

UNION SETTLEMENT

FACT SHEET

Union Settlement Association is an on-the-ground resource for East Harlem residents of all ages, and a passionate advocate for the needs of underserved communities. Since opening our doors in 1895, we have brought education, wellness and community-building programs to our neighborhood, empowering New Yorkers with opportunities to better their lives. By helping our neighbors realize their goals, we build the vitality and success of East Harlem.

Our 350 employees serve 10,000 residents each year at over a dozen East Harlem locations through a variety of programs, including **Early Childhood Education, Youth Programs, College Readiness, Adult Education, Work Readiness, Senior Programs, Mental Health, Small Business Development and Policy & Advocacy.**

East Harlem Neighborhood and Needs

With over 120,000 residents, East Harlem is home to many of the neediest New Yorkers.

- 43% of households survive on less than \$25,000 per year
- 13% of adults have less than a ninth grade education and 28% did not graduate from high school
- 54% of housing units are public housing (NYCHA) units
- East Harlem's unemployment rate is nearly twice the national average
- Only 25% of third graders meet state math standards, with 21% meeting English standards
- Teen pregnancy and STD rates in East Harlem are among the highest in New York City

Our Impact

Here are just a few of the ways that we help East Harlem families build safe and productive lives:

- Over the past 50 years, our **College Readiness Program** has helped over 20,000 young people gain admission to college, and many of these students were the first in their family to achieve that goal.
- The **pediatric asthma screening and prevention** systems we helped develop are being replicated by 180 childcare centers throughout the city. We have enrolled nearly 6,000 children in our program, and trained nearly 900 parents and staff in asthma awareness and prevention.
- Every week we serve more than 10,000 **nutritious meals and snacks** to children, youth, seniors and homebound community members.
- We provide high quality full-day **early childhood education** to over 600 young children every day, making sure that they are well prepared for elementary school and giving their parents an opportunity to work.
- Our **English, high school equivalency and job readiness classes** help hundreds of individuals gain the education, skills and experience they need to enter the workforce and support themselves and their families.
- Each year, our **mental health programs** serve over 1,000 individuals with individual, family, group and couples therapy, crisis intervention, psychological/psychiatric evaluation, medication management, advocacy and other services.

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