

# **SUN Community School Profile 2015**

# Gilbert Park School

Lead Agency: Immigrant and 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: 646 students; Grades K-5; 67% Eligible for Free Meals; 45% Students of Color (African American 11%, American Indian/AK Native <1%, Asian 9%, Hispanic 17%, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander 1%, Multiple Race 8%, White 55%)

# Core Services

### **Extended-Day Activities (children and adults)**

#### **Academic Support**

Summer Learning Program Reading Support Slavic Academic Club

Homework Support Math Support

#### **Enrichment**

Science
Art
Drama
Gardening
Music
Sports

# Community/Cultural Events

Cooking Workshops Garden Work Days Theater Performances Curriculum Nights Basic Needs Assistance

#### Recreation

Daily Recess Field Trips Sports classes

#### Youth Leadership/Involvement

Playworks Junior Coaches Recess Gardeners Supper Helpers SUN office duties

#### **Empowerment/Skill-Building**

Culturally specific clubs SUN Leadership classes Curriculum Nights ESL classes Weekly Food Pantry Basic Needs Assistance

### Mentoring

IRCO ISPIRE IRCO SSSES

Volunteer mentors from Pacific International Academy

#### **Summer Programs**

Early Kindergarten Transitions
Gardening
Sports
Science
Arts & Crafts
Theater
Biking

#### **Adult Education**

Adult English
Cooking with Kids Workshops
Gardening Workshops
Parenting Classes

## Family Education & Engagement

Daily communication with parents; School-wide Parent Meetings & Activities Early Kindergarten Transitions; Family Cooking Workshops; Family Gardening Workdays; Resource and Curriculum Nights; Pre-K Family Nights

### Case Management & Skill Building

Case Managers from IRCO SSSES and INSPIRE have regular office hours at Gilbert Park

## 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

10 Business Partners

Site Management in Out-of-School Time

Partner and Resource Development

30 Community Agency Partners

1545 volunteer hours contributed \$125,978.40leveraged in cash & in-kind donations

# **Evaluation**

#### **Outputs**

#### 314 youth served

58% students of color

94% identified as being "at risk of academic failure"

62% qualified for free and reduced lunch

69 adults served

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

#### **Outcomes**

76% of students increased benchmark scores in Reading \*53% of students increased benchmark scores in Math \*Average daily attendance of SUN CS students was 96%

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

#### **SUN Spotlight**

This year Gilbert Park is launching a weekly Food Pantry in partnership with the Oregon Food Bank. With grant money from the Portland Children's Levy and Multnomah County, we were able to purchase freezers, refrigerators, shelving units, storage bins, coolers and other equipment needed to house a community food pantry. Every week, OFB and Urban Gleaners drops off fresh produce, dry goods, meat, milk and eggs. The pantry is open to the community on Wednesday evenings where volunteers help families shop. Every week, each family walks home with 2-3 days' worth of food that is relevant to their tastes and cooking styles. Because hunger is one of the largest barriers to learning, we feel that this weekly food pantry is a huge step in keeping our students on the road to success.



