

# 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

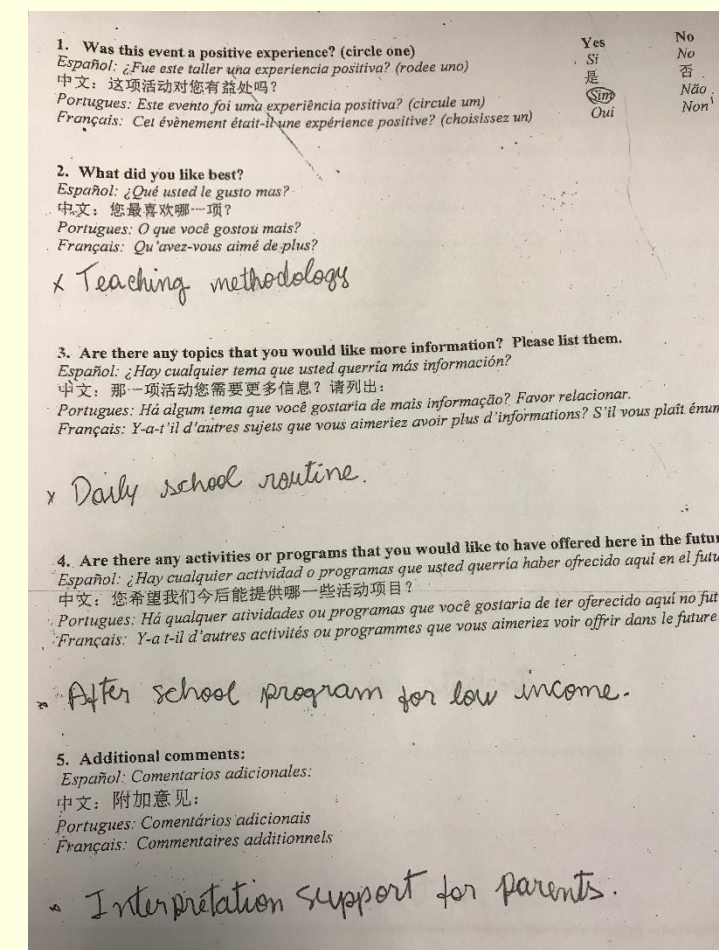
- Ethnically and economically diverse, large underserved population
- Variety of needs



Jan 2017 Parent Academy

## Results

- 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



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

## 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”

## 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



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