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USI 63106 Promise to Success

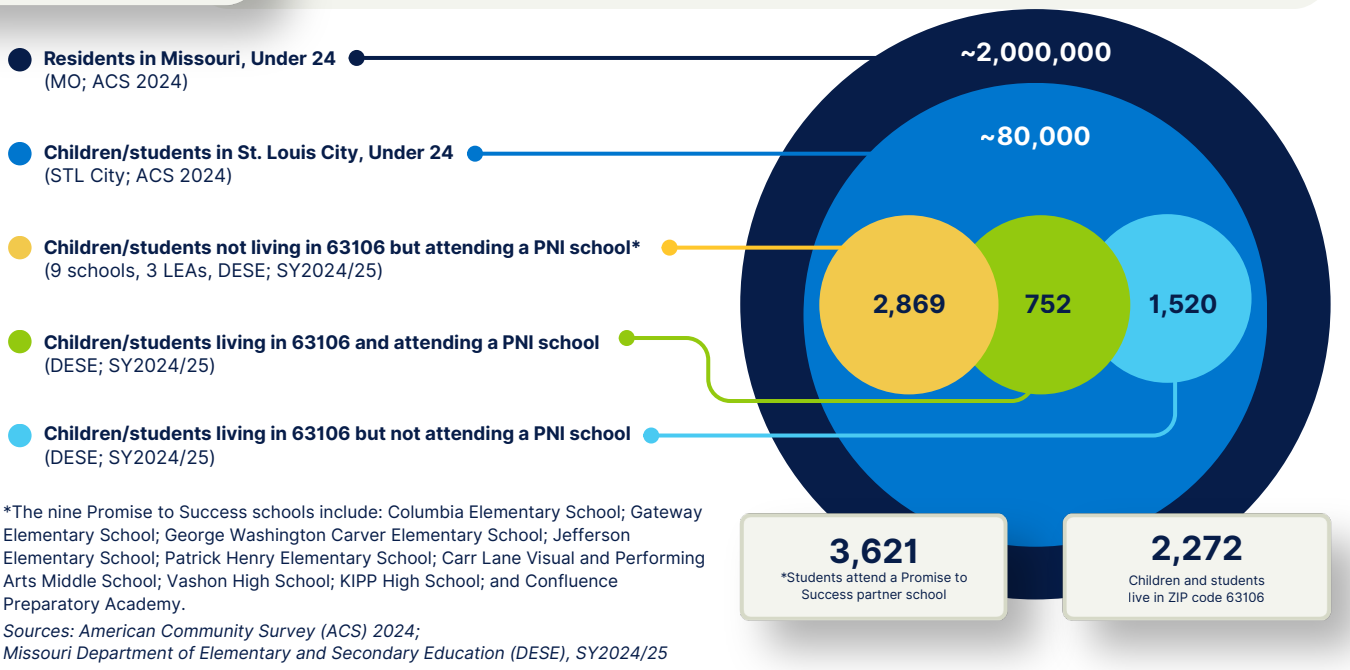
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

A Promise Neighborhoods Initiative

USI was awarded the first ever Promise Neighborhoods Grant for Missouri in 2023

SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS

9 Partner Schools } **5** Elementary Schools | **2** Middle Schools | **2** High Schools



*The nine Promise to Success schools include: Columbia Elementary School; Gateway Elementary School; George Washington Carver Elementary School; Jefferson Elementary School; Patrick Henry Elementary School; Carr Lane Visual and Performing Arts Middle School; Vashon High School; KIPP High School; and Confluence Preparatory Academy.

Sources: American Community Survey (ACS) 2024; Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), SY2024/25

2026 Pipeline of Solutions

Early Education

- Add Pre-K Slots
- 21st Century Learning environment
- Classrooms for 0-4
- Improve Child Care Quality
- Common Diagnostic Assessment
- Evidence-based Literacy & Numeracy Programs
- Childcare TA support

K-12 Student Success

- Program-based Professional development for community and schools
- 21st Century Learning Environment
- Evidence-based Literacy & Numeracy Programs
- Early Warning System for MS/HS
- Trauma-informed community-based practices
- School-based SEL & Restorative Practices
- Community-based after-school mentoring and tutoring programs
- Individualized student support for MS/HS

College & Career Readiness

- Trio Program
- College and Career Plans
- Paid Internship for high school and college students
- Connection to Economic Empowerment Center
- Incentives for FAFSA completion
- Monitoring completion of 2- to 4- year post-secondary programs
- Drop-out, re-entry, and credit recovery program

Family & Community Support

- Family Support Services for all students and families (opt-in)
- Partnership with the Mental Health Board for community violence and safety
- Housing Stability
- Health and workforce development resources
- Support healthy eating& physical activity
- Strengthen connections to comprehensive healthcare
- Drug (opioid) and substance abuse support in partnership with PreventEd

Building & Sustaining Equity

- Community of Influence Advisory Team
- Youth to Success Advisory Team
- Promise to Success Steering Committee
- High-quality service delivery: Internal and Partner evaluation
- Blending and braiding resources
- Evaluation services and disaggregrate data
- Results Count implementation & accountability measures