



Promise Neighborhoods Funding Alignment

What are Promise Neighborhoods grants?

Promise Neighborhoods grants provide funding to significantly improve the educational and developmental outcomes of all children in the most distressed communities by: supporting efforts to improve child outcomes, identifying and increasing the capacity to build a college-going culture, building a continuum of academic programs and family and community supports from cradle through college to career, integrating these efforts across local agencies, and evaluating the overall impact.

How is Promise Neighborhoods funding distributed?

The Promise Neighborhoods fund awarded one-year competitive grants in 2010 to support the development of a plan to implement a Promise Neighborhoods that meets the above criteria. In subsequent years, there will be competitive grants to implement the plans developed in 2010 and additional opportunities to apply for planning grants. Eligible entities include: nonprofit organizations and institutions of higher education that must also: operate a school, or partner with at least one school in the geographic area, focus on a neighborhood in which there are multiple signs of distress, support cradle-through-college-to-career solutions, and be representative of the neighborhood proposed to be served.

How can Promise Neighborhoods funding be used?

The Promise Neighborhoods Program is intended to significantly improve the educational and developmental outcomes of children in the most distressed communities, and to transform those communities. Because the challenges faced by communities with high concentrations of poverty are interrelated, Promise Neighborhoods is taking a comprehensive approach designed to ensure that children have access to a continuum of cradle-through-college-to-career solutions, with strong schools at the center, that will support academic achievement, healthy development, and college and career success.

What ScholarCentric solutions can be part of a Promise Neighborhoods grant?

ScholarCentric's middle and high school materials, technology, and services align well with Promise Neighborhoods funding in the following categories: improve child educational and developmental outcomes, impact at-risk student performance and academic resiliency, increase healthy development, and enhance college and career success.



- **Success Highways™** develops the critical resiliency skills that are scientifically linked to middle and high school students' academic success. Students with greater resiliency are more intrinsically motivated to do well in school and have greater attendance, behavior, and coursework (ABCs) than their peers. Using *Success Highways* early-warning assessments, educators can learn why students have academic difficulty or success. With *Success Highways* research-based curriculum and capacity-building professional development, teachers can assure that all students gain or maintain the ability to academically succeed.



- **Resiliency Leaders consulting and professional development services** help educators create comprehensive learning environments where students' cognitive and affective needs are met. Working with one or all of ScholarCentric's transformation experts, districts or schools can create professional learning communities geared towards students' academic success.