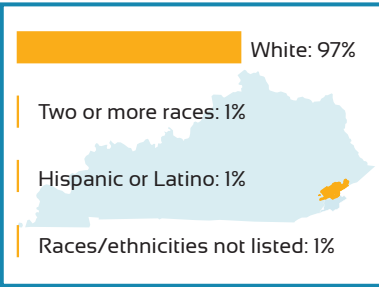


Letcher Promise Neighborhood

Letcher County, Kentucky



Community Composition



10
Schools



23,744
People in Footprint



5,147
Children in Footprint





Median Household Income



Population Below Poverty Level



Letcher Promise Neighborhood, a rural community with persistent poverty, was devastated by a historic flood in July 2022. Led by Partners for Rural Impact, Letcher Promise Neighborhood uses a place-based, student-focused approach to improve outcomes in the eastern Kentucky region of Appalachia. This is Partner for Rural Impact's fourth Promise Neighborhood grant, and it has a demonstrated history of improving outcomes for children, students, youth, and families in rural Appalachia.

Pipeline	Select Strategies
Early Childhood Education  <p>16% of students exhibit age-appropriate functioning entering kindergarten.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Home visitation ensures children and parents enter school with the necessary skills and knowledge for school success. Early learning professional development and accreditation improve the skills, practices, and knowledge of early childhood providers.
K-12 Education  <p>54% of students are chronically absent in grades 6-9.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A-B-C One-to-One Academic Case Management uses early warning indicators and interventions to ensure K-8 students progress toward academic proficiency. Certified Professional Co-Active Coaches work with school leadership to implement systems change using a Results Count framework.
College and Career Readiness  <p>96% of parents speak to their children about attending college.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bottom Line provides intensive advising for high school and degree-seeking students from 11th grade through 6 years postgraduation. Letcher Promise Neighborhood hosts FAFSA completion workshops throughout the county, working alongside parent groups and student voice teams.
Family and Community Supports  <p>34% of 12th graders reported experiencing psychological distress.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teen Outreach Program helps young people build social-emotional skills and develop a positive sense of self through personalized, asset-based developmental approaches. Youth Mental Health First Aid teaches skills to identify and help individuals experiencing emotional distress.



Innovative Strategy Spotlight

Letcher Promise Neighborhood focuses on deep and long-lasting partnerships with the community and schools to implement evidence-based strategies tailored to the rural context. Letcher collaborates with these partners to integrate solutions into existing systems and build new sustainable systems across the pipeline. The system-level work is done with and by students, parents, and the community.