**Buffalo College Promise Neighborhood (BPN)**

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Program Location and People Served

**Location:** An urban area of just under one square mile in Buffalo, NY

**People Served:** 12,000 residents; 1,650 public school children

**Community Demographics:** 72% African-American, 23% White, and 5% Other

**Poverty:** Rate of children living in poverty (38%) is almost double that of NY State (20%)

**Low Graduation Rate:** High school graduation rate is 46%

**Youth Unemployment:** 1 in 8youth are unemployment, double that of NY State

**Chronic Absenteeism:** 1 in 10 students missing a month of school at the elementary school level; 5 in 10 students missing a month of school at high school level

**Access to Food and Nutrition:** 88% of all public school children were eligible for free or reduced lunches

*Sources: BPN 2011 Grant Application:* [*https://www2.ed.gov/programs/promiseneighborhoods/2011narr/westminster.pdf*](https://www2.ed.gov/programs/promiseneighborhoods/2011narr/westminster.pdf)*, BPN Site Profile:* [*http://www.promiseneighborhoodsinstitute.org/sites/default/files/PNI\_buffalo\_070615\_b.pdf*](http://www.promiseneighborhoodsinstitute.org/sites/default/files/PNI_buffalo_070615_b.pdf)

*Map of the Buffalo Promise Neighborhood*



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Major Strategies Used

* Periodic data-driven meetings between principles of target schools: review performance indicators such as student attendance rates
* Partnership with AmeriCorps: volunteers provide teaching assistance, peer mentorship, and after school help
* Implemented several changes to lunch room activities in target middle school based on recommendations by external consultant
* Acquisition of 30 new lab computers for the elementary school library
* Acquisition of “1:1” iPads for grades 3-6, and “1:1” HP Laptops for grades 7 and 8

*Sources: 2016 Ad Hoc Report, BPN 2011 Grant Application:* [*https://www2.ed.gov/programs/promiseneighborhoods/2011narr/westminster.pdf*](https://www2.ed.gov/programs/promiseneighborhoods/2011narr/westminster.pdf)

Kindergarten Readiness

*“The Promise Neighborhoods Institute’s support and guidance have been an important resource in our work to turn the curve on kindergarten readiness for children in the Buffalo Promise Neighborhood. Through PNI’s results based accountability training sessions, our leadership developed valuable skills that allowed us to build capacity within our local network of partners.”*

* Director of Finance & Information Systems, BPN

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Selected Accomplishments

* Chronic absenteeism rates for students in 6th, 7th, and 8th grades: 35% in 2013 to 13% in 2016
* Student mobility rate: 21% in 2012 to 15% in 2016
* Number and percent of children in middle and high school who consume five or more servings of fruits and vegetables daily: 39% in 2012 to 48% in 2016
* Students’ access to broadband internet increased: 43% in 2012 to 68% in 2016

*Source: 2016 Ad Hoc Report*

*Quotation source: BPN Site Profile:* [*http://www.promiseneighborhoodsinstitute.org/sites/default/files/PNI\_buffalo\_070615\_b.pdf*](http://www.promiseneighborhoodsinstitute.org/sites/default/files/PNI_buffalo_070615_b.pdf)