans to expand this program. The Family Justice Center also includes a computer lab and classrooms for training and workforce assistance for its clients. SFPC and CHW also have plans to work with a job-training agency to use this space to provide additional onsite workforce development service.

