**Berea College Promise Neighborhood (BCPN)**

*Panel 1*

Program Location and People Served

**Location:** 961 square miles; 3 contiguous counties of Clay, Jackson and Owsley in rural Appalachian Kentucky.

**People Served:** Nearly 40,000 residents, including 6,300 K-12 students; majority white

**Poverty:** Three times the national poverty rate

**Kindergarten Readiness:** Most children birth to kindergarten do not have access to early learning

**Students at Grade Level:** Lack of rigorous instruction in schools leading to low number of students at grade level

**College Attendance:** Only 2 out of 5 BCPN high school graduates entered college; majority with remedial needs

**Physical Activity/Nutrition**: lack of physical activity by youth combined with poor eating habits – facing an obesity epidemic

*Source: BCPN 2011 Grant Application*

*Panel 2*

Major Strategies Used

* Early Steps to School Success (ESSS) provides high quality professional development to preschool teachers

Improving our Community

*“Promise Neighborhood not only helped schools, teachers and families, they improved our community by providing lifelong daily skills which will impact us through eternity.”*

* BCPN Preschool Teacher
* Use of Longitudinal Early Warning System – identify specific areas of academic need and provides interventions addressing those needs
* Academic Case Management solution includes school-based staff at all levels of the academic pipeline; including ACT tutoring and completing college admission and scholarship applications
* Health Specialist plan activities such as before school physical activity and Healthy Food Ways programs

*Source: BCPN 2016 Ad Hoc Report*

*Panel 3*

Selected Accomplishments

* **Kindergartners** entering school **demonstrating age-appropriate functioning**: 16% in 2012 to 36% in 2016
* Students at or above **proficiency in English Language Arts**: 37% in 2012-13 to 49% in 2015-16
* Students at or above **proficiency in Math**: 27% in 2012-13 to 40% in 2015-16

*Source: BCPN 2016 Ad Hoc Report*