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# Community Interaction For Off Campus Residents

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## ***PROBLEM***

Amongst four off campus residents there is a:

- Lack of social cohesion and efficacy with neighbors and the general community.
- Lack of relationships within smaller Dayton community
- Low interaction and involvement with student culture on or off University Campus.
- Lack of community culture

### ***Social Cohesion***

The strength of relationships and the sense of solidarity among members of the community.

### ***Collective Efficacy***

The ability of members of a community to control the behavior of individuals and groups in the community

### ***Characteristics Of Locations***

- Middle aged to older neighbors
- Greater distance to students involved activities
- Low involvement in campus activities
- Little to no crime in neighborhoods
- Clean areas
- Well maintained houses and yards

## ***SOLUTIONS***

- Build cohesion and trust in the community, in order to foster collective efficacy
  - Cookouts
  - Block Parties
  - Games
- Build solidarity within community to establish cohesion
- Have monthly meetings to let people voice their concerns
- Implement dialogue with one another that can lead to solutions to diminish possible inequalities



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