

SUN SUN Community School Profile 2015

ERVICE Lincoln Park Elementary School

Lead Agency: Immigrant & Refugee Community Organization (IRCO)

Service Area & Target Groups/Focus

Children, adults and families who are homeless, living in poverty and/or at risk of academic failure – primarily from school neighborhood, but services are open to anyone.

School Population: 641 students; Grades K-6; 100% Eligible for Free Meals 66% Students of Color (African American 8%, American Indian/AK Native 1%, Asian 19%, Hispanic 30%, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander 2%, Multiple Race 6%, White 34%)

Core Services

Extended-Day Activities (children and adults)

Academic Support

AKA Science; IXL; Study Island; Rosetta Stone; Lion's Blog; Nepali Literacy; Karen & Burmese Homework Tutoring; Leap Into Science; STEM; America Scores Poetry, Big Brainz Math

Enrichment

Basketball Camp; Drumming; US Soccer; Playworks Junior Coaches; Mythical Creatures; Sports Academy; Cooking; Wellness Warriors; Garden Club; Chess for Success; Ukulele Band; Krafty Kids; Music Writing; Building Challenge; Oregon Zoo Nature; Nepali Dance, Girls on the Run, Multnomah County School Corps

Youth Leadership/Involvement

Lion's Blog; Playworks Junior Coaches; Garden Club, Girls on the Run

Recreation

Sports Academy; Team Games; US Soccer; Basketball Camp; Playworks Junior Coaches; Nepali Dance, Girls on the Run, AC Portland Soccer

Mentoring

Karen & Burmese Homework Tutoring; Nepali Literacy; David Douglas High School Mentors; Playworks Junior Coaches; Wellness Warriors; Friends of the Children Mentors

Empowerment/Skill-Building

Playworks Junior Coaches Wellness Warriors; US Soccer Chess for Success; Ukulele Band; Basketball Camp; Garden Club; Lion's Blog, Girls on the Run

Summer Programs

Summer SUN; Early Kindergarten Transition (EKT); Oregon Children's Theater; Eastern Oregon University reading tutors, Multnomah County Library School Corps, Big Brainz Math

Adult Education

Adult ESL; Adult Rosetta Stone; Hispanic Coffee Club; CEP Winter Weatherization workshop; Tax Prep

Community/Cultural Events

SUN Parent Orientation; SUN Showcase; Winter Fest; Multicultural Night; Hispanic Coffee Club Community Garden Party, EKT Orientation and Reunion

Family Education & Engagement

Daily communication with parents; School-wide parent meetings and activities; SUN Parent Orientation; SUN Showcase

Clothing & Costume Swap; Bingo Night; Turkey Cup; Copa Comunidad; Urban Gleaners; The Backpack Program

Case Management & Skill Building

Adult ESL; Adult Rosetta Stone; Stand for Children; Early Kindergarten Transition

System Coordination, Service Integration & Site Management

Recruitment & connection of students & families with services; development of referral system SUN CS Advisory Body (school staff, parents, students, and partner agencies)
Partner Meetings; Student Staffing Meetings

Site Management in Out-of-School Time Partner and Resource Development 15 Business Partners

407 volunteer hours contributed \$59,222 leveraged in cash & in-kind donations

Additional Services

SUN Garden Committee SUN Recreation League

Evaluation

Outputs

309 youth served

70% students of color 99% identified as being "at risk of academic failure" 100% qualified for free and reduced lunch

97 adults served

4143 people served in non-enrollment events (family educational nights, cultural fairs, etc.)

Outcomes

72% of students increased benchmark scores in Reading *
75% of students increased benchmark scores in Math *
Average daily attendance of SUN CS students was 95%

*due to changes in state testing these numbers are not available for this year

SUN Success Story

Our dedication to cross-cultural sharing and engagement is an area of focus at Lincoln Park SUN that has seen lots of success, particularly with our adult education programs such as the adult ESL class. At a school with 23 different languages spoken, our adult ESL classes attract a wide variety of parents and families. While the majority of our ESL students are native Spanish speakers, our first class of the new school year brought in 3 Karenspeaking parents, who were escorted to the class by their IRCO case manager. SUN also hosts a fresh food pantry after each ESL class, which these parents came to and helped set up with the other class participants who got to the pantry early

It was wonderful to see the group work together, moving past language barriers and finding ways to communicate creatively. After setting up, each adult walked through and shopped for their family, and many of them lingered around when they finished and talked to other parents. When the group of Karen speakers began to leave, one of the fathers turned to a Spanish mother (and SUN lead volunteer), smiled and said "Gracias!" We were all shocked at first to hear the Spanish word come out of his mouth, but responded with a "de nada!" and waved good-bye. The experience helped to remind us of the often-organic cultural experiences and opportunities we create by bringing students and families together in a safe and engaging space. We are so fortunate to be serving a community with such a rich variety of cultures, and are excited to continue to find ways of sharing these cultures with others.



