



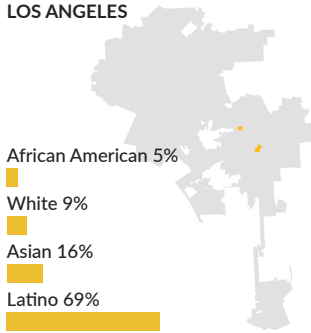
Los Angeles Promise Neighborhood in the Promise Zone

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



31%

of LAPN residents live below federal poverty level (grantee reported)

28%

of LAPN households are families with children

\$28,111

average median household income (per year) in LAPN

6,369

children live in the neighborhood footprint

3,705

children are enrolled in partner schools

20+ partner agencies

8 partner schools

PROGRAM IN ACTION

ACADEMIC CHALLENGES

Kindergartener Development

58%

of kindergarteners are ready for school

Academic Proficiency Math

15%

of students are proficient in math

Academic Proficiency ELA

28%

are proficient in English language arts

Chronic Absenteeism

15%

of students are chronically absent from school

High School Graduation

81%

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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- 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.