



Summary: Oakland’s Promise Neighborhood Application

What is Promise Neighborhoods?

Promise Neighborhoods is an initiative, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education, designed to replicate the Harlem Children’s Zone (HCZ). The HCZ provides a pipeline of high quality programs coherently integrated from cradle to career with high quality schools at its core, surrounded by supportive programming for families and community members. The Department of Education will award \$500,000 to in 20 communities across the United States **to conduct a one year planning process in order to develop a feasible plan** to implement a continuum of solutions that will significantly improve results for children in the community being served.

Oakland’s Promise:

We promise that all young people living within our neighborhood will graduate from high school as critical thinkers, engaged and contributing citizens, and will succeed in college, careers, and life.

What Partners, Neighborhoods & Schools Are Part of the Plan?

The Peralta Community College District (PCCD) is the lead applicant. In each Promise Neighborhood, a strong grassroots agency that will lead our efforts in that neighborhood is already providing components of the cradle-through-college-to-career continuum of solutions and has a strong leadership role there.

Oakland proposed four Promise Neighborhoods located in our most distressed communities. Each one encompasses a 25-40 square block area where over 40% of children live in poverty and where services will focus on (but not be limited to) on one hub school and another partner school. Each Promise Neighborhood is among Oakland’s “highest-stressor” police beats, based on crime, violence, dropouts, unemployment, and other social indicators.

| Promise Neighborhood Geographic area | Neighborhood Lead | Hub school | Other partner school |
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| Lower San Antonio | East Bay Asian Youth Center | Garfield Elementary (K-5) | Roosevelt (6-8) |
| West Oakland | Prescott-Joseph Center for Community Enhancement | West Oakland Middle (6-8) | MLK (K-5) |
| East Oakland/Havenscourt | Bay Area Coalition for Equitable Schools | Roots International (6-8) | Futures (K-5) |
| East Oakland/Castlemont | Youth Uprising | E. Oakland School for the Arts (9-12) | EC Reems Academy (K-8) |

What Types of Solutions Will We Plan For and Who Will We Plan With?

Full Service Community Schools

The Oakland Promise Neighborhood initiative is based on the Full Service Community Schools model, in which public schools serve as the hub for integrating a range of services to serve the whole child, support student success, and strengthen families and communities. Full Service Community Schools work closely with community partners to address non-academic barriers to learning and host other opportunities for children, families, and the community.



School intervention strategies

- (1) **Teacher and school leader effectiveness**
- (2) **Comprehensive instructional reform strategies**
- (3) **Development of community-oriented schools**

| Promise Neighborhood Solutions | Partners who will help plan solutions |
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| Baby college | First 5 Alameda County, Safe Passages |
| High-quality early learning, Early Childhood Education benchmarks, Kindergarten readiness assessments | OUSD, Head Start, First 5, Lotus Bloom, St. Vincent Day Home |
| Transition to Kindergarten | First 5, OUSD |
| Early Childhood mental health care | First 5, County Behavioral Health, Oakland Children’s Hospital |
| Low-performing schools | OUSD, BayCES, PJC: West Oakland Brain Trust |
| Medical home for kids 0-5 | Oakland Children’s Hospital, East Oakland Health Center, La Clinica, Asian Health Services, Lifelong Medical |
| Out-of-school academic support | OUSD Office of Afterschool & Summer Learning, Oakland Community After School Alliance, EBAYC, PJC, YU, Safe Passages, Bay Area Community Resources, Aspiranet, YMCA, Attitudinal Healing Connection, Scotlan Center, East Oakland Youth Development Center (EOYDC) |
| Physical fitness programs | EBAYC, YMCA, BACR, Aspiranet, EOYDC, YU, OUSD |
| Mental health care 6-18 | OUSD, Safe Passages, County Behavioral Health Care Agency, STARS |
| Case management | EBAYC, PJC, La Clinica, YU, Safe Passages |
| Safe recreational spaces | Oakland Parks & Recreation & Police Departments, EBALDC, Oakland Community Organizations, YU |
| Neighborhood safety | OPD, YU, Youth Alive, Safe Passages, County Probation |
| Student access to technology learning tools | OUSD, OCCUR, OTX, YU |
| College/career counseling, CTE, internships, apprenticeships | PCCD, East Bay Consortium, Regional Technical Training Center (RTTC) , EOYDC, YU |
| Economic opportunities | EBALDC, Oakland Housing Authority, RTTC, Unity Council |
| Community engagement; neighborhood leadership | EBAYC, PJC:West Oakland Collaborative, BayCES, OCO, YU |

How Will We Make Decisions?

The Oakland Promise Neighborhood planning process will be governed at three levels by representative bodies: Neighborhood Planning Councils, a Citywide Management Team and a citywide Advisory Committee.

How will we Plan to Plan?

- Phase I: Comprehensive Asset/Needs Assessment and Community Building
- Phase II: Develop Actionable Strategies and Strategic Partnerships
- Phase III: Build Comprehensive and Aligned Data Management Systems
- Phase IV: Alignment with National Efforts

To learn more about what’s happening in Oakland, visit:

<http://www.urbanstrategies.org/programs/schools/promiseneighborhoods.php>

Oakland’s Promise Neighborhoods Grant Application can be seen at:

<http://www.urbanstrategies.org/programs/schools/GrantApplication.php>