

Family Health International
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Abstract

FHI 360, a national nonprofit organization, is partnering with the Hempstead Union Free School District, the Children's Aid Society, and community partners to support and expand services within two community schools.

Population to be served: Hempstead Schools 360 will provide services to approximately 2,000 students and their families enrolled in two schools located in the Hempstead Union Free School District in South Hempstead, New York. The population of the Hempstead Union Free School District is primarily Latino (47%) and black (43%). In recent years, the district has seen demographic changes with a growing immigrant population (42%) requiring services and supports related to English Language Learners and other transitional needs. Three-quarters of the district's youth under 18 years live in poverty, and the majority (87%) are considered economically disadvantaged.

More than 2,300 students (30%) in the district are homeless (New York State education data, 2017–2018). Educational disparities fall along the same racial/ethnic lines—the number of whites with high school and postsecondary education is at 94%, twice as high as that of Hispanics (44%) and 10% higher than blacks (84%). The local community also suffers from high crime rates.

FSCS Schools: This grant will support two schools, David Paterson School (grades K–5), and Alverta B. Gray Schultz (ABGS) Middle School (grades 6–8), both of which are comprised of more than 90% minority students, a fifth of which are English language learners, and nearly a third are homeless. Both schools are Title 1 eligible, with 79% of elementary school students receiving free or reduced lunch, and 68% of middle school students receiving this benefit.

Hempstead 360: Our team will create a community school pipeline in the district through which comprehensive services are provided and coordinated across Paterson and ABGS including integrated student supports, expanded learning time, and culturally responsive parent engagement. FHI 360's holistic, research-based approach to community schools uses an equal focus on academic, social, emotional, and physical well-being to improve outcomes for ALL students. Our theory of change is illustrated by our logic model and will be continuously evaluated using data, both quantitative and qualitative, and stakeholder feedback.

The project goals include:

- Expand after-school and external partner program offerings
- Become a neighborhood hub with wrap-around services and supports to address healthcare, food, mental health, and other critical needs of families and the community
- Build parental involvement and self-efficacy to support their child's development. And the program's expected outcomes are:
 - Improved student attendance, achievement, behavior, and youth development
 - Increased services to students, families, and school faculty
 - Increased use of restorative practices
 - Strengthened community partnerships
 - Increased coordination of services to students and families

The program partners include the Hempstead Union Free School District, FHI 360, the Children's Aid

Society, Ramapo for Children, E. Rubric for Parents, local institutions of higher education, and local service providers for health, nutrition, academic support, and out-of-school programs