



# From **Meth Lab** to **Art and Education Center for Youth**

Treasure Valley Institute for Children's Arts,  
Boise, Idaho

## Built in 1907, the Immanuel Methodist Episcopal Church in Boise is not a typical candidate for brownfield redevelopment funds.

However, after the church was neglected for years, in the 1990s it became a haven for methamphetamine (meth) production. Meth production creates toxic, explosive, and flammable byproducts.

The church was bought, redeveloped, and now

serves as the Treasure Valley Institute for Children's Arts (TrICA), which provides dance, music, and culinary classes. The renovation helped restore the neighborhood's commitment to historic preservation and community health.



### Health impacts of the TrICA redevelopment:

- ✓ **Reduced** exposures to environmental contaminants such as lead and methamphetamine
- ✓ **Eliminated** physical hazards in the building
- ✓ **Increased** learning opportunities and well-being of neighborhood children



### Funding:

- Private investment (ownership of building)
- Reuse Idaho Brownfields Council (RIBC)
- EPA Brownfields Program
- J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation
- Private donations



### For the full story, visit:

[http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/sites/brownfields/docs/ATSDR\\_LandReuse.pdf](http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/sites/brownfields/docs/ATSDR_LandReuse.pdf)



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