

NATIONAL ACTION STRATEGIES

THE FIVE-YEAR GOAL OF THE AMERICA'S PROMISE ALLIANCE IS TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF 15 MILLION DISADVANTAGED YOUNG PEOPLE BY SEEING THAT THEY EXPERIENCE MORE OF THE SUCCESS-BUILDING FIVE PROMISES.

Alliance partners have agreed to work in an unprecedented collaboration on three National Action Strategies as starting points toward achieving this "15 in 5" goal.

> WHERE THE KIDS ARE

Beginning with schools as hubs, our work will focus on integrating school and community services so children most at risk receive more of the Five Promises. We will offer services across a continuum that may involve both before- and after-school time, as well as during the summer months, so as to provide year-round support.

PROMISES: Caring Adults, Safe Places, A Healthy Start, An Effective Education and Opportunities to Help Others.
Target: 11 million disadvantaged youth ages 6-17

> ALL KIDS COVERED

See that all eligible children are enrolled in State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) and Medicaid, as a crucial step toward health assurance — ongoing access to quality care and wellness/prevention/nutrition — for all children.

PROMISE THREE: A Healthy Start. Target: 9 million uninsured, including 6.5 million currently eligible for SCHIP or Medicaid.

> READY FOR THE REAL WORLD

Engage every middle-school student in service learning and career exploration so that these "real-world" experiences are relevant and deepen the motivation of 11-14-year-olds for achievement in their schools, communities and the world of work.

PROMISES FOUR AND FIVE: An Effective Education and Opportunities to Help Others. Target: 11.7 million students.



To learn more about the Alliance's National Action Strategies, please visit www.americaspromise.org.



FROM IDEAS TO ACTION

The National Action Strategies will be implemented based on the following principles:

Participation

We will garner broad support from all sectors, including communities, policymakers, educators and young people themselves.

Performance

We will build on what works and use data to measure results.

Places

We will prioritize places for our efforts based on needs, opportunities and existing momentum.

Public Outreach

We will inform Americans about the urgency of the challenge at hand and urge them to adopt our strategic ideas.

Policy and Practice

We will pursue both best practices and public policies that support and advance the strategies.