



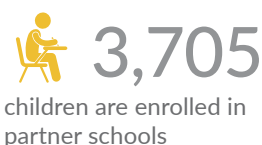
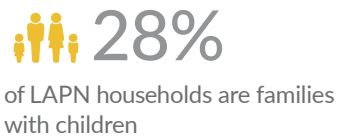
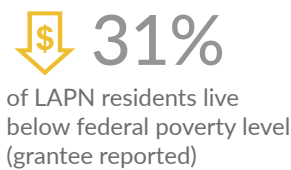
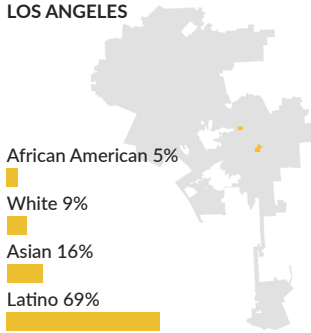
# Los Angeles Promise Neighborhood in the Promise Zone

Los Angeles, California

The Los Angeles Promise Neighborhood (LAPN), which has served children and families in northern LA for over five years, recently expanded to the Pico-Union/Westlake community in central LA. The expansion communities sit in the Los Angeles Promise Zone, which is a federal designation to encourage economic activity and the pursuit of community priorities in high-poverty communities. The Youth Policy Institute oversees both portions of the LAPN and implements their cradle-to-college continuum in Pico-Union in partnership with eight schools—from traditional public to public charter to pilot—and numerous other agencies and institutions of higher learning.

## COMMUNITY COMPOSITION

LOS ANGELES



## PROGRAM IN ACTION

### ACADEMIC CHALLENGES

#### Kindergartener Development



of kindergarteners are ready for school

#### Academic Proficiency Math



of students are proficient in math

#### Academic Proficiency ELA



are proficient in English language arts

#### Chronic Absenteeism



of students are chronically absent from school

#### High School Graduation



of students graduate on time

Source for academic challenges: APR ad hoc summary, year 1

### SELECT STRATEGIES

- Early Head Start (EHS): Health questions, family services assistance, and case management system
- School-based preschool
- YPI state preschool
- Classroom support and focus tutoring for students provided by City Year AmeriCorps members
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- Academic tutoring
- Alignment of assessment tools organized by a Principals Exchange
- School climate and transformation counselor
- Psychiatric social worker support
- Summer transition programs
- Academic classroom support provided by City Year AmeriCorps members
- College and career advisors
- Family engagement workshops

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE

When he was in the third grade, Raul did poorly on his math and English language arts proficiency tests. Because this can be a serious warning sign of future academic problems, Raul was enrolled in an academic tutoring program offered by the Youth Policy Institute from which he received in-class one-to-one and small group help sessions. The tutoring program is aligned with school curricula and is provided to third graders right in the school building because Raul's school principal and teachers have actively partnered with the Los Angeles Promise Neighborhood. Raul passed his last proficiency tests and even improved his math score by 270 points. His verbal and writing skills continue to flourish. Everyone is proud of Raul, including Raul.