St. Nicks Alliance
Where Opportunity Grows

School Success and Economic Opportunity
Improving early reading levels leads to school success and long-term economic opportunities.

ACHIEVING GRADE-LEVEL READING BY THIRD GRADE IS CRITICAL TO LIFETIME SUCCESS.

4 x more likely to graduate from high school¹

45% more annually and earn even more if they go on to college²

BUT ONLY 36% of low income third graders in Brooklyn read at grade level

AFTER SCHOOL CENTERS PROVIDE VITAL LEARNING HOURS.

St. Nicks Alliance’s NABE 3.0 strategy integrates housing, employment and education to reduce poverty. In partnership with DOE, DYCD and school principals, St. Nicks Alliance reinvented four District 14 afterschool centers serving low-income children.

St. Nicks Alliance’s Literacy Immersion Model
(2016-17 School Year/9 Month Pilot)

503 K-5 students served at the four after school centers

7% 3rd Grade

31% 9 MOS

$3,696 average cost per student

$696 MORE than the typical NYC Department of Youth and Community Development allocation per after school student.

DOE and DYCD should sustain and scale this pilot to bring this approach to more children and afterschool centers.

EDUCATION
503 students improved reading and academic success

JOBS
178 adults found jobs

HOUSING
476 affordable units built, preserved, or protected

503 students served at the four after school centers

253 hours of progressive literacy instruction rich with arts, STEM and family engagement

TRANSFORMATIONAL COACHING
for the most at-risk children: non-cognitive, reading, youth development

PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT
academic, attendance, non-cognitive

COLLABORATION WITH TEACHERS
as staff coaches, curriculum developers, reading instructors

ST. NICKS ALLIANCE’S LITERACY IMMERSION MODEL (2016-17 SCHOOL YEAR/9 MONTH PILOT)
Change Capital Fund (CCF), a collaborative of 17 funders, invests in community organizations to increase economic mobility in persistently low-income neighborhoods. Through flexible funding and capacity building, CCF grantees increase program and data coordination, and serve more individuals and families with better outcomes.

A Change Capital Fund program with five partners created the $35M New Economic Inclusion Fund (NEIF) with the goal of supporting community-led efforts to accelerate economic inclusion and mobility in persistently low-income neighborhoods, in order to help drive down poverty and inequality. CCF grantees are working to increase program and data coordination, and serve more individuals and families with better outcomes.

St. Nicks Alliance is an outcomes-driven nonprofit community development organization serving North Brooklyn. St. Nicks Alliance seeks to transform lives of low- and moderate-income people through employment, education, housing, and health care. We do this by delivering impactful services with measurable outcomes to children, adults, and the elderly. As a civic anchor SNA carries out this mission within the context of building a sustainable community for all people through the arts, environmental advocacy, and urban planning.

Sources:
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