

Local Food Promotion Program (LFPP) Final Performance Report

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Executive Summary

The Local Food Promotion Program (LFPP) was a two year initiative focused on improving knowledge, access, and consumption of locally grown, healthy fruits and vegetables. From September 30, 2014 to September 30, 2016, the Youth Policy Institute (YPI) served families within the Los Angeles Promise Zone (LAPZ), providing fresh fruits and vegetables at distribution sites in the local communities.

The program objectives and activities included the following:

1. Establish a CSA in the LAPZ
2. Increase access to locally grown, fresh, and organic foods.
3. Improve residents' knowledge of locally grown, fresh, and organic foods.

The program achieved all of the proposed goals during the two year of the grant. In total YPI reached 567 families and distributed 3,251 Supported Agriculture (CSA) boxes to program participants across 11 sites in the LA Promise Zone. The sites were strategically located at local schools where YPI has strong relationships with school administrators and parents, a community-based health clinic, where families were already being introduced to preventative health care, an affordable housing complex located within a food desert, and a YPI run community center where families were identified during the intake to participate in this program. Site selection was important and key to our outreach efforts as it allowed us to identify qualifying families and also retain them during the duration of the program. YPI was able to reach these results through collaboration with stakeholders, providing nutrition workshops, and recipe books.

The Promise Zone serves five culturally diverse Los Angeles neighborhoods: Hollywood, East Hollywood, Koreatown, Westlake, and Pico-Union. Local Food Promotion Program was able to provide families access to locally grown, fresh, and organic produce despite cultural differences and backgrounds. The program was designed to help Los Angeles residents, through the promotion of health and wellness. YPI was able to distribute 3,251 Supported Agriculture (CSA) boxes in an area has minimal access to grocery stores and deemed a food desert.

In Year 1 of implementation, the Youth Policy Institute (YPI) operated two Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) distribution sites in neighborhoods within the boundaries of the Los Angeles Promise Zone (LAPZ). YPI maintained a client base of a minimum of 20 clients per distribution site. YPI, with the assistance of the Local Food/Local Places (LF/LP) Technical Assistance award, was successful at convening a total of 15 stakeholders for a two day seminar from June 2-3, 2015 to develop and strengthen strategies for establishing a CSA in the Los Angeles Promise Zone. The LF/LP convening provided an opportunity for stakeholders to further develop strategies for community engagement and identifying additional needs of LAPZ community residents as it pertains to access to fresh food and food deserts that exist.

In both Year 1 & 2 of the grant period established partnership with Old Grove Farm Share, as they have been the key stakeholder in the design and implementation of the “Los Angeles Promise Zone Local Food Promotion Program.” In addition, with the support of the Local Food/Local Places (LF/LP) Technical Assistance support, as stated above YPI was able to convene a total of 15 stakeholders over a period of two days to think strategically about sustainability of this initiative. The Stakeholders included other community based organizations in the LAPZ that YPI has not traditionally worked with, other organizations that YPI has a history of working with such as the Thai Community Development Center, The Manzanita Housing Complex, and government organizations such as The Environmental Protection Agency and representatives from LA Department of Transportation.

In Year 1 of implementation, there were 124 participants who were active participants. Each participant picked up between one to 18 CSA boxes, composed of organic fruits, vegetables and herbs, with an average of 5 boxes per participant. YPI’s CSA program in Year 1 increased access to locally grown produce to participants from program launch in February 2015. 70% of those who completed a pre-survey indicated that prior to participating in the “Los Angeles Promise Zone Local Food Promotion Program,” they did not have access to fresh, locally grown vegetables and fruits. YPI utilized this valuable participant feedback to assist with program design.

YPI’s CSA program has assisted participants in increasing their knowledge regarding nutritional quality of fruits, vegetables, and herbs that they are receiving in the weekly CSA distribution. YPI leveraged additional support to assist with delivering nutrition education and cooking workshops to program participants. YPI provided nutrition related information to participants and cooking recipes to program participants with the weekly CSA pickup.

YPI administered pre-surveys to a sample program participants throughout the grant, the participants were chosen through random selection. In review of the survey data in Year 1, 38% of participants stated that they had not participated in a nutrition class prior to this CSA program. 83% of those who completed a post-survey indicated they had increased their knowledge of nutrition and cooking.

In addition, YPI was successful at securing a \$10,000 grant from the Kaiser Community Foundation that assisted with covering the cost of approximately 200 CSA boxes for low-income clients. YPI was also fortunate to receive a donation of \$2,000 from an individual donor to support with covering the costs of food of the CSA. YPI also acquired a \$50,000 grant from the Aetna Foundation to conduct nutrition related education and cooking demonstrations, which began on November 1st, 2015. YPI leveraged the funds received through the Aetna Foundation this grant assisted with the purchasing of one mobile kitchen and cooking kits as a key strategy in conducting cooking workshops for program participants. After the added funding and increase in programming, 96% of participants who completed a pre-survey indicated they are the person doing the shopping for groceries for their family. 94% of participants indicated that their family was eating more fruits and vegetables after joining the program.

In Year 2 of implementation, YPI continued to work with the community partners and stakeholders acquired in Year 1 to ensure the CSA program could continue to be offered to low-income residents of the LAPZ. YPI made a concentrated effort to provide participants with the knowledge to understand the importance of having access to local and organic food. Youth Policy Institute leveraged other YPI programs to support with raising awareness amongst LAPZ community members by conducting outreach forums at local schools, business and partnering agencies. Continuing to leverage

supplemental funding through grants received; YPI continued to offer participants cooking classes, nutrition classes, farm tours, and classes to buy local/organic on a budget.

In review of survey data, there was a recorded increase from Year 1 to Year 2. In Year 1, 83% of those who completed a post-survey indicated they had increased their knowledge of nutrition and cooking. In Year 2, 96% of participants responded “Yes” to the question: “Has participation in these workshops increased your knowledge and understanding of the importance of healthy eating?” at the time the post survey was administered.

YPI was able expanded its CSA distribution sites from 2 to 11 operating sites. The expansion began in November 2015. YPI’s goal was to expand our client base and reach participants but not compromise the quality of the program. YPI was able to expand that reach through community partners as well as designated school sites within the LAPZ. Through these expansion efforts YPI tripled the number of enrollments in Year 2. In Year 1 there were a 124 participants enrolled and participating in the program. At the end of Year 2, YPI has served a total of 567 participants through the “Los Angeles Promise Zone Local Food Promotion Program.” YPI distributed a total of 3,251 CSA boxes during the two years of implementation; the average family received 5-6 boxes each.

Local Food Promotion Program was one of the first food access programs awarded to the Youth Policy Institute. LFPP funding propelled the organization in a way that food access initiative are a funding priority. The 567 families that have been reached in the life of the grant still live in areas where food access is a challenge. In order to sustain the work that has been accomplished, YPI has applied for 4 additional grant opportunities to continue the work. YPI was recently awarded funding through the USDA FINI program to continue to build on the momentum of this program and continue to offer similar types of programming for low-income residents and SNAP (CalFRESH) participants in the LAPZ.

State the goals/objectives of your project as outlined in the grant narrative and/or approved by LFPP staff. If the goals/objectives from the narrative have changed from the grant narrative, please highlight those changes (e.g. “new objective”, “new contact”, “new consultant”, etc.). You may add additional goals/objectives if necessary. For each item below, qualitatively discuss the progress made and indicate the impact on the community, if any.

Goal/Objective 1: Establish a CSA in the Los Angeles Promise Zone

a. Progress Made:

In September 2014 YPI was awarded “Los Angeles Promise Zone Local Food Promotion Program” using a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) model within the Los Angeles Promise Zone (LAPZ). Prior to the awarding of the LFPP initiative, YPI began to convene key partners. First step to build relationship with farmers and local organizations that could provide support and resources to residents in the LAPZ area. The Old Grove Farm Share a co-op of farmers was selected as the farm provider that supplies the produce for the CSA. Once key stakeholders were identified it was vital to the success of the program to identify possible CSA distribution. YPI was able to continue the partnership with Berendo Middle School, a Title 1 school in the LAPZ area and YPI operated Hollywood Family Source Center. YPI began implementation with an established 2 distribution sites in the LAPZ area, serving 124 families an average of 5 boxes received per family. In Year 2 of implementation YPI continued to work diligently with community partners and stakeholders through community forums, strategic planning meetings, and shared best practices. The goal for all stakeholders to ensure the CSA program was offered to low-income residents of the LAPZ, connecting them to organic food at a subsidized rate for eligible participants. Youth Policy Institute leveraged other YPI programs to support with raising awareness amongst LAPZ community members and working towards strengthening the CSA program in the community. YPI raised awareness through outreach events at area schools, participating in health/resources convened by community partners, and providing free nutrition classes to all community members. In Year 2 of implementation, through supplemental funding acquired to support the CSA program, YPI was able to expand the number of distribution sites from 2 to 11. In the expansion of distribution sites YPI served 443 families. Over the life of the grant YPI reached 567 families and distributed 3,251 CSA boxes to program participants.

b. Impact on Community:

Establishing a CSA in the community was critical, as evidenced by pre-survey results; prior to establishing the CSA program many participants reported “having minimal to no access to fresh produce in a 1 mile radius”. In order to have the greatest impact sites were strategically located:

- At local schools where YPI has strong relationships with school administrators and parents
- A community-based health clinic, where families were already being introduced to preventative health care.
- An affordable housing complex located within a food desert.
- YPI run community center where families were identified during the intake to participate in this program.

YPI has learned through establishing CSA sites in the LAPZ area that schools are a great place to engage families, building on the natural formation of community that is built at school sites. YPI has been able to leverage relationships not only with other YPI staff, but also school administration and staff, parents and students. In leveraging these partnerships, YPI engaged the LAPZ Leadership Council to continue the work of the CSA program in LAPZ area. In effort to eradicate poverty a key strategy of LAPZ designation is to continue to offer programs that assist and directly support the community members in the designation. The partnership with the LAPZ Leadership Council, provided advocacy, programs, and established policy that contributes to the resources to needed to evoke change.

The “Los Angeles Promise Zone Local Food Promotion Program” has had an impact on the LAPZ Leadership Council who is assisting with guiding and developing the work being done in the community by incorporating the initiative into the LAPZ strategic plan that was developed to support the overall vision of the work. The “Los Angeles Promise Zone Local Food Promotion Program” is included as one of the 6 key priority areas of the LAPZ strategic plan:

Goal 4: Build Sustainable & Livable Communities

4.3: Focus Resources on Sustainable Neighborhood Infrastructure

4.3.11: Improve fresh food access in the LAPZ

The inclusion of this initiative and prioritizing the need for access to fresh food into the LAPZ Strategic plan is important to note as it ensures that this will be a priority for the 10 year lifetime of the LAPZ designation. The LAPZ Leadership Council has used the program run by Youth Policy Institute as a project model to replicate and scale up for future programs. The LAPZ Leadership Council has a *Neighborhood’s Working Group* that meets monthly and regular updates of the Youth Policy Institute “Los Angeles Promise Zone Local Food Promotion Program” are discussed. The updates provided to the *Neighborhood’s Working Group* are used by the LAPZ Leadership Council to help strategize on ideas for additional programming and also to continue to build the success of the program.

a. Progress Made:

During the duration of this project, YPI implemented the “Los Angeles Promise Zone Local Food Promotion Program” using a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) model at 11 different sites located within the Los Angeles Promise Zone. YPI exceed the grant goal of the establishment of 6 operating CSA sites, broadening the reach to 7 additional sites allowed YPI to take full advantage of on the need of access in the LAPZ area. The additional sites operated by YPI were located throughout the LAPZ footprint to provide additional options for LAPZ residents to participate in this program. Youth Policy Institute met with school site administrators and program staff to identify families from 8 of the school based sites that could benefit from the weekly CSA box. Each operation site was able to enroll 25 families to pick up boxes for an 8 – 10 week cycle. Participants picked up CSA boxes weekly on the designated pick up day. Participants were able to pay for the CSA boxes with either CalFresh benefits or Cash. The cost of the CSA box cost \$10 for participants. Besides school sites, the CSA was also held at Clinica Romero Health Clinic, Hollywood Family Source Center and Manzanita Housing complex for low income residents. These additional sites were chosen as YPI made a concerted effort to engage participants from different economical but similar economic backgrounds.

b. Impact on Community:

Between September 30, 2014 and September 30, 2016, YPI operated 11 CSA distribution sites, serving a total of 567 participants, which exceed the target of reaching 510 participants. YPI distributed a total of 3,251 CSA boxes during this period; the average family received 5-6 boxes each. YPI was able to utilize the funds from the LFPP program to reach 510 participants but was also able to utilize supplemental funds to expand the reach to 57 additional families. YPI was successful at securing a \$10,000 grant from the Kaiser Community Foundation that assisted with covering the cost of approximately 200 CSA boxes for low-income clients. YPI was also fortunate to receive a donation of \$2,000 from an individual donor to support with covering the costs of food of the CSA. YPI also acquired a \$50,000 grant from the Aetna Foundation to conduct nutrition related education and cooking demonstrations, which began on November 1st, 2015. YPI leveraged the funds received through the Aetna Foundation this grant assisted with the purchasing of one mobile kitchen and cooking kits as a key strategy in conducting cooking workshops for program participants. Through the supplemental grants received, YPI was able to provide additional distribution sites and offer free nutrition workshops that attracted additional participants to the CSA program. The expansion of sites and the added resources YPI witnessed a spike in participant enrollment. To measure client impact, YPI conducted surveys with clients to quantify knowledge gained, increases in fruit and vegetable consumption, and program satisfaction. 83% of participants who completed a post-survey indicated they had increased their knowledge of nutrition and cooking and 96% of participants responded “Yes” to the question: “Has participation in these workshops increased your knowledge and understanding of the importance of healthy eating?” YPI was able to utilize the results to improve on the quality of the program. YPI worked more strategically with families that did not report an increase in knowledge and program satisfaction. Discussions with families revealed that language, access, and cultural differences played a significant role in how information was processed. YPI made a deliberate effort to be more inclusive and open with sharing resources to participants.

Goal/Objective 3: Improve residents’ knowledge of nutrition and cooking

a. Progress Made:

In order to improve residents’ knowledge of nutrition and cooking YPI offered nutrition education workshops, shared recipes with participants based on the vegetables/fruit/herb included in each weekly share, and providing clients with educational materials and resources on nutrition. Recipes were shared weekly with participants based on the items that were provided in the CSA box. In addition, YPI encouraged program participants to engage with one another during CSA distribution days and share recipes and nutritional facts with one another in an effort to improve their knowledge of nutrition and cooking, building on peer-based learning strategies and the exchange of intercultural narratives and food traditions amongst program participants.

b. Impact on Community:

Through analysis of post-survey data, it is evident that this program was able to improve residents' knowledge of nutrition and cooking, and in particular, increased knowledge of fresh, local, and organic foods. The offering of nutritional workshops and recipes allowed YPI to showcase how important and tasteful local, organic and fresh produce could be. Participants were excited and committed to pick up their weekly CSA box.

- 96% of participants responded “Yes” to the question: “Has participation in these workshops increased your knowledge and understanding of the importance of healthy eating?”
- 83% of those who completed a post-survey indicated they had increased their knowledge of nutrition and cooking.

Goal/Objective 4: Increase Consumption of locally grown, healthy fruits and vegetables

a. Progress Made

Throughout implementation of the project YPI actively engaged program participants in a variety of nutrition education activities, including cooking demonstrations, produce taste test, and shopping healthy on a budget, distributing informational pamphlets and material, and recipes to clients to ensure they had a saturation of resources to assist them in their efforts to make healthier food choices and in the consumption of locally grown, healthy fruits and vegetables. Through the “Los Angeles Promise Zone Local Food Promotion Program,” YPI has been successful at providing program participants with a weekly CSA box of 11-15 items that include vegetables, fruits and an herb. Many of the items were new to participants and the sharing of recipes proved to be a vital tool of engagement. The CSA program is designed to feed a family of four, for a one-week period and support their increased consumption of healthy fruit and vegetables.

1. Quantify the overall impact of the project on the intended beneficiaries, if applicable, from the baseline date (the start of the award performance period, September 30, 20__). Include further explanation if necessary.
 - a. Number of direct jobs created: 0.25
 - b. Number of jobs retained: 0
 - c. Number of indirect jobs created: 0.25
 - d. Number of markets expanded: 0
 - e. Number of new markets established: 11
 - f. Market sales increased by \$58,000 and increased by 2500%.
 - g. Number of farmers/producers that have benefited from the project: 1
 - i. Percent Increase: 15%
2. Did you expand your customer base by reaching new populations such as new ethnic groups, additional low income/low access populations, new businesses, etc.? If so, how?

YPI expanded our customer base by collaborating with neighboring organizations, connecting with leadership staff at the LAPZ Leadership Council Meetings. Specific partnerships included the Manzanita

Housing Complex which was a great location to distribute CSA boxes as the housing complex is located in a food desert. Clinica Romero which is a clinic for low income patients and also yielded CSA participants. YPI conducted a training session with key staff at each organization to ensure staff were well equipped to run a successful CSA program site.

Youth Policy Institute recruited participants who are considered low-income and live within the boundaries of the Los Angeles Promise Zone. In order for program participants to qualify for the subsidized rate for the 8-week CSA program, they must have a household of four or more and an income of \$40,750 or less. As previously described, YPI leveraged other school-based programs to have them distribute CSA boxes. The schools consisted of Grant Elementary, Lockwood Elementary, Virgil Middle School, Berendo Middle School, and Alexandria Elementary. A best practice that has been incorporated thus far for identifying program participants at school sites is to begin working with those families who qualify for the free/reduced lunch, facilitating the process to recruit program participants who demonstrate the most financial need and need support with access to healthy fruit and vegetables. At the community center sites YPI Case Managers refer clients who have expressed they experience hunger in the home, food insecurity issues, or management of a chronic disease to help identify program participants. The YPI CSA program enrolled a diverse group of participants, as the LAPZ area is home to over 10 ethnic groups.

3. Discuss your community partnerships.

a. Who are your community partners?

The partners of the LAPZ Local Food Promotion Program included LAPZ Leadership Council (specifically, two organizational representatives—the Thai Community Development Center and Los Angeles Food Policy Council have joined the Council). The Los Angeles Food Policy Council and Old Grove Farm Share, the local farm provider that supplies the produce for the CSA.

b. How have they contributed to the overall results of the LFPP project?

The community partners have contributed to results by donating space and enlisting as designated CSA distribution sites for the day(s), and also played a critical role in helping to identify clients that meet program eligibility criteria and qualify for the program subsidy. Community partners have also assisted with raising awareness of this program and supporting YPI with letters of support when applying for additional funds to support the long term sustainability of the “Los Angeles Promise Zone Local Food Promotion Program” that is currently funded by the USDA LFPP.

c. How will they continue to contribute to your project’s future activities, beyond the performance period of this LFPP grant?

YPI has engaged current community partners to support with the initiative and will continue cultivating relationships with partners to ensure long-term sustainability of this and other similar food/nutrition related initiatives. Community partners have made a commitment to support YPI in achieving grant requirements and also invested in expansion and scalability of program. Partners will continue to hold community meetings, forums, and case studies to ensure clients’ needs are met.

4. Did you use contractors to conduct the work? If so, how did their work contribute to the results of the LFPP project?

Not applicable

5. Have you publicized any results yet?*
- If yes, how did you publicize the results?
 - To whom did you publicize the results?
 - How many stakeholders (i.e. people, entities) did you reach?

*Send any publicity information (brochures, announcements, newsletters, etc.) electronically along with this report. Non-electronic promotional items should be digitally photographed and emailed with this report (do not send the actual item).

YPI has collected results from enrollment forms and surveys administered to program participants upon beginning the CSA program. However, these results have not been released outside the submitted bi-annual reports.

6. Have you collected any feedback from your community and additional stakeholders about your work?
- If so, how did you collect the information?

YPI distributes both pre and post surveys during the CSA program. PRE surveys are distributed during the intake process and POST surveys are administered two weeks prior session end. Survey included questions related to: measure program impact, program satisfaction and progress made towards achieving goals of the “Los Angeles Promise Zone Local Food Promotion Program.”

- What feedback was relayed (specific comments)?

Satisfaction survey results showed that a majority of participants (97%) said the program helped increase fruit and vegetable consumption, increased knowledge on healthy eating, and learned more about how to eat and cook healthy for themselves and their family.

In addition to data collected using surveys, YPI documented positive feedback received from participants as they engaged in programming. One client in particular, stated in January 2016 that the “Los Angeles Promise Zone Local Food Promotion Program” has helped her family “eat healthier,” “access fresh foods that they would not be able to afford at expensive stores” and “minimize the expenses designated to buy food.” She also highlights that the program is beneficial as it “is located inside my community at a walking distance from my house.”

7. Budget Summary:
- As part of the LFPP closeout procedures, you are required to submit the SF-425 (Final Federal Financial Report). Check here if you have completed the SF-425 and are submitting it with this report:
 - Did the project generate any income?

- i. If yes, how much was generated and how was it used to further the objectives of the award?

8. Lessons Learned:

- i. Summarize any lessons learned. Draw from positive experiences (e.g. good ideas that improved project efficiency or saved money) and negative experiences (e.g. what did not go well and what needs to be changed).

YPI experienced challenges surrounding survey implementation and completion. Not all participants who completed a PRE survey also completed a POST survey, and vice versa (and within timeframes that could accurately track the potential changes participants experienced from being in the program), which resulted in some difficulties when cleaning and analyzing results, and also limited how representative the data collected is of overall program participants. Although the majority of applications were completed prior to the first day of the program, the PRE and/or POST Survey was not always submitted in a timely manner. YPI made adjustments to survey distribution and tracking methods to be able to gather this information from a larger portion of those served. Participants filled out PRE survey during intake and application process. POST survey were administered two weeks prior the session closing to ensure time for participant follow up. In addition, survey questions were added and removed in 2016 in an attempt to more accurately capture participant outcomes (for example, questions aimed at measuring participant's fruit and vegetable consumption were added). YPI experienced challenges in ensuring pre and post surveys were collected from all participants that engaged in the program on a regular basis, as such the information above represents a portion of the participants served. The issue related to length of application packet did not affect measurable results. The questions added to the survey outlined a more impactful illustration of participant's involvement. The addition of questions related to consumption were helpful, but did paint a realistic picture of participant consumption as those questions were not included in the first year of implementation.

- ii. If goals or outcome measures were not achieved, identify and share the lessons learned to help others expedite problem-solving: N/A
- iii. Describe any lessons learned in the administration of the project that might be helpful for others who would want to implement a similar project:

Beginning in January 2016, YPI began collecting all applications prior to the CSA program cycle start, to minimize the length of time it took to register program participants on the first day. YPI revised the process to coincide with the beginning of the next CSA program cycle that began the week of March 29, 2016. PRE Surveys were distributed and collected within the first two weeks of each program cycle and POST Surveys are collected the last two weeks of program cycle. All YPI staff that support with the implementation of the "Los Angeles Promise Zone Local Food Promotion Program" have been provided a timeline of when to administer and collect required documentation and have also communicated to program participants upon enrollment that completion of PRE Surveys is a requirement of being able to receive the subsidy for CSA boxes.

9. Future Work:

- a. How will you continue the work of this project beyond the performance period? In other words, how will you parlay the results of your project's work to benefit future community goals and initiatives? Include information about community impact and outreach, anticipated increases in markets and/or sales, estimated number of jobs retained/created, and any other information you'd like to share about the future of your project.

In April 2017, YPI was awarded the USDA FINI grant that will help continue the work that was started with LFPP program. The USDA FINI program will allow YPI to continue operating the CSA program and working with Old Grove Farm, the farming co-op providing the fresh fruits and vegetables. Continuing the work with Old Grove Farm will allow jobs to stay secure, a continuous flow of revenue, and new jobs created. The USDA FINI program will also provide a market match program where participants will be able to utilize vouchers to help pay for fresh fruits and vegetables at local markets and corner stores.

- b. Do you have any recommendations for future activities and, if applicable, an outline of next steps or additional research that might advance the project goals?

The LFPP program was truly a beneficial program, YPI was able to offer a service to underrepresented families that had not been exposed to locally and organic foods. In the future incorporation of a nutrition education and physical activity component would be ideal. Families benefited from the program but also inquired about furthering their physical fitness and nutrition goals. Families took a great interest in the nutrition education that was provided but felt more classes would help participants plan around significant behavioral change and recommendations.