

LA CROSSE COUNTY, WISCONSIN

- ▶ Goal of project is to reduce the negative effects of student mobility by reducing the need for families to move or by easing the transition after a move.
 - Quantitative data: mobility rates and frequency, origin and destination schools, free and reduced lunch rates, income levels of mobile families, subsidies vs rental rates, household composition, transportation use, etc.
 - Qualitative data: reasons for moving, safety concerns, relationships with neighbors, housing/neighborhood conditions, sense of importance of keeping kids in school

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Lessons Learned, Resources or Tools:

- ▶ Key Informant Interviews (landlords, youth program leaders, business leaders)
- ▶ Parent Surveys/Focus groups (teachers, admin assistants, students)
- ▶ Local researchers/interventions
- ▶ School district data by school
- ▶ Community Commons/Policy Map
- ▶ RWJF Culture of Health survey tools

Current Challenge:

- ▶ Knowing whether we are drilling down to the actual root causes of mobility
- ▶ Understanding the dynamics of mobility in our community and our schools
- ▶ Teasing apart the many overlapping influences on mobility (both positive and negative)