

#### 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

• 21<sup>st</sup> 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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