

Deer Creek Promise Neighborhood

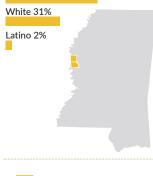
Washington County, Mississippi

The Deer Creek Promise Neighborhood serves children and families who live in the Mississippi Delta. The coordinating agency, the Delta Health Alliance, partners with two elementary schools, one middle school, and two high schools, as well as multiple other partners. Together, they work to ensure students read at grade level by the end of third grade and transition successfully from middle to high school and then on to college or other postsecondary education.

COMMUNITY COMPOSITION

PROGRAM IN ACTION

African American 66%



of Deer Creek PN residents live below federal poverty level



of Deer Creek PN households are families with children



average median household income (per year) in Washington County









partner partner agencies schools

ACADEMIC CHALLENGES

Kindergartener Development 43% 0000 of kindergarteners are ready for school

Academic Proficiency Math



of students are proficient in math

Academic Proficiency ELA



are proficient in English language arts

High School Graduation



of students graduate on time

SELECT STRATEGIES

- Universal book delivery program
- Head Start and kindergarten transition programs
- Maternal home visiting
- Technological tools in the classroom to improve instruction
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- Summer camps and credit recovery programs
- Individualized attendance plans for students who are chronically absent
- College Promise initiative with speakers and events on life after high school

Source for academic challenges: APR ad hoc summary, year 1

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Dorothy was very worried that her daughter Janet would not pass the state-mandated reading assessment for third graders because of her difficulties with understanding text, but she wasn't sure where to go for help. Luckily, the Deer Creek Promise Community's LINKS (Linking Individual Kids and Neighborhoods to Service) reached and connected the family to a clinic that specializes in child development. The health professionals there diagnosed Janet with dyslexia and attention deficit disorder. Today, Janet receives ongoing services from the clinic as well as 1:1 help from a counselor and Deer Creek literacy fellows in her school. Through LINKS, the family continues to receive home-based reading-improvement tools and a range of other resources. Janet passed her third-grade reading assessment, and her reading skills continue to improve.

GET INVOLVED!