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## **Journal Releases Article on Promise Neighborhoods Success**

The *Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved* has published an early version of an article which explores the benefits of the U.S. Department of Education's Promise Neighborhoods initiative.

**Christopher Masi, MD, Ph.D.**, from the Section of General Internal Medicine at the University of Chicago, authored [the article](#). The final version will appear in Volume 23, Issue 3 of the journal, available in August 2012. The **Johns Hopkins University Press** publishes the journal and has made the article available on its web site..

The Promise Neighborhoods program developed after the success of children in the Harlem Children's Zone (HCZ), a New York-based non-profit organization. According to Masi's research, a large number of groups applied to take part in the second year of the program in 2011.

Groups who apply to take receive Promise Neighborhood grants are expected to use educational, family and community support initiatives to improve the daily lives of youth in distressed communities.

"The large number of applicants over the past two years suggests significant interest in developing programs similar to those in the HCZ," Masi writes. "While academic success is the primary goal of the Promise Neighborhoods initiative, an increasing body of evidence suggests that placing youth in nurturing educational environments leads to downstream health benefits as well."

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