

**TURNAROUND FOR CHILDREN** began work in Washington, D.C. in 2010. Since then, it has expanded its relationship with DCPS to include districtwide initiatives, such as staff trainings and membership in the School Climate Advisory Committee. During the 2017-18 school year, Turnaround is partnering directly with four DCPS schools, serving nearly 1,500 students and 180 adults, and providing consultation, training and support for several hundred additional educators from across the district.



#### Turnaround for Children translates neuroscientific research into tools and strategies for schools, in order to accelerate healthy student development and academic achievement.

Turnaround for Children's vision is that one day all children in the United States will attend schools that prepare them for the lives they choose. Science tells us how children develop as learners and about the power of context to shape their development. Turnaround is a leader in translating science into practice for schools. Its tools and strategies target improved outcomes in critical areas for student development – environment and relationships, skills and mindsets.

# **How Turnaround Works**

#### **School Innovation Partnership**

Turnaround partners with individual schools, embedding a team to build sustainable, healthy conditions for learning and development. Using a diagnose-and-prescribe method, Turnaround develops a whole-school improvement strategy, working closely with the school's leaders, teachers and student support staff. After assessing existing practices, Turnaround's team develops school-specific action plans to build a multi-tiered system of supports to address challenges.

#### **School Leader Development**

Turnaround offers monthly learning sessions that equip educators to effectively diagnose challenges in their own schools; develop and improve tiered student support systems and interventions; and train and support their own staff to implement Turnaround's strategies and practices.

### **Systems Consulting**

Turnaround offers guided learning and consulting sessions to help system-level leaders and administrators diagnose and improve policies and initiatives focused on healthy student development.

# 2016-17 Impact

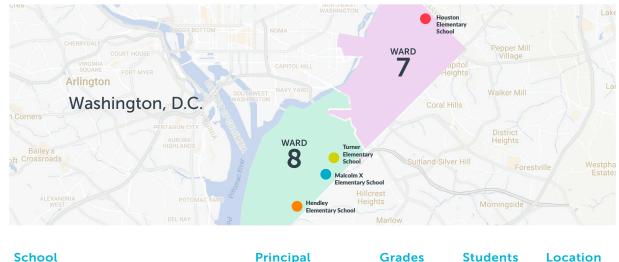
- Turnaround's D.C. partner schools increased their scores for emotional support according to third-party classroom observations
- 80% of students reported positive teacher-student relationships in the spring, up seven percentage points from the fall
- Turnaround trained 22 DCPS principals and more than 250 DCPS social workers and psychologists on how to use a trauma-informed lens – 85% of principals reported changing their practices as a result
- 100% of partner school leaders would recommend a partnership with Turnaround



# 2017-18 School Partners



WASHINGTON, D.C.



School		Principal	Grades	Students	Location
Hendley Elementary School	•	Sundai Riggins	pre-K-5	463	Ward 8
Houston Elementary School	•	Rembert Seaward	pre-K-5	275	Ward 7
Malcolm X Elementary School	•	Zara Berry-Young	pre-K-5	238	Ward 8
Turner Elementary School	•	Eric Bethel	pre-K-5	460	Ward 8



Contact

# **Mental Health Partner**

First Home Care

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Turnaround connects each partner school with First Home Care to ensure all students receive the clinical and social service supports they need.

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