The Power of Collaboration: Cambridge Health Alliance and Malden Public Schools Title I Program





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Background

CHA Malden Family Medicine

- Dedicated to helping the underserved
- Hospital network resources (ie. Interpreter services)
- Residents interested in teaching

Malden Public Schools' Title I Students & Families

- Ethnically and economically diverse, large underserved population
- Variety of needs
- Title I is a federally funded program that is part of "No Child Left Behind," designed to support students and families affected by poverty
- Malden Public Schools' Title I program is actively engaged with parents, with a year-round "Parent Academy" seminar series, including:
 - Math
 - Literacy, Preparing for Parent Conferences
 - Bingo for Books
 - Storytelling, Summer Success

Intervention

- CHA is affiliated with Malden Public Schools, with involvement in the annual Parent Academy presentations. This project strengthened the CHA and Malden Public Schools' Title I program relationship, to help this historically marginalized community.
- As a PGY2 and PGY3, Dr. Donnell presented these requested topics at the Parent Academy sessions:
 - January 2017: "Healthy Children, Healthy Families: Nutrition and Wellness"
 - January 2018: "Setting Limits and Developmentally-Appropriate Discipline"



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Results

1. Was this event a positive experience? (circle one) Español: ¿Fue este taller una experiencia positiva? (rodee uno) 中文: 这项活动对绝有验处吗? Portugues: Este evento foi una experiencia positiva? (circule um) Français: Cel évènement étati-îhune expérience positive? (choisissez un) 2. What did you like best? Español: ¿Qué usted le gusto mas? 中文: 您最喜欢哪一项? Portugues: Qué usted le gusto mas? 中文: 您最喜欢哪一项? Portugues: Qué usced gostou mais? Français: Qué vere gostou mais? Français: Qué vere vous aimé de plus? 3. Are there any topics that you would like more information? Please list them. Español: ¿Hay cualquier tema que usted querria más informação? Favor relacionar. Portugues: Há algum tema que você gostaria de mais informação? Favor relacionar. Portugues: Há algum tema que você gostaria de mais informação? Favor relacionar. Portugues: Há qualquer actividad o programas que usted querria haber ofrecido aqui en el futuro? Español: ¿Hay cualquier actividad o programas que usted querria haber ofrecido aqui en el futuro? Español: ¿Hay cualquier actividad o programas que você gostaria de ter oferecido aqui en el futuro? Portugues: Há qualquer atividades ou programas que você gostaria de ter oferecido aqui no futuro Français: Y-a-i-il d'autres activités ou programmes que vous aimeriez voir offrir dans le future? After school program for low woon. 5. Additional comments: Español: Comentarios adicionales: 中文: 附加意见: Portugues: Comentarios adicionales: 中文: 附加意见: Portugues: Comentarios adicionales: 中文: 附加意见: Portugues: Comentarios adicionales: Prançais: Commentaires additionnels

At the January 2018 Parent Academy:

- 26 parents attended
- Per written survey, 100% (26/26) of parents rated the event as a "positive experience"
- Primary languages included Arabic, Brazilian Portuguese, Haitian Creole, Chinese, Vietnamese, Spanish, English
- Parents requested additional health-oriented presentation

Discussion

- CHA involvement with the Title I project has great potential for ongoing community benefit.
- We identified two central needs of the Malden Title I students and families that CHA aims to alleviate:
 - Multilingual parent services

MPS Title I is presently without interpreter services for parents, limiting non-English speaking families' benefit from Title I programming.

Resource awareness

The families struggling with poverty are not always aware of the community resources available to help them. Staff has still noticed students not attending school because they lacked winter coat or boots.

Future Steps

Continue to strengthen the CHA and Malden Public Schools' Title I program relationship:

- Annual health-related Parent Academy sessions
- Partner with community resources and coalitions to bring resources from hospital network to the public schools' underserved families
- Ongoing meetings with CHA Community Health Improvement and Title I program
- Continue resident involvement with Title I



Jan 2018 Parent Academy

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