

## PROJECT ABSTRACT

**TARGET POPULATION:** 481 students at Clinton Elementary and 565 at AR Rucker Middle and 1,358 at Lancaster High of which 68% are free and reduced lunch, 24% African American, 68% White, and 8% Hispanic

**PARTNER ENTITIES:** The following entities will assist in coordinating or providing services:

Lancaster County School District  
Coalition for Healthy Youth  
Hope of Lancaster  
University of SC – Lancaster  
Drug Addiction Services  
CIS / YouthBuild  
Partners for Youth  
United Way of Lancaster  
Lancaster Health Department

The Children's Council  
Hope Center Parent Support Center  
Hope on the Hill  
Learn TV  
First Steps  
Catawba Mental Health  
Community Powerhouse /Call Me Beauty  
Adult Education and Career Center

## PROJECT SERVICES SUMMARY

The project is based on a rigorous community assessment and meticulous planning conducted by a community Partnership comprised of over thirty public, private, civic, and faith-based entities. Detailed data is presented documenting the significant need of youth in the community. A range of interventions is proposed, with attention to research based practices, cultural and gender competency, and stakeholder involvement in planning and execution. Services include:

- Extended Learning Afterschool Component – providing remedial assistance, enrichment, and recreational activities.
  - Towards No Drug Abuse / Violence and Good Behavior Game: to address growing behavioral disruptions.
  - Parent Child Plus- Pre-school literacy, language and motor skill development component through home visits conducted twice a week for two years.
  - Mathia- Mathematics / Read Right: Evidence based instructional models to address key concerns in core subjects.
  - Check and Connect component to increase student engagement and retention.
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- Adult Education and Literacy Lab – on site adult education center providing basic education, GED preparation, TABE testing, ESL instruction, computer classes and pre-employment skill training.
- Parent Engagement and Family Support a weekly multi-family component designed to increase parent engagement with the school, provide social support to isolated families and facilitate parent-child communication.
- Other services include: Parent Support Services, a Media Component, Home PROJECT

The following Competitive Preference Priorities are for consideration:

**Priority 1: Community Level Opioid Abuse Prevention Efforts.** The Promise Neighborhood project is closely connected to a Drug Free Community Support Grant, with the co-chair of this coalition serving on the advisory board. In addition, Promise Neighborhood collaborated in development of a grant application that resulted in over \$2 million dollars in funding for prevention, treatment, and recovery of Opioid misuse. This include the creation of a drug treatment program in the county detention center, expended treatment services, and supports to increase safe storage and disposal of prescription medications and reduced sharing of these drugs.

**Priority 2 Spurring Investment in Qualified Opportunity Zones.** The project is located in an Opportunity Zone. The project is working in the development of an abandoned mill to be used for a \$21 million dollar complex with shopping, cultural activities, afterschool and greenspace. In addition the project is exploring an innovative 3D House Printing system to construct high quality homes in less than 24 hours for under \$10,000.

**Priority 3: Applications from New Potential Applicants.** No Promise Neighborhood funding has ever been received for the project or anywhere in the county.

**Priority 4: Evidence Based Activities:** The proposed project presents a rigorous review of the evidence standards employed in selection of intervention strategies, relying heavily on the standards outlined in What Works Clearinghouse, specifically strategies employing Independent experimental designs such as Randomized Control Trials, with baseline equivalency, large sample size and multiple replications.

**Invitational Priority: Community Based Crime Reduction.** The Promise Neighborhood team assisted in the development and award of a CBCR grant from the U.S. Department of Justice. This grant operates in the proposed census tracts served by Promise Neighborhood and employs Risk Terrain Modeling to reduce risk factors in high crime areas.