

**South Ward Children's Alliance  
Promise Neighborhoods Abstract**

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Name of Organization: South Ward Children's Alliance

Name of Project: South Ward Children's Alliance Promise Neighborhood

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Eligible Applicant Type: Non-profit

Grant Type: Discretionary

Absolute Priority: Absolute Priority 1

Competitive Preference Priority:

Competitive Preference Priority 1: Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation (BCJI) program

Competitive Preference Priority 2: Drug Free Communities

Competitive Preference Priority 3: Evidence-Based Activities, Strategies, or Interventions

Target Schools:

Great Oaks Legacy Charter School

North Star Clinton Hill Middle School and Washington Park

Chancellor Avenue Elementary School

Belmont-Runyon Elementary School

BRICK Avon Academy

BRICK Peshine Academy

George Washington Carver

Malcolm X. Shabazz

Project Partners:

Advocates for Children of NJ (ACNJ); Newark City of Learning Collaborative (NCLC); Imagine, A Center of Coping with Loss; Newark Community Street Team (NCST); Leaders 4 Life; Newark Thrives; The Leaguers; Newark Public Schools (NPS); My Brother's Keeper Newark; Nurse Family Partnership; Newark Housing Authority (NHA); Youth Build Newark (YBN); Program for Parents; Prevention Links; Abbot Leadership Institute; Newark Institute for Social Justice (NJISJ); Family Connections; Volunteer Lawyers for Justice of New Jersey (VLJ); United Way of Essex and West Hudson (UWEWH); Teach For America; Newark Department of Health and Community Wellness; Clinton Hill Community Early Childhood Center (CHCECC); Newark TRUST for Education; University Behavioral Health Care (UBHC); Northwest NJ Community Action Program, Inc. (NORWESCAP)

**Project Description:**

The South Ward Children's Alliance (SWCA) was launched in 2014, and is located in Newark, NJ's poorest area. The mission of SWCA is to dramatically improve the trajectory of children's lives, making it possible for them to succeed to and through college and career. South Ward (SW) has great need. Parts are isolated by natural and man-made geographic boundaries; students perform lower than their state and local counterparts; and residents earn few college degrees, have the lowest employment rates, and largest health disparities. SWCA Promise Neighborhood (PN) plans to build upon existing community assets to bring together an integrated, two-generation continuum of quality schools and supporting programs to meet the academic, social and emotional, and health needs of children while stabilizing and empowering families to achieve self-sufficiency.

SWCA's strategy is to expand family capacity and provide community supports; create a cohesive and expanded market of quality early childhood programs and supports; partner K-12 schools with academic, social and emotional, and health supports for students and families; and bolster students as they transition through high school, college and career.