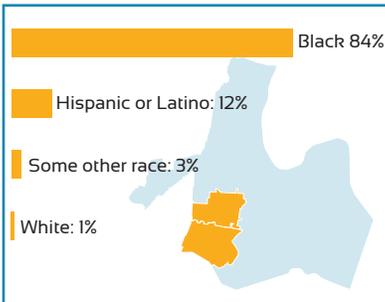




# South Ward Promise Neighborhoods Newark, New Jersey

## Community Composition



The South Ward Children’s Alliance is a 501(c)(3) organization located in the South Ward of Newark, New Jersey, which serves as a backbone for the South Ward Promise Neighborhoods (SWPN). After originally receiving a FY17 grant focused on the Clinton Hill and Dayton communities, the FY21 grant expanded South Ward Promise Neighborhoods into the Lower Clinton Hill and Weequahic neighborhoods. SWPN’s mission is rooted in a holistic approach to providing families in the South Ward of Newark with financial, food, housing, employment, medical, and mental health resources and services. Together, SWPN partners build upon existing community assets to integrate and coordinate a two-generation continuum of high-quality schools and programs that meet the academic, social and emotional, and health needs of children while stabilizing and empowering families to achieve self-sufficiency.



**19**  
schools  
in SWPN



**12,029** children  
in footprint

**986** children  
in ECE

**8,072** children  
in K-12



**\$28,300**  
Median household  
income



**28%**  
below poverty level

Pipeline	Select Strategies
<b>Early Childhood Education (ECE)</b> <b>5</b> <i>solutions provide support throughout the prenatal and early childhood years</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Services provided to birthing people through pregnancy, delivery, and postpartum reach children and families at the earliest ages.</li> <li>A network of existing early childhood partners increases the availability of high-quality early learning slots.</li> </ul>
<b>K-12 Education</b> <b>300</b> <i>K-8 students attended summer school education in 2022</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evidence-based supports, curricula, and interventions bolster literacy and math proficiency inside and outside school.</li> <li>A two-generation approach increases school attendance and reduces chronic absenteeism.</li> </ul>
<b>College and Career Readiness</b> <b>100–150</b> <i>high school graduates will be served annually by Gateway U</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The College and Career Collaborative Action Network helps students navigate college and career.</li> <li>Gateway U offers degree attainment through a flexible degree pathway and a scaffolded support program.</li> </ul>
<b>Family and Community Supports</b> <b>\$34,000</b> <i>is the income threshold for affordability in current affordable housing</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Promise Navigation care management program offers wraparound supports and serves as the point of entry to all partner services.</li> <li>Volunteer Lawyers for Justice empowers economically disadvantaged families with tools, advice, and pro bono representation.</li> </ul>



## Innovative Strategy Spotlight

Families and residents are full partners in all aspects of South Ward Promise Neighborhoods (SWPN). The SWPN evaluation uses a community-based participatory research framework that is community-driven and engages residents as experts in their community. Services in SWPN are available through multiple pathways, including home visitation, open workshops, and advocacy supports to stabilize and empower families.