



The South Ward Promise Neighborhood is a powerful collaborative effort of more than 20 organizations working together to invest in South Ward families. Led by the South Ward Children's Alliance, the South Ward Promise Neighborhood launched in 2018 with a \$30 million U.S. Department of Education Promise Neighborhood grant. We had an exciting first year full of positive community impact.



South Ward Promise Neighborhood: 2018 Highlights Year One In Review

- Total Number of Families Served through SWPN Direct Service: 691
- Total Number of Kids Served through SWPN Direct Service (not including schools): 895
- Total Number of Kids Impacted through SWPN Direct Service to their Families: 1,134
- Total Number of Individuals Served through SWPN capacity building training and resources: 130
- Total Number of Students Reached by the SWPN: 3,377 Note, this data reflects students in our 8 partner schools and Achieve (soon to be a formal partner), and does not include students living in the SW who attend Great Oaks and North Star's network schools outside the SW

COLLABORATIVE ACTION NETWORKS BUILD AN ECOSYSTEM FOR SUCCESS

During Year One South Ward Promise Neighborhood created 8 Collaborative Action Networks that collaborate and align participating partner strategies, expertise and resources, while identifying bright spots, lessons and best practices. Each Collaborative Action Network is led by an anchor partner organization.

- Greater Newark Healthcare Coalition anchors the **Health Collaborative Action Network**, which focuses on improving well-being and access to health care for people of all ages.
- Community Assets Preservation Corporation anchors the **Housing Collaborative Action Network**, which will create the "Family Village" – 100 new, safe and affordable homes for South Ward residents over the next five years.
- South Ward Children's Alliance anchors the **Family Support Collaborative Action Network**, which gives families coordinated access to the services and supports they need to achieve financial and housing stability and improve educational outcomes for children.
- South Ward Children's Alliance also anchors the **Early Childhood Collaborative Action Network**, which prepares families and children, ages 0-5, to enter kindergarten safe, healthy and ready to learn.
- Newark Trust for Education anchors the **K-12 Education Collaborative Action Network**, which gives children the skills to transition to high school safe, healthy and ready to learn, and with aspirations to go to college.
- Opportunity Youth Network (Youthbuild) anchors the **Opportunity Youth Collaborative Action Network**, which works to re-engage youth disconnected from traditional school. The goal is for youth to graduate from high school, earn the equivalent of a diploma and/or obtain an industry-recognized credential.
- South Ward Children's Alliance also anchors the **College and Career Collaborative Action Network**, which helps prepare youth for college and works to ensure high school graduates matriculate and graduate from college and are prepared for the workforce.

A crucial part of Promise Neighborhood success is learning from community members about their vision and ideas for the South Ward. The Promise Neighborhood is counseled by a Community Advisory Board of community members, elected officials and parents.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR EXCITING FIRST YEAR

Early Childhood

- **South Ward Children's Alliance Family College** graduated 125 parents in six cycles of the free nine-week Saturday parenting classes. The parents learned positive parenting techniques and took the Family College pledge to ensure their children graduate high school and enroll in post-secondary education.
- **Nurse Family Partnership**, an evidenced-based home-visiting program, has 30 first-time mothers enrolled in the program, which provides in-home health screenings for both mother and child as well as critical instruction for new parents.
- **Programs for Parents** led the professional development of 21 early childhood educators pursuing their Child Development Associate Credential to expand their skills and knowledge, and ultimately, improve center quality.
- **Clinton Hill Community Early Childhood Center** welcomed more than 53 toddlers and pre-K students to its summer program. By the end of the program, 92 percent met or exceeded benchmarks for social-emotional learning, language, cognition, literacy and math.
- **Family Connections** is implementing the PrePARE program at Clinton Hill Community Early Childhood Center to foster early childhood social and emotional development, and the **Parents as Teachers** program, which visited 10 families in their homes to conduct developmental screenings of their children and give parents insights on how to help their children reach age-appropriate milestones.

Education

- **South Ward Promise Neighborhood** has 13 Teach for America (TFA) teachers, who serve 600 to 650 students in the South Ward. All TFA teachers receive specialized coaching and leadership development training.
- **Leaders for Life** welcomed 188 middle schoolers to its free afterschool program, providing students with mentoring and experiential opportunities so that students can enroll in a high school that best suits their needs and aspirations.
- **Newark Community Street Team** expanded from 1 South Ward school to 5 – walking alongside more than 2,000 students in the morning and afternoon to help them get to and from school safely.
- **Opportunity Youth Network** is coaching 288 young adults, ages 18-24, through the process of earning their high school diploma or vocational certification.

Family Supports

- **South Ward Children's Alliance Family Hub** connected 155 families with critical support services, helping stabilize families and improve the well-being of 340 children.
- **Imagine, A Center for Coping with Loss**, led a group of 57 fifth graders at Achieve Community Charter School, where they learned skills for coping with grief and trauma in a healthy manner. They also led a school-wide training of 28 teachers to support them in fostering a supportive environment for children experiencing loss.
- **Community Asset Preservation Corporation** refurbished 7 homes in the South Ward so that these families have healthy, stable places to live. It has 9 more homes in the pipeline.
- **Volunteer Lawyers for Justice** provided important and timely legal services to 47 families related to a variety of issues, including landlord/tenancy issues, bankruptcy and debt relief, expungements and more.

PARTNERS IN PROMISE

- [Abbott Leadership Institute](#)
- [Achieve Community Charter School](#)
- [BRICK Peshine Academy](#)
- [Clinton Hill Community & Early Childhood Center](#)
- [Community Asset Preservation Corporation](#)
- [Family Connections](#)
- [Great Oaks Legacy Charter School](#)
- [Greater Newark Healthcare Coalition](#)
- [Imagine, A Center for Coping with Loss](#)
- [Leaders for Life](#)
- [Newark Community Street Team](#)
- [Newark Trust for Education](#)
- [Opportunity Youth Network, A YouthBuild Newark Initiative](#)
- [Prevention Links](#)
- [Programs for Parents](#)
- [South Ward Children's Alliance](#)
- [Teach for America](#)
- [Uncommon Schools \(North Star\)](#)
- [Volunteer Lawyers for Justice](#)
- [Youth Consultation Services, Nurse Family Partnership](#)