

# Partners for Education Appalachian Network

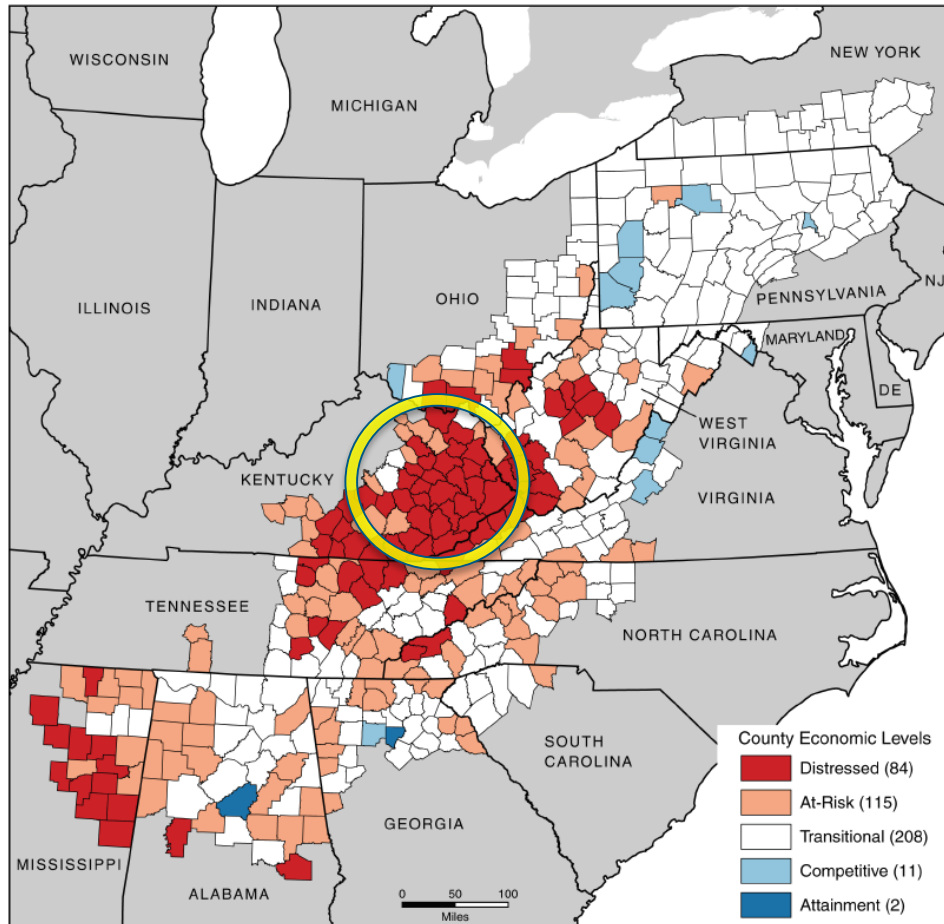


## WHAT WE DO

Partners for Education works toward the  
***All Appalachian Students Succeed***



# Our Population: Appalachia



The distressed core of Appalachia is our Partners for Education service region – our cradle to career network. By creating success in our network we will shift the outcomes for Appalachia as a whole.

The red counties are in the bottom 10% of all counties when factoring in poverty and economic indicators.



# All Appalachian Students Succeed



## Success Indicators



## Program Strategies



- PFE’s direct service work focuses on programs that support college access and success, cradle to career.
- Through 2025, PFE’s direct services are focused on our network of 31 Appalachian Kentucky counties.
- We provide direct services to 42% of children, birth – 12<sup>th</sup> grade, in this region.



## System and Structure Strategies



- **We must align contributions** and form **deep partnerships** that align around our definition of success, in order to increase investment in rural places and to promote policies and practices that support rural places.
- **We must build capacity** of rural serving organizations to do the type of direct service work we do.
- **We must build capacity** of other rural serving organizations to work toward population level results in their rural places.

# Partners for Education at Berea College

**50,000** STUDENTS  
AND **FAMILIES** served  
by Berea College's  
Partners for Education

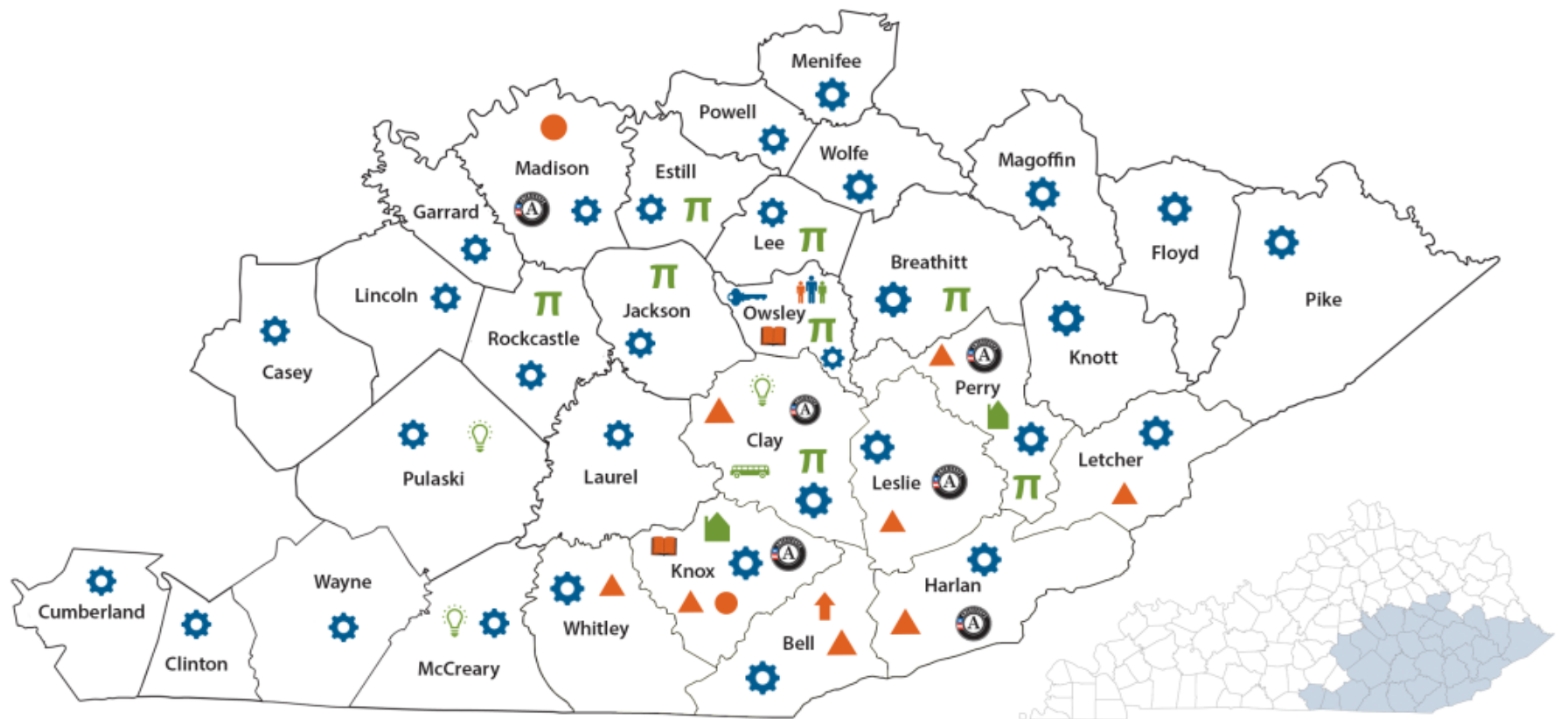
**8** OFFICES  
within the  
**Appalachian  
Region**













**\$42.9** MILLION  
in **annual** private and  
federal investment  
(97% federal funds/3% other)

**MORE  
THAN 400**  
people **working or  
serving** full time



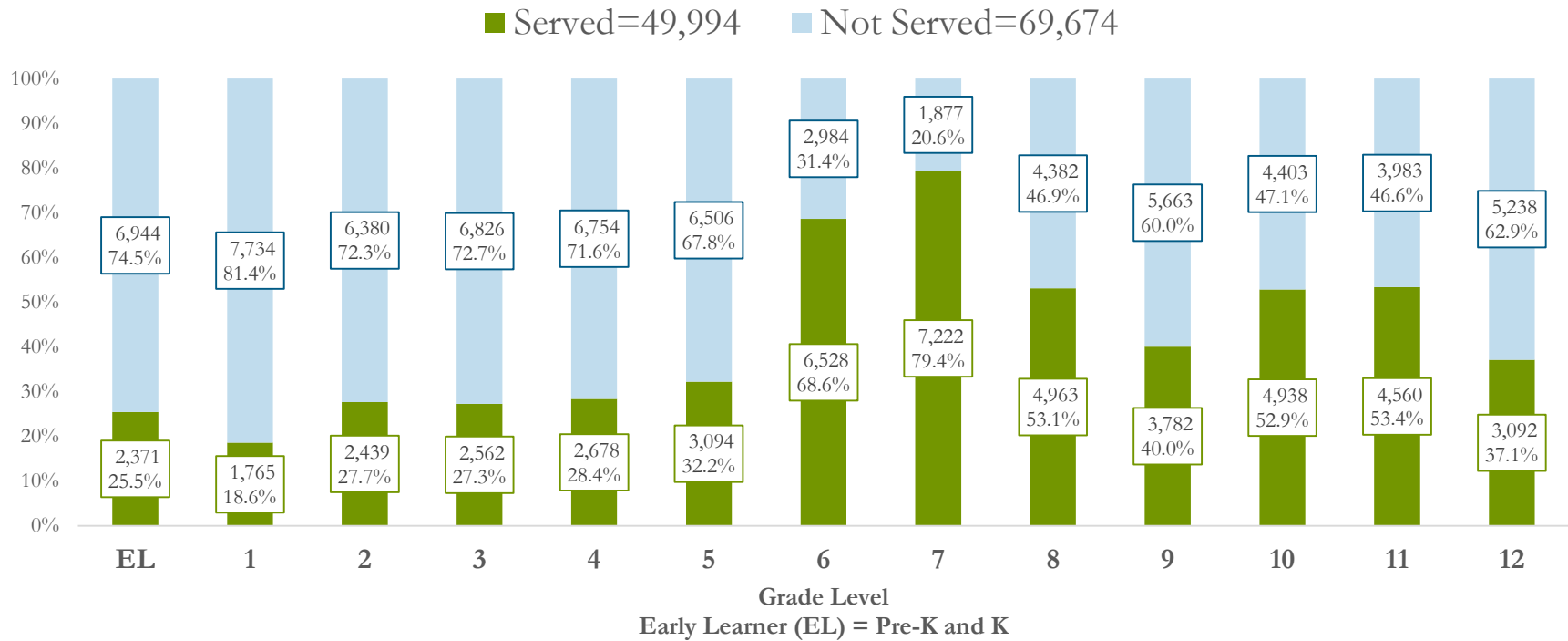
This map of our Partners for Education Appalachian Network illustrates how we braid together multiple programs to ensure students receive critical services.



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|  AmeriCorps                              |  Promise Neighborhood        |
|  Family Engagement and Economic Security |  Readiness Bus               |
|  Full Service Community Schools          |  Smart, Secure Children      |
|  GEAR UP                                 |  Talent Search               |
|  Innovative Approaches to Literacy       |  Upward Bound                |
|  NEA Artworks                            |  Upward Bound Math & Science |

# Partners for Education Appalachian Network

Partners for Education Provides Direct Services to 42% of Students in Network



# A Program Gap Exists in Rural Places

- One organization can not fill the **program gap** found in rural places
- We **must align our contributions** with others
- We must form **deep partnerships** with other entities that align around our definition of success
- We must **build capacity** of other organizations to provide high quality programs





# We Must Impact Systems and Structures

- **Convene** rural practitioners and rural leaders
- **Share best practices** for accelerating outcomes
- **Replicate and scale** best practices
- **Advocate** for programs and policies that support rural children, families and schools
- **Impact rural America** – as rural America goes, Appalachia goes



# We Are Having Impact

## Knox Promise Neighborhood Preliminary Data

- Kindergarten readiness increased from **35%** in 2017 to **43%** in 2018
- Average daily attendance (6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> graders) increased from **79%** in 2017 to **87%** in 2019
- English language arts proficiency (4<sup>th</sup> graders) increased from **46%** in 2017 to **57%** in 2018



# We Are Having Impact

In the three counties where we implemented the Promise Neighborhood cradle to career approach in 2012-2016

- K-readiness increased from **16%** to **36%**
- Math proficiency increased from **27%** to **40%**
- English language arts proficiency increased from **35%** to **50%**



# We Are Having Impact

In schools with GEAR UP college access programs 2012-2017

- High school graduation rates increased from **74%** to **94%**
- Students at ACT English benchmark increased from **47%** to **51%**
- Students at ACT Math benchmark increased from **30%** to **37%**
- Students at ACT Reading benchmark increased from **39%** to **50%**



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