APA HEALIN' PARTNERING TO PROMOTE ACTIVE LIVING AMONG ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICANS IN NYC

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PURPOSE

 Describe the model of collaboration to address healthy food and active living disparities in the Asian Pacific American community in NYC

- Creating a learning community
- Enhancing organizational capacity
- Documenting challenges & successes



ASIAN AMERICANS IN NYC

The Asian American population is 999,030 and nearly 12% of the City.

7 out of 10 are foreign-born

1 out of 2 Asian Americans speak English less than "very well"



1 out of 8 does not have health insurance

1 out of 4 is live in poverty

*Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2009. NYC Department of Health & Mental Hygiene, Community Health Survey, 2008. NYC Center for Economic Opportunity, "The CEO Poverty Measure, 2005-2008," March 2010

APA HEALIN'

 Asian Pacific Americans Healthy Eating & Active Living in our Neighborhoods







CREATING A LEARNING COMMUNITY

monthly meetings

listserv, e-newsletters, conference calls



trainings, workshops, + conferences







ENHANCING ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY

photovoice







connecting with other advocates



leadership training





DOCUMENT + DISSEMINATE PROGRESS

Organizational Capacity Assessment

<u>Results</u>

- Increase knowledge/resources to gain funding for food justice and active living policy work
- Conduct & review community-level research
- Develop opportunities to advocate for policies to improve food & built environment
- Increase capacity to monitor & evaluate advocacy activities

Focus Area	Objective	No serious thought	No plans	Plans developed	Taken action	Plan to sustain action	Don't know	Not applicable	Priority High Mediun Low
	Policy	/ Anal	ysis				1		I
Skills	Write policy briefs								LMH
	Develop policy memos								LMH
	Write reports								LMH
	Research statistics relevant to policy issue and community								LMH
	Identify gaps and needs for new policies								LMH
	Org	ganizi	ng						
Connections	Build strong relationships with community members								LMH
	Able to relate to the population being served								LMH
	Build strong relationships with community leaders								LMH
	Build strong relationships with other community- based organizations								LMH
	Build strong relationships with members of the private sector								LMH
	Build strong relationships with faith- based organizations								LMH
Skills	Organize letter writing/postcard campaigns								LMH
	Organize petitions								LMH
	Mobilize demonstrations								LMH
	Mobilize media campaigns								LMH

CLOSING THOUGHTS





Bridge Communities Diverse Stakeholders Promising Practices





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