

Parents, Food and Community Engagement : Sociedad Latina

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Serve over 3,000 youth and adults

300 youth age 10-21 engage through daily programming

 Programs: Education, Civic Engagement, Workforce Development, Arts & Culture

Current role : Health Education coordinator







Workforce Development

• 21st Century Skills

Health Education

- Nutrition
- Healthy Relationships
- Fitness





+ Project Background : Why?

- Parents are significant change agents in creating healthy eating decisions in their households (NCLR)
 - Food insecurity
 - Obesity
 - Buying power
- Past parent engagement





- Intermediate:
 - Increase consumption of fruits and vegetables for parents and youth
 - Increased knowledge of preparing healthier foods
 - Increased Parent engagement

 Long term: Overall healthier families in the Mission Hill and Roxbury neighborhood

+ Program Description

What : Parents, Food and Community Engagement

 Who/ Target Population: Parents of high risk youth ages 14 – 21 in Roxbury and Mission Hill area

• When : Spring 2013 – until Garden season

 Health Education Coordinator – Oversee program development, workshops, activities, events

Key Strategies: Social Ecological Model



÷ **Activities and Outputs**



• Weekend warriors

• ¡Un chin mas saludable sábados!

+ Short Term Outcomes

Attendance of two or more workshops

Knowledge on healthy cooking, Cost saving strategies, shopping at markets

Establishing a relationship with all parents of SL youth

Creating community through parent interaction



- Increase numbers of parent volunteers for Sociedad Latina programs

 Increase consumption of fruits and vegetables for parents and youth



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