

## FAMILIES AND EDUCATION LEVY APPROVED ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW

Name: Neighborhood House

Website: www.nhwa.org

RFQ Area Approved (select all applicable):

College and Career Readiness

Expanded Learning Opportunities

Elementary Social, Emotional, Behavioral, and Family Support

Middle and High School Social, Emotional, and Behavioral

### PROGRAM CONTACT INFORMATION

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### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

(Check all applicable)

Seattle Area(s) Served:

Northeast

Northwest

Central

Southeast

Southwest

Grades Served:

Elementary (K-5)

Middle (6-8)

High (9-12)

Special Populations Served:

English Language Learners

Special Education

Other Please

specify: Students with high needs, those that struggle academically and those that display early warning indicators

Areas of Support:

Math/Science

Reading/Writing

Attendance

College/Career

Language Acquisition

Passing Core Courses

Social, Emotional, Behavioral, and Family Support

Service Delivery:

Before School

After School

During School

Weekends

School Breaks

Current Levy-Funded School Partners (if applicable):

Key Program Strategies (Please provide a brief overview of program strategies including number of students served and program costs):

1. Kindergarten Transition Support - Includes a 4 week, 4 hours/day, summer kindergarten readiness program for children and family engagement activities. One lead teacher and two aides can serve 20 children at the cost of \$13,435. Research shows a high correlation between parent involvement and student success in school, therefore, our kindergarten transition support includes engagement activities for families that we will develop in coordination with school staff and teachers. Additionally, we will share our own culturally and linguistically appropriate kindergarten transition materials with school staff and other early learning providers to ensure that families have access to as much information as possible before school begins.
2. Prevention Focused Case Management Support (students with early warning indicators)- Core services will include academic coaching, attendance interventions, grade counseling, as well as individual counseling, and home visits with varying frequency based on student need. Duration 1 year; 1-2 hours per month with youth, 1 hour every four months with parents. Service can be provided to 25 youth per FTE at a cost of \$74,933 for both Prevention and Intensive Case Management.
3. Intensive Case Management Support (students with high risk indicators including failing classes, chronic absences, substance abuse, suspensions) - Core services will include academic coaching, attendance interventions, grade counseling, as well as individual counseling, drug/alcohol support, and monthly home visits with varying frequency based on student need. Duration 2 years; 1-2 hours per week with youth, 1 hour per month with parents. Service can be provided to 25 youth per FTE at a cost of \$74,933 for both Prevention and Intensive Case Management.
4. School and Family Connections (including Transition Support) -Since 2003 Neighborhood House has worked in 10 schools collaborating with school staff to help immigrant/refugee students and their parents. Services include individual work with youth and parents to connect them to community resources, help them access and understand how to use The Source, educate them on what to expect when transitioning, assist with communication, develop first language tools to increase learning at home, provide behavioral assistance and provide information on what children should be doing to succeed in school and how to support learning at home. 1 hr per week with students, 2-3 hours per month with parents. Services can be provided to approximately 30-40 families per FTE at the cost of \$44,397.
5. Partnerships with Schools: As the lead agency for the place based strategy called High Point PROMISE, we have spent several years working intensively to understand the needs of the schools that our children attend and deepening our level of collaboration, communication and alignment with their work. This has included a focus on communication, data sharing, and coordination of services to improve academic outcomes. As part of this work, we currently have an approved memorandum of understanding and a data sharing agreement with Seattle Public Schools. We also sit on the Intensive School Partnerships work group, helping to lead district policies governing and guiding school and community partnerships. Additionally, we work with district staff dedicated to increasing parent involvement and communication at Title One Schools to increase parent participation

in the education process.

**Results Achieved (Bullets or Brief Description):**

- Case Management Support: For the past 5 years, Neighborhood House has been providing intensive case management services to 50-60 high risk youth per year at Denny International and Aki Kurose Middle Schools. In the past two years, 96% of families increased their level of connection to school; 89% of youth were connected to external support resources; 72% reduced the number of classes they were failing; 60% improved their grades in math and 55% improved their grades in English. Program evaluation has also reported that our services contributed to improvements in student behaviors, improved classroom management and more timely behavior improvements.
- Case Management Support: Neighborhood House anticipates that 72% of youth will reduce failing courses, 68% will improve attendance and/or early warning indicators, and 48% will make progress on MAP reading and/or math assessments.
- Kindergarten Transition Support: One-hundred percent of incoming kindergarten students served by Neighborhood House's Kindergarten Transition program at West Seattle Elementary School in 2011 were registered for kindergarten on-time as a result of the assistance they received to help them complete the necessary paperwork and immunization forms.
- Kindergarten Transition Support: Neighborhood House's Head Start programs focus on getting children kindergarten ready on multiple levels. Our teachers ensure that children enter kindergarten with the knowledge and skills to be successful by using the Teaching Strategies GOLD system that aligns with WaKIDS goals. We anticipate that 85% of the youth served will meet age level expectations on WaKIDS.
- School & Family Connections: In 2009-10, Neighborhood House worked with 3 other partners and district staff to serve 340 elementary students and their families through the Family and Community Engagement in Education program. This work resulted in: 84% of the families served attending 2 or more academically focused family events; 66% of youth having less than 5 absences during the 2nd semester; 7% of students increasing their MSP reading score and 12% increasing their MSP math score. We anticipate that 78% of youth improving attendance, 50% of youth making progress on MAP reading and/or math, and 50% of ELL youth will make gains on the WELPA.

Additional Notes:

**REFERENCE #1**

School/Organization Name: Denny International Middle School

Partnership Start and End Dates: Ongoing

Contact Person: Jeff Clark

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**REFERENCE #2**

School/Organization Name: Seattle Public Schools

Partnership Start and End Dates:

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**PROSPECTIVE SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS**

Please list the school with whom you would be interested in partnering during school year 2013-2014 (see next page for list of schools):

1) West Seattle ES

2) Chief Sealth HS

3) Bailey Gatzert ES

4) Aki Kurose MS