

Opportunity Neighborhoods

Our collective impact approach to help children, youth, and families in Fairfax County reach their fullest potential

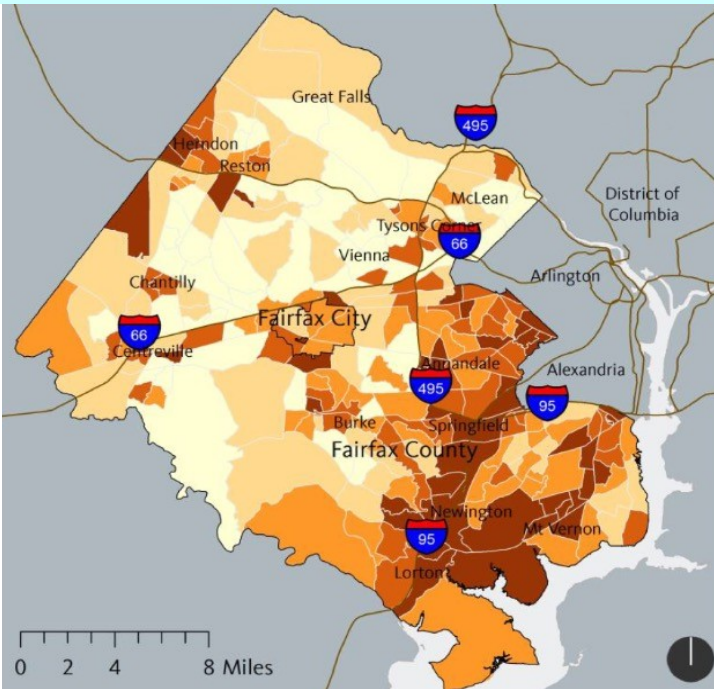
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Why Opportunity Neighborhoods?

Even in Fairfax County, youth and families face serious barriers to success

In certain areas of the county, youth and families face barriers such as poverty, racial inequity, and transportation challenges. We use tools like the Child Opportunity Index (see map, right) to identify where the needs are greatest. This index is a composite of indicators across three domains: educational opportunity, health and environmental opportunity, and social and economic opportunity.

Opportunity Neighborhoods practices should be established where data show that child opportunity and other advantages currently are lower.



Child Opportunity Index Map

Sources: The diversitydatakids.org project and Kirwin Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity

Opportunity Neighborhoods Solutions

Residents, a lead nonprofit, county agencies, the schools and other community orgs work together with a coordinated approach



Our Philosophy—Every family and child needs and deserves these core assets to reach their fullest potential :

A Strong Academic Foundation: ON children and youth are provided with effective learning opportunities to address individual challenges and maximize gifts and strengths so that they enter school ready, are on course to graduate, pursue post-secondary education, and enter the workforce.

Family Resilience: ON youth and families are able to focus on their future, free of concerns related to family crisis, caregiver stress, housing instability, or community violence.

A Culture of Engagement, Connectedness, and Success: ON Children and youth have strong aspirations and feel connected to a family, school, and community support network that believes and invests in their potential.

Opportunity Neighborhoods Strategies

Data-driven, community-specific performance measures are identified and pursued in the following focus areas

- Family & Community Engagement
- Connected and Motivated Youth
- School Readiness and Early Childhood Education
- Service Access and Navigation
- Workforce Readiness and Student Career Preparedness

Sample Performance Measures

3 literacy programs offering programs to 1331 English learners
Referrals and information given to over 3000 people by 6 organizations
51,012 visits to local neighborhood and community centers annually
335 youth and adults enrolled in employment and training programs

Opportunity Neighborhoods Goals

The standards we pursue for EVERY child in Fairfax County

Children get a healthy start in life	Children enter kindergarten ready to succeed	Children and youth succeed academically	Children and youth are healthy	Children and youth are safe and free from violence and injury	Youth earn a post-secondary degree or career credential	Youth enter the workforce ready to succeed	Youth contribute to the betterment of their community	Families, schools, and neighborhoods support the healthy development and academic success of their children
			Children and youth are physically healthy	Children and youth are socially, emotionally, and behaviorally healthy and resilient				



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