

LIFEWORKS

Location: Austin, TX
Size: 33,600 sq ft

The design of the LifeWorks East Austin branch seeks to satisfy four criteria: First, it highlights the role of LifeWorks in transforming the lives of its clients. Second, it contributes to and reflects the spirit of the local community. Third, its spaces serve as a source of peace and healing for users. Finally, it is flexible enough to serve the non-profit's expanding programs.

To reflect the spirit of transformation that is central to the mission of LifeWorks, users entering the building pass through a series of transitional spaces. The street is flanked by a colonnade that acts as a communal "front porch," providing shade, refuge, identity, and light. Once inside, the scale of spaces progresses from large to small as clients find a scale unique to the life changes they are experiencing. Over 90% of the occupied spaces have exterior views, and a 4-star sustainability rating is anticipated from Austin Energy Green Building.



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