



# Berea College Perry Promise Neighborhood

Perry County, Kentucky

Partners for Education at Berea College serves children and families in three Promise Neighborhoods located across Appalachian Kentucky. In partnership with 11 schools, 7 other entities, and families themselves, Berea's newest cradle-to-career effort, the Perry Promise Neighborhood, offers health initiatives, community safety programs, and educational support to children from birth to age 24 who live in and around the towns of Hazard, Buckhorn, and Vicco.

## COMMUNITY COMPOSITION

African American 1%

White 96%

Asian 1%

Latino 1%



27%

of Berea College Perry PN residents live below federal poverty level

29%

of Berea College Perry households are families with children

\$32,282

average median household income (per year) in Berea College Perry PN

6,108

children live in the neighborhood footprint

4,846

children are enrolled in partner schools



7

partner agencies

11

partner schools

## PROGRAM IN ACTION

### ACADEMIC CHALLENGES

#### Kindergartener Development

50%

of kindergarteners are ready for school

#### Academic Proficiency Math

40%

of students are proficient in math

#### Academic Proficiency ELA

56%

are proficient in English language arts

#### Chronic Absenteeism

27%

of students are chronically absent from school

#### High School Graduation

76%

of students graduate on time

### SELECT STRATEGIES

- Early Steps to Success home visiting program
- The Creative Curriculum and other evidence-based programs for very young children

- Academic interventionists based in schools
- National Math and Science Initiative College Readiness Program
- TI-Nspire calculators through Texas Instruments

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- Literacy connection through myOn platform
- Bookmobiles with wifi, Dell Chromebooks, and Kindle Fires

- Integrated student supports (ISS) model
- Teen Outreach Program (TOP) to address high-risk behaviors
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Source for academic challenges: 2017 grantee application for funding

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Kids on the Move, a local health and wellness initiative funded through the Kentucky Wellness Coalition, was bringing better nutrition and fitness to some children in Perry County. In previous years, the program had been able to establish a few school gardens, as well as pilot activities and events related to good eating and exercise in several schools. However, their impact remained small because of inadequate funding. Now, thanks to a partnership with the new Perry Promise Neighborhood, Kids on the Move is taking on additional school and community partners as it moves to bring its results "to scale" for children and families across the county.

GET INVOLVED!

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