

## Meals Close to Home

- Successful partnerships with housing properties
- Non-traditional sites = libraries, farmers markets, housing, WIC, etc.
  - o Housing had 1431 kids in 60 sites
- Public housing (155 sites) → multi-family housing sites (341 sites) → meal site opportunities

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- Different offices across New England
- 1.2 million housing in public housing – 212 federally-funded multifamily
- Access – belief that everyone deserves housing
- Relationships – communication
- Recognition – volume of efforts and success stories – HUD highlights
  - o NEAHMA & NAHRO
- Enrichment activities for children (volunteer events) at summer food services

### Spanish American Center

#### Summer Fun program (Verano Alegre)

- Christina Gonzalez & Mickey Guzman
- Nutritious breakfast & lunch 4-5 days/week with activities for kids
  - o Hot meals (3 days) & sandwiches (2 days)
- Mt Wachusett Community College
  - o At Allen Crest and Old English Village
  - o 2 staff members/feeding locations
  - o 6-10 youth employees from community (ex. Students)
  - o Community partners
    - Annual block party for collective recognition
    - Elective officials
  - o Up to 6 volunteers (4 am prep → 2 pm)
- Outreach
  - o Post flyers throughout community
  - o Newspapers
  - o Social media
  - o Presentations/tabling events
- Success
  - o Community partnerships
  - o Number of sites
  - o Funding
- Challenges

- Decreased funding (from Mt Wachusett Community college)
- Less sites

#### Summer meals sites: Meadowbrook apartments (Florence, MA)

- Violet Matos
- 252 unit property with 480 residents
  - Playgrounds and pools
  - Amherst Pelham Regional Schools and Northampton PD (Officer Wallace) and community youth action
  - Collaboration between Northampton PD and community youth action
  - In 2017 = 816 meals in 1 month served
- Goals for 2018
  - Health and fitness with YMCA and reading and parent involvement

#### Summer meal site: Davis Common Apt (Brockton, MA)

- Robin Joubert
- Funded by HUD youth RAP group
- Income qualify by tenants
- Free after-school open enrollment program (ages 6-17)
  - Homework help, art projects, STEM
  - Participation in company-wide events (Ex. Sport/academic Olympics)
- 15-30 kids
  - Large community center and playgrounds with toys, etc. → All donated
- Summer lunch program → lunch at 1PM and daily activities
  - All kids welcome regardless of living on site
  - Social outreach and support
- Develop a sense of community
  - Teens are engaged → kids are like siblings now through participation
- Obstacles
  - Behavioral issues (give firm guidelines)
    - No tattling
    - Engage teen leaders
  - Adult participation (not allowed to serve adults at sites)
    - Small food pantry started for adults
- Adding breakfast this year & reaching out to non-profits

#### Discussion

- Challenges anticipated with bringing on housing properties
  - Making sure of on-site contact – someone kids can trust @ HUD
  - Parents to become willing to send their kids

- Feeding parents – adults involvement & how to feed adults
  - Awkward – role model
- Compliance
  - Maternal nutrition
- Knowing where sites are located
- Best practices learned & interested in implementing
  - Provider support such as from Comcast, Home Depot, Papa Gino's, etc.
  - Targeted outreach by HUD & assistants on the ground
- JUST ONE MORE
  - Breakfast initiative
  - One more housing site