



L OS ANGELES PROMISE NEIGHBORHOOD IMPLEMENTATION GRANTEE PROFILE

Los Angeles, CA

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Mission

The Los Angeles Promise Neighborhood (LAPN) is a public-private partnership led by the Youth Policy Institute (YPI), the City of Los Angeles, the County of Los Angeles, and the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) that blends diverse funding streams to achieve a core set of outcomes and objectives. LAPN is building a pipeline of wraparound services to support early childhood development, extended learning time, linked learning, technology initiatives, summer and bridge programs, college preparation, career development, dropout and gang prevention, and reconnections for out-of-school youth. With support from more than 60 public and private partners, LAPN will transform Pacoima and Hollywood schools and communities into vibrant centers of excellence and opportunity.



Land Area: Pacoima: 2.8 square miles; Hollywood: 2.5 square miles
Population: Pacoima: 33,414; Hollywood: 58,213

LAPN Pacoima is on the north edge of LA a few blocks south of the Angeles National Forest, bordered to the northeast by a major state highway, and split in two by another highway. LAPN Hollywood is located in a central region of the city, between four major city streets and divided by a state highway.

Fast Facts

Community Composition	
<p>Socioeconomic Data Pacoima: 29% families with children living in poverty Hollywood: 46% families with children living in poverty</p>	<p>Demographic Data Pacoima: Latino (87%) Hollywood: Latino (50%), White (48%), Asian (1%), and African American (4%)</p>
<p>Children Enrolled in Target Schools 14,498 students</p>	<p>Children Living in Footprint Pacoima: 10,144 under 18; 7,231 school-aged Hollywood: 10,360 under 18; 7,052 school-aged</p>
<p># Schools Served 18</p>	<p>Types of Schools P-12; K-5; K-6; 6-8; 9-12</p>



Early Successes & Results

Promise Neighborhoods communities have been working to realize their vision for a cradle-to-career pipeline of seamlessly linked programs, services, and supports to help ensure all their children reach their fullest potential. Lead agencies are collaborating with a wide range of partners, including schools and community members, to build the capacity necessary to achieve better results for children and families. Guided by the Promise Neighborhoods program's clear results framework, lead agencies and partners have worked to develop critical infrastructure, such as strategic and accountable partnerships and systems and processes to collect, analyze, and use data for learning and accountability to create a culture of results.

In addition to enhancing their capacity and laying a foundation for more effective collaboration, Promise Neighborhoods communities have begun to implement significant pieces of their cradle-to-career pipeline, engaging children and families, providing access to needed programs, services, and supports, and achieving early successes and results. Highlights from this ongoing work in Los Angeles Promise Neighborhood include:

PROMISE PATHWAY TO KINDERGARTEN SUCCESS (PROMISE PATHWAY)

The Promise Pathway is a comprehensive strategy to support LAPN families with children 0-5. The pathway includes services focused on engaging parents and caregivers to join the fun journey of being their child's first teacher. Parents, caregivers and children are engaged in activities and workshops relevant to the child's ages and stages of development. LAPN understands that Parents/Caregivers are both the most important adults in a young child's life and the biggest contributors to their future success. The Promise Pathway focuses on providing supportive services to Parents/Caregivers and their children to help address the barriers to getting children ready to be successful

in kindergarten. Helping Parents/Caregivers gain access to resources for their children's basic needs, understand the importance of creating a safe and supportive environment, develop and nurture the love of reading and encourage play and creative expression. In early 2015, LAPN served 464 children between the ages of 0-5, and 215 adults as part of the Promise Pathway. In the 2014-2015 academic school year; 27% of children, enrolled in kindergarten at LAPN target schools, were deemed ready for Kindergarten according to the various assessments used by the schools.

K-12 ACADEMIC SUCCESS

LAPN Promise Corps provide tutoring opportunities for students at all 18 school sites and LAPN community centers. The Academic Tutoring program focuses on providing individualized academic assistance in Math & ELA to students in grades 3-11 who have been identified based on their performance on standardized tests and current coursework grades, focusing on 10% of the students at each Promise Neighborhood school who fall within the Below Basic or Basic band. By helping those students get back on track LAPN is increasing the overall performance of the school as well as increasing individual proficiency rates.

Additionally, students who receive tutoring will be more likely to graduate from high school. Since January 2015, a total of 205 students have participated in tutoring to support them with ELA and 443 students have participated in tutoring to support them with Math. This academic school year we expect to see increases in grades and student proficiency, with the goal of at least 55% of students we tutor growing one proficiency level in Math or ELA.

COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS

LAPN College and Career Advisors developed

PARTNER AGENCIES (continued)

SPARK
Thai CDC
The Heart Project
DBA ArtworxLA
UCLA
United Way of
Greater Los Angeles
Unusual Suspects
Welcome Baby





workshops for students, parents and disconnected youth. Programming includes Cash for College events, Financial Literacy workshops, information on college matched-savings accounts, and informational workshops on financial aid and personal statements. In the 2014-2015 academic school year the LAPN College and Career Advisors assisted 1,036 students with college applications and implemented 234 College Awareness workshops and services at LAPN target schools and community centers. This past summer, more than 80 high school seniors from five LAPN schools participated in a Peer College and Career Ambassador program held over the course of four days on the UCLA campus.

The program is designed to promote a college-bound culture and help students learn about the college application process for both public and private institutions.

COMMUNITY AND RESIDENT LEADERSHIP AND ENGAGEMENT

LAPN, in collaboration with its Community Development Department has hosted several community engagement activities. The Community Development Department manages the efforts for the Choice Neighborhoods and Byrne Criminal Justice planning grants. The overarching goal of all three signature initiatives is to transform communities; thus, the two departments collaborate to organize events such as asset mapping walks, focus groups and community visioning meetings. A total of 23 asset mapping walks in Pacoima and an additional 23 in Hollywood have provided current data and community feedback on safety concerns and issues around the target neighborhoods. On average LAPN has 40 community members attend community visioning meetings and engage in critical conversations. These events have also helped LAPN keep community members informed of all LAPN events and services.

Key Challenges & Opportunities

A new data sharing policy between the Youth Policy Institute and the Los Angeles Unified School District will enable YPI to tell cradle-to-college-and-career stories like never before. For the first time ever, LAUSD will share student-level data with an external agency. YPI uses the Efforts-to-Outcomes database, allowing us to track qualitative and quantitative results for students at all of our schools and programs. The database provides a window into students' evolving challenges and achievements and monitors their changing grades and attendance. By breaking down silos that have been in place for decades, this data sharing will help YPI and partners create better place-based solutions to benefit thousands of students. Privacy protocols are also in place to keep student information in the right hands.





Making a Difference

The LAPN collaborative provided over 90 unique services to students and community members within our second year of implementation –serving 23,000 participants at 18 school sites and 5 community centers. 18% of LAPN students meet or exceed standards in Math and 30% meet or exceed standards in English Language Arts. We are committed to seeing 88% of Hollywood and Pacoima children – 6,815 scholars – graduate from high school with their cohort.

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