# SUN SERVICE SYSTEM

## **SUN** SUN Community School Profile 2015

## **Rigler K-5 School**

Lead Agency: Latino Network

## 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: 456 students; Grades K-5; 100% Eligible for Free Meals; 80% Students of Color (African American 14%, American Indian/AK Native 1%, Asian 2%, Hispanic 56%, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander 1%, Multiple Race 6%, White 20%)

## **Core Services**

## Extended-Day Activities (children and adults)

#### Academic Support

Homework Help; Tutoring; Imagine Learning; Literacy Groups; STEAM Classes; 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant

#### Enrichment

Theater, Ethos Guitar, Ethos Choir, Circus, Art, Gardening, AKA Science Biology Classes, Technology, Saturday Academy Math Puzzles, Chess for Success, Writing, Cartography, Break-Dance, Lego Robotics, Movement, Basketball, Soccer, Kick-ball, Movement, Cooperative Games, Bike Club, Concordia University OMSI Field Trips

#### Recreation

Zumba; Variety Athletics for kids

#### Mentoring

Concordia University, Door of Hope, PSU; Support in connecting students with mentors in local mentoring organizations; Friday mentoring groups

#### Empowerment/Skill-Building

Disaster Preparedness, Financial Literacy for kids, Computer skills, Restorative Justice, Mentoring Groups for Middle School Transition

#### Summer Programs

Panther Camp: athletics, gardening, arts, dance, theater, and treasure maps. Early Kinder Transition Program PSU Learning Gardens

#### Youth Leadership/Involvement

Junior Coaches, Green Corps, Service Learning

#### Adult Education

Financial literacy; Technology; Language Skills; Parent Involvement Group; Latino Network: Juntos Aprendemos

#### **Community/Cultural Events**

Community Volunteer Outreach Events, Winter Kinder Evening, BPI Nights, 3 SUN Showcases, School Carnival, Day of the Dead, Day of the Children, Garden Work Parties, Black History Month Celebration, School Carnival, Our 42nd Ave Harvest Festival

## Family Education & Engagement

Daily communication with parents; Family Movie Nights; Parent Nights; PTA partnership

### **Case Management & Skill Building**

Connection to housing/rental and energy assistance/anti-poverty program Referrals for social services

## 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

**16** Community Agency Partners

SUN student IEP meetings Mediation with students Meetings with parents

489.25 volunteer hours contributed \$30,193 leveraged in cash & in-kind donations

## Additional Services

**10** Business Partners

Friday Food Pantry with Urban Gleaners Coat Drive with Our 42nd Ave Holiday Bike Drive with Community Cycling Center Season of Sharing Coordination

## Evaluation

#### **Outputs**

292 youth served
70% students of color
78% identified as being "at risk of academic failure"
100% qualified for free and reduced lunch

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

### **Outcomes**

81% of students increased benchmark scores in Reading \* 79% of students increased benchmark scores in Math \* Average daily attendance of SUN CS students was 90%

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

Rigler has had a very challenging and transitional year. We lost 3 important positions that were held by beloved people who had strong relationships with our most at-risk students. Our Restorative Justice Specialist, SMS, and African American community agent positions were cut. Our principal transferred to another school, all 3 of the bilingual E.A.s left for different positions, the librarian and PE teacher left, the IT person left, our main secretary moved to a new school, the principal's secretary went to parttime, and over half of the teachers are were brand new this year. Two new teachers left in the middle of the year and our new principal was asked to leave by the district in spring. Through all these challenges, the community grew stronger together. SUN was able to put on Rigler's first "Black History Month Celebration" in years. A local business donated all the food. Teachers and students performed poetry and dances. Our AmeriCorps member led the event. It was a beautiful evening of celebration and healing. Not long after, the community gathered again to celebrate a new park opening behind the school. A space that was very needed in this neighborhood. Everyone came together to celebrate from community businesses and churches to the mayor and Rigler SUN school. SUN offered two classes that then performed at the opening for everyone. Our giant puppet class put on a parade through the park with the big puppets they built in SUN School. Our Dia de Los Ninos dance class performed all of their dances. We then ended the year with a school wide carnival. We all stood together in solidarity through tough times and still found energy to share our resources and work together for our kids. We strong and ready for this new year!

SUN Spotlight





SUN Community Schools are a collaboration of Multnomah County, the City of Portland, local school districts, nonprofits and community.

