



Mission High Urban Agriculture / DPH

Food Security Data Collection Project



Purpose

- To gather information on SF's immigrant population around food security and access.
- Food security: Being able to access fresh, healthy, affordable, culturally appropriate food.

Steps to the Data

1. MHS students edited/critiqued existing DPH surveys
 - a. Created a survey that was not daunting
 - b. KISS - keep it short and simple
 - Eliminated repetitive/long questions
 - c. Translated it for Spanish speaking population (a large population of Mission High)

Steps to the Data....continued

2. Keep it anonymous! Gave out paper surveys
3. We offered a peer to peer survey
 - Students administered surveys in EL classrooms
 - Administered surveys in the Migrant Office at MHS during CalFresh sign up



Survey Limitations

- Only targeted Hispanic immigrant population
- Majority (72%) were high school age
- Administered over short period of time (one week)

Take Aways/ Major Conclusions

1. Housing is **unstable** for many in SF and this is a huge problem when it comes to food security.
2. Immigrant populations **do not trust** government agencies in the current political climate.



Take Aways/ Major Conclusions

3. Many government programs require/ask for social security or Green Card information.
4. Many are unaware of government services. Unsure of how to sign up.



Solution Oriented Thinking

These ideas were generated by our entire class after we analyzed the data.....



Partner with Community Based Organizations

- SFUSD Migrant Office
- After school programs
- Churches/Mosques



Partner with Student Nutrition Service

- Have school lunch form also act as sign up for relevant services
- Students who frequent school lunch can obtain “frequent flier” vouchers for additional services etc.



Immigrant Friendly Changes

- Do not ask for Social Security or Green Card #s.
- Engage groups that are of the targeted communities for outreach and implementation
(ie SFUSD Migrant Office)



Partner with Housing Department

Insure that new and renovated buildings include:

- Communal kitchen and dining space
- Retail space for food bank/affordable food markets



Partner with Rec and Park

Community gardens as a place to:

- Share information
- Engage the community
- Distribute food



Thank you for inviting us!

Time for some Q and A