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Who is the Mission Hill Youth Collaborative?

The Mission Hill Youth Collaborative is a grass-roots coalition of community-based organizations and institutions that promotes the well-being of the neighborhood's young people and their families through collaborative activities.

The MHYC formed in 1999 to bring together youth-serving organizations and institutions to address the needs of the community in light of changing economic and social conditions as well as institutional expansion. The members have advocated for more effective programming, improved resources, and built a support network for the Mission Hill youth workers, youth, and their families.

Together, and in partnership with the families we serve, we seek to support one another, advocate for policy and resources, share information, and cooperate on program initiatives.

Through supporting the MHYC, institutions can give to one coalition consisting of youth-serving organizations knowing that it will benefit the entire community and contribute towards a collective vision for the neighborhood's future.

2010 Accomplishments and Highlights

In 2010, the combined total number of Mission Hill youth served by our member organizations was more than 1,500.

We are proud to be Mission Hill's "Youth Service Network"

Monthly Meetings

Each month, youth work professionals from each member organization and representatives from local partnering institutions met to build relationships, share resources, collaborate on projects and programming, and communicate about how best to serve the youth and families in our neighborhood. Attendance at monthly meetings among youth workers from each organization has been strong and consistent. We are committed to bringing more members of the collaborative, especially institutions and other local organizations to our regular monthly meetings.

The 3rd Annual Showcase of Stars

The annual Showcase of Stars, a gala event honoring youth and those working with the youth of Mission Hill was held on May 26th, at the Pozen Center at MassArt and was filled with a diverse crowd of families, youth workers and MHYC friends. The Mission Hill "stars" recognized for being leaders in their community were youth and youth workers who have made a significant leadership contribution and positively impacted their respective programs. The 12 awardees carefully chosen by a selection committee from nominations submitted by the member organizations were introduced in individual ceremonies. The keynote speaker, Alejandra St Guillen, a Mission Hill native and now the executive director of Oiste, gave an inspiring personal talk. College bound youth from the various organizations were listed in the program and congratulated on stage in an emotionally moving ceremony by State Representative Jeffrey Sanchez.

Trauma Response Network

MHYC has been working with Courtney Grey, Director of Trauma Services at the Boston Public Health Commission to schedule a Trauma Systems Overview for the monthly meeting attendees followed up with the more intensive 1-2 day trainings for future teams. His invaluable help

supported the community through two tragic deaths this past year. The "psychological first aid" trainings are designed to be proactive not reactive, using best practices for stabilizing youth in crisis.

21st Century Skills

In the fall a 21st century skills subcommittee created a thoughtful analysis for establishing goals for youth inside and outside of programming. The December monthly meeting attendees agreed on the following:

1. 10 quality jobs for youth currently outside of programming
2. Fall fair on high school application process, workshop on transition from middle to high school
3. Creating mechanisms for families (not just young people) to actively engage with the local colleges, bridging what is often perceived as a cultural divide and to support college access and success for our youth

Asset Mapping Project

MHYC received a grant from the Black Ministerial Alliance/ Boston Capacity Tank for a Youth Asset Mapping project with the following goals:

- To increase the capacity of youth serving organizations to assess the needs of all MH youth and to collaborate to respond strategically to the assets and gaps
- To compile a useful data map of assets for youth aged 12-24 by surveying organizations and youth

A planning committee met for several months with the facilitator selected by the MHYC management team and created an outreach plan. The data collected has been presented to the executive directors of the local youth serving organizations and to the monthly meeting attendees for feedback and discussion. There is the opportunity to engage in long-term strategic planning for the community, how to fill service/resource gaps, and to explore further collaborations or resource-sharing.

Youth NOISE

Youth NOISE brings together young people from all parts of the neighborhood to improve community safety and strengthen their relationships with local police. The initiative was designed in response to community violence in Mission Hill, violence that was exacerbated by turf issues and negative relationships and communication between youth and police.

Youth NOISE is a space for youth to connect, offer innovative, youth-led solutions to youth violence. Jointly planned activities like the August Pool Party at RTH allow the young people to relax, have fun and build a community of peace.

Youth NOISE, which was previously led by Sociedad Latina and funded through the Massachusetts Department of Public Health with support from the five partner organizations, successfully transitioned this year to be led by the Mission Hill Youth Collaborative. This transition will strengthen the collaborative nature of this initiative as the MHYC will continue to address local issues of community violence with new support from the Black Ministerial Alliance.

Partner Organizations and Their Missions

★ **ABCD of Parker Hill/Fenway-** Parker Hill/Fenway is ABCD's neighborhood base serving the Mission Hill, Fenway and Lower Roxbury communities. PHF's mission is to provide opportunities in areas that can empower individuals to become more self-reliant and make better decisions for themselves, their families and their communities. PHF has a total of 7 full time and 3 part time staff. Many of PHF's programs are run through a number of volunteers, work study students, and college interns that are placed at this agency through a number of collaborations with educational institutions such as Wentworth Institute of Technology, Wheelock College, Boston University, Mass College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, and Boston College. PHF serves over 2,400 clients annually through its various anti-poverty social services program: fuel assistance, utility advocacy, senior center, food pantry, tax preparation, family resource center, toy distribution, child injury prevention workshops, diaper distribution, housing workshops, Summerworks, computer classes, higher education resource center, immigration services, civics, and ESOL classes.

★ **The Mission Hill School** is a Boston Public School, serving children in grades K-8. Our Multi-stage classrooms typically consist of no more than 20 students and most children spend two years with the same teachers. Mission Hill School is a member of the Coalition of Essential Schools a national network of schools and regional centers which embrace the same common principles of education; among these principles are small school size, authentic assessment, equitable education, and democratic governance. The school aims at producing youngsters who can live productive, socially useful and personally satisfying lives, while also respecting the rights of others.

★ **MissionSAFE's** mission is to work with youth to help them gain the skills and confidence to thrive, not simply survive and to give back to their community and the larger world around them. We believe all youth have the right and the ability to be happy, successful global citizens, and to discover and foster their unique potential to its fullest. MissionSAFE is committed to helping youth realize their fullest potential through a number of programs organized around the core philosophy of positive relationships and a customized developmental process for each youth within the group. Since 1998, MissionSAFE has worked with over 600 youth, some of whom still participate regularly.

★ **Phillips Brooks House Association Mission Hill Programs (PBHA)** is a student-run non-profit affiliated with Harvard College which offers after school, summer, and mentoring programs for youth across the city, including through programs in Mission Hill. Mission Hill Afterschool Programs and Summer Programs, hosted at Wentworth Institute of Technology, provide enrichment activities and tutoring for youth ages 6-13. Mission Mentors pairs youth with college volunteers, providing activities and support for the mentees. PBHA hires Mission Hill teens to work in the summer camp programs and learn vital life skills.

★ **Roxbury Tenants of Harvard (RTH)** is a tenant-run non-profit agency that serves approximately 2000 residents, 500 of whom are between 0-17 years old. As a non-profit multi-service organization, RTH offers a daycare center, an after-school program, youth programs, a library, computer center and many other recreational programs to children, adults and seniors. The RTH youth programs involve as many as 100 youth in the RTH community.

★ **Sociedad Latina** - Since 1968, Sociedad Latina has worked in partnership with Latino youth and families to end destructive cycles of poverty, health disparities, and lack of opportunity in our community. Through our Leadership Pipeline of services, we pioneer new and innovative solutions to the most pressing issues facing Latino youth today, supporting positive youth development from age 10-21, creating a community that supports young people, and training all youth to advocate for themselves and their communities. Our comprehensive, intensive array of programming builds skills in four areas, identified by our constituents as those most in need of support: Education, Workforce Development, Civic Engagement, and Arts & Culture. Programs promote long term engagement and positive relationships with adults, providing youth at-risk with a vast network of support that enables them to grow into confident, competent, successful and self-sustaining adults

★ **The Tobin Community Center**, a BCYF facility, provides recreational space and activities for youth and families, including basketball courts, workout space, a daycare facility, career learning center and a diverse range of programs and activities for all interests. The mission of BCYF is to enhance the quality of life for Boston's residents by supporting children, youth and families through a wide range of programs and services.

Looking Forward to 2011

With the New Year and the completion of our long awaited Community Assessment/Asset Mapping Project, we are revitalized and excited about our opportunities for 2011. While many of our member programs have struggled with funding in the past two years due to the declining economy, we recognize that collaboration is more important than ever. Our work plan and goals for 2011 will be focused on supporting the youth of our community through a deeper approach to 21st century skills, building on the results of the Asset Mapping Project and by helping the youth-serving organizations to flourish, providing professional development for youth workers, and completing the formation of local Trauma Response teams.

We also intend to strengthen our relationships with our supporters, including our neighborhood's Institutions, College and Universities, broadening our communication through a reconstituted website, monthly calendars and weekly e-announcements and widening attendance at monthly meetings.

Our interim coordinator, Dan Zeigarnik, brings a wealth of professional experience and leadership to the Collaborative, including experience with fiscal management and fund raising. We are grateful to have him and will be maximizing his potential and expertise to firm up our fund raising efforts and make sure the Collaborative continues to serve our network for many years to come.

Based on the feedback and input from our supporters and members at this Annual Breakfast, we will be forming a work plan for the coming year. What follows is a general blueprint for our work, to be filled in with the ideas and interests of our members and our institutional supporters.

Monthly Meetings

We will continue to provide support through collaboration and information-sharing, and a dialog about overlapping youth will help ensure that we reach more young people in Mission Hill. We will bring together youth workers from every agency in Mission Hill and we are committed that partners who have not been at the table be encouraged to attend. We have already reached out to the Johnson Center in Alice Taylor, who we would like to work more closely with, and we will be inviting more and more institutional and educational partners as we build new relationships within each organization.

Trauma Response Teams

Training new youth workers and creating systems to respond to traumatic events in a healthy and positive way will strengthen our relationships with the community and ensure that young people and adults who are grieving will have a safe place to go and qualified professionals to talk with. In 2011, MHYC hopes to engage more deeply with our institutional partners, potentially drawing on the latest research on post traumatic stress syndrome.

Youth NOISE

Youth NOISE will continue to promote conflict resolution and violence prevention, fostering dialogue and cooperation between youth and police, and providing a fun environment for youth to express themselves while doing good in their community.

Professional and Leadership Development Workshops

The MHYC strives to support their youth workers in and out of the monthly meetings. As a resource, we will continue to provide updates on conferences and other opportunities for our members to grow as leaders and mentors to our youth. Past workshops have consisted of topics such as adolescent development and maturation, education on the law and working with youth in the system, college preparation, fundraising, and other topics that help our members enhance their youth work abilities. Topics will be chosen by the MHYC members, and will ideally be done in collaboration with our institutional partners.

Building Community

Our overall priority of the MHYC is to bring together youth-serving organizations and our neighboring institutions to address the issues of our community's youth. We keep our members connected through our communication network of events, conferences, jobs, workshops, and other excitement in Mission Hill and beyond. We strive to build a strong coalition for our members on all levels and support the work they do in our community. We seek ways to bring together our organizations and their participants to create a sense of trust and unity among our members.

ABCD Parker Hill/Fenway Neighborhood Service Center

Mission Hill Youth Served: 463

ABCD Parker Hill/Fenway Neighborhood Service Center seeks to provide opportunities in areas that can empower individuals to become self-reliant and make better decisions for themselves, their families, and their communities. It works to meet the community's need for fuel assistance, utility advocacy, senior center, food pantry, tax preparation, family resource center, toy distribution, child injury prevention workshops, diaper distribution, housing workshops, Summerworks, computer classes, higher education resource center, immigration services, civics, and ESOL classes.



During the summer months, ABCD Parker Hill/Fenway runs SummerWorks, a program that places low-income youth in subsidized and private jobs at local community-based organizations, health care, and academic institutions. SummerWorks youth must be 14-21 years of age, and live in Mission Hill or Fenway. The program introduces youth to future employers, professionalism, and potential career choices. Each youth is assigned to a Youth Services Specialist who works with them individually to ensure that all their needs are being met. SummerWorks also provides workshops on topics like job readiness, financial literacy and violence prevention. Each workshop series occurs weekly, and consists of at least one two-hour session per week, implementing different topics within each theme.



Student Receives Assistance in Resume Workshop

ABCD Parker Hill/Fenway uses the MHYC mini-grants to enhance job readiness and other workshops we provide for youth, thus improving their summer employment experiences. For many youth, particularly those who are 14, this is their first job. These workshops are essential to their success in our program as they learn the basics of interview skills, how to dress and behave in a workplace, and how to write a resume. All youth leave the summer with a finalized resume.

Additionally, ABCD Parker Hill/Fenway provides year-round services for youth through its Education Resource Center. This consists of education counseling for those who are interested in attending college, help with the college application process, FASFA submission, scholarship assistance, and application fee waivers. Lastly, the agency is in the process of finalizing workshops for College Search and SAT Prep to be implemented this upcoming year.

This year, ABCD Parker Hill/Fenway served 463 youth (ages 14 to 21) through all of our programs including taxes, computer lab use, food pantry, food stamp applications and ESOL classes. 195 of these youth received a summer job through the SummerWorks Program. 36 of those youth received a job in one of the Mission Hill hospitals, and 135 attended Job Readiness Workshops. 296 of the youth were new to the program. Between all of the youth this year, 3,558 services were provided.



College Bound Youth at End of Summer Celebration

Friends of Mission Hill School

Total Youth Served: 170

Mission Hill Youth Served: ~ 50

The Mission Hill School (MHS) is a K-8 Boston public school emphasizing active, collaborative learning. A national demonstration site for small urban schools, MHS is highly selected, with stable leadership, community partners that support our mission, and a supportive and diverse group of families. We are part of the Boston Pilot School Network, a group of Boston public schools that are noted for their innovative teaching methods and democratic governance. Currently there are 170 students in the school (approximately 115 families). More than one third live within the walk zone (one mile for K-5, 1.5 miles for middle school).



The school's educational philosophy is to model and expect from its students kindness, hard work, critical thought, and social as well as personal responsibility. Family involvement is fundamental to the school and critical for children's' educational success.

The Friends of Mission Hill School (FoMHS) is a 501c3 non-profit, formed in 2009 to promote, fundraise, and support MHS and its Family Council. We work collaboratively with families, staff, community members, and neighbors to support the whole education of Mission Hill's students. In recent years the decrease in the BPS budget allotment has impacted both programs and staffing. In Nov. 2009, FoMHS sponsored a direct appeal to families and raised over \$3,000 to partially compensate for the loss in funding. FoMHS is actively engaged with the school's principal to research and apply for grants. Our goals include building relationships; seeking public and private funds to support and expand existing school programs; and creating new initiatives that enhance the lives and education of Mission Hill students, families, and staff.

Highlights of the 2009- 2010 school year:

- In June 2010, Mission Hill graduated its ninth 8th grade class. As in previous years most graduates applied and were accepted to Boston's public pilot high schools; other choices included the exam and independent schools.
- The 14 year partnership with Athol's Farm School is a central influence and inspires a consistent emphasis on healthy foods in our kitchen and classrooms. Younger children visit the Farm School for the day, while 4th and 5th graders experience long-awaited overnights at Farm School, middle schoolers spend three days as part of the Program for Visiting Schools. The hands-on aspect of agriculture provides practical knowledge and the responsibility of useful work and teaches both problem solving and critical thinking.
- Middle school worked hard on a Science and Engineering Fair, projects were shared at the April Family Night. Teachers chaperoned free after-school activities including weekly sessions at Kids Can Cook, and participation in the Academic and Athletic Competitions (AAC) league: soccer, football, basketball, as well as spelling and debates. Music showed a high level of participation in before and after school programs- the middle school Percussion Ensemble, the string instrument lessons, and also the Urban Voices chorus for K-3.

- There were important conversations with families and staff on the topic of inclusion: how best to provide for the varied individual needs of children in the classroom. School staff managed an after school program for K-5 on site in addition to before school activities. The Wednesday Wellness Workshops led by teachers and volunteers offered a wide range of health, nutrition and physical fitness activities for all students.

Alison Pultinas

FoMHS representative to MHYC

For more information about the school's programs and to read the weekly newsletters -
www.missionhillschool.org

MissionSAFE

Total Youth Served: 120

Mission Hill Youth Served: 85

The Youth Leadership Service Corps employs youth and young adults ages 15-21 and helps them develop leadership and job readiness skills. Our stipend program provides financial assistance to youth and their families while providing an incentive to participate along with real-world job responsibilities and opportunities. We also run weekly teen nights, where youth involved in the YLSC can bring friends and family to enjoy movies, music, games, and a safe place to be themselves while learning violence prevention skills.



Academic achievement is a high priority at MissionSAFE. Every day from 3:00-4:30, youth are engaged in homework help with tutors from local colleges and universities. Northeastern, Wheelock, Simmons, Emmanuel, and Harvard have all partnered with us to provide this much-needed mentoring and homework guidance. We also visit students' schools, communicating with guidance counselors, discipline staff and teachers about student attendance, grades and school behavior. We help students set goals, give rewards for improvement, and obtain report cards every quarter to monitor progress.

The YLSC also involves leadership skills training, life skills, financial workshops, healthy relationships workshops through a partnership with the Whittier Street Health Center, and a strong community service component. Each youth at MissionSAFE will log 25-30 hours of community service in our school-year program and an additional 20 hours each summer.

The MissionSAFE summer jobs program employed over 70 youth and young adults ages 13-22 through ABCD's Summer Works, the Boston Youth Fund, and a special Federal Stimulus Grant. Youth engaged in job training, community service, entrepreneurial workshops, and more.

This year's MHYC Mini-Grant will be supporting the new Outdoor Leadership program through our partnership with the Appalachian Mountain Club's Youth Opportunities Program (YOP). Youth are taught leadership and environmental stewardship through day hikes and overnight trips in the wilderness. In 2010, over 35 youth were taken on four different trips from the White Mountains of New Hampshire to a local campsite just 30 minutes from Roxbury. We look forward to continuing this program by teaching more young people about the importance of preserving our environment while fostering leadership skills and exposing youth to new challenges.

Mission Hill Summer Program (MHSP)

MHSP seeks to foster academic and personal developmental in an innovative and intensive learning environment for children and teenagers of the Mission Main and Alice H. Taylor Housing Developments. To this end, the program works to build self-esteem, support learning in math, literacy, and creative subject matter, prevent summer learning loss, and develop skills for conflict resolution and community building.



In the summer of 2010, MHSP ran from 8am-4pm for seven weeks with 80 campers, ages 5-13, and provided youth-development focused employment for 13 Mission Hill teens. This summer all campers were engaged in Service Learning Projects. Campers worked with MassART, Alternatives for Community and Environment, and Sociedad Latina. Violence prevention programming was a second highlight from the summer. Youth from Roxbury, the South End and Mission Hill met weekly to build relationships and skills. Their time together culminated in a shared overnight camping trip.

The Mission Hill After School Program (MHASP)

MHASP strives to build academic skills and foster relationships with students who are residents of Mission Main and Alice H. Taylor Housing Developments. Through one-on-one academic tutoring, MHASP is designed to help students to complete homework and classroom assignments and to introduce students to new and interesting areas of academic interest. This year the program expanded to offer an optional session for families in January. In 2009, Mission Hill After School Program launched its first parent advisory board. The group has spent the last year supporting parent orientation events, recruiting and providing direction to the staff.

Mission Mentors

In 2010, Mission Mentors continued to work with middle school and high school youth to support their academic and personal growth. Mission Mentors follows a weekly one-on-one mentoring format with monthly group activities. The program has worked to strengthen its high school selection support for eight grade students and has networked with other MHYC organizations to help participants to find jobs and programs that fit their interests. The Mission Mentors program served fifteen youth in 2010.



The program has focused on health education and college access in 2010. Working with local health centers and peer health educators, Mission Mentors was able to provide youth with important information and resources to help them make health choices. Action for Boston Community Development, Harvard University and Wentworth Institute of Technology have offered campus tours and workshops geared at increased college access to Mission Mentors participants. All youth are support with summer job search and high school selection processes.

For more information about Phillips Brooks House Association's Mission Hill services, go to:
<http://programs.pbha.org>

Roxbury Tenants of Harvard

Mission Hill Youth Served: 150

Since 1969, RTH has served as a multi-purpose, resident-controlled neighborhood, grassroots, non-profit corporation. RTH has long represented community residents and has held strong local support throughout its 40-year history. RTH has created a safe and racially diverse neighborhood noted for its strong community participation, numerous services, and high quality of life.



The Youth Department serves youth from age 11 to 21 in the RTH community. We offer a variety of programming such as college prep, boys group, girls group, workforce development, workshops and trainings. We also recognize diversity in the community and work to bring youth together through volunteer work, community events and collaboration with other organizations in the greater Mission Hill area. Through our organization and partnership with the MHYC, teens can use our programming as a bridge to the next step in their lives.

RTH has a Youth Council which consists of 7 members. The youth council continues to hosts community events and encourages people from all walks of life to participate. Every summer, the RTH Youth Council uses funds from the MHYC to support a youth-led initiative in providing a safe and fun end of summer event. In 2010, the Youth Council hosted a neighborhood pool party and basketball game. The Youth Council used the opportunity to outreach and spread awareness regarding a multitude of social issues. Approximately eighty Youth attended this successful event. MHYC mini grant funds allow events such as the pool party and neighborhood basketball game to take place in our community and RTH is thankful for the MYHC's existence and support.

At RTH we strive to outreach to every household and engage youth to participate in programming offered. In 2010, RTH served approximately 150 youth. In 2011 we are looking forward to expanding our programming to include new youth in the greater Mission Hill community.

For more information about RTH programs, go to: www.roxburytenants.org

Sociedad Latina

Mission Hill Youth Served: 140

Since 1968, Sociedad Latina has worked in partnership with Latino youth and families to end destructive cycles of poverty, health disparities, and lack of opportunity in our community. Through our Leadership Pipeline of services, we pioneer new and innovative solutions to the most pressing issues facing Latino youth today, supporting positive youth development from age 10-21, creating a community that supports young people, and training all youth to advocate for themselves and their communities. Our comprehensive, intensive array of programming builds skills in four areas, identified by our constituents as those most in need of support: **1. Education 2. Workforce Development 3. Civic Engagement 4. Arts & Culture.**



Latinos face a unique set of challenges including language barriers, immigration status, family mobility, poverty and low performing schools. With more than 40 years of experience working with the Latino community, Sociedad Latina is well prepared to address these challenges and empower youth to grow into competent, confident, self-sustaining adults that will lead positive change in the community.

STICK WITH US AND YOU WILL SUCCEED

Sociedad Latina's Leadership Pipeline guides youth ages 10-21 through the turbulence of adolescence, stewarding them towards promising futures as adults. Through educational, cultural, and professional supports rooted in the community, Sociedad Latina empowers youth to succeed at school, build critical 21st century skills, take pride in their culture, and engage in their community.

Additional supports including Case Management, Parent Engagement, community networks and positive relationships with youth are infused into the Pipeline, promoting long-term engagement and positive development.

Youth and families in the Pipeline grow long-term relationships with staff who consistently hold youth to high standards. We know it's not easy, but we promise our Pipeline participants that if they stick with us, we will get them into college or meaningful employment that pays a living wage.

R E S U L T S

For the third year in a row:

100% of high school seniors graduated from high school

100% of high school seniors were accepted to 4-year colleges

88% of Pipeline youth increased at least one letter grade in one subject

70% of youth gained employment.

85% of parents increased their involvement in their child's education

125 youth learned to play an instrument

85% of Pipeline youth acquired 21st century and workforce development skills

Pipeline Alumni now attend: Boston College Salem State College University of Mass. Suffolk University Bentley College Wentworth Institute of Technology and many others.

For more information about Sociedad Latina programs, go to: www.sociedadlatina.org

The Tobin Community Center

Total Youth Served: ~ 4,000 Mission Hill Youth Served: ~ 500

COUNTDOWN TO KINDERGARTEN – LEARN TO PLAY

Free program for children ages 1 to 3 years old and their caregivers. Learn new ways to encourage your child's creativity, listening, language and social skills. Learn about community resources for your family information and to register.

Tobin Community Center



ELLEN JACKSON PRESCHOOL - Call Jennifer Coaston, 617-635-4920

A DEEC-licensed program for children 2.9 - 5 years old. Operating year-round, Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Children of all abilities learn through play and developmentally appropriate activities that promote physical, emotional, and cognitive development.

GIRL SCOUTS AT THE TOBIN - Call Allison Knight, 857-453-5346

Recruiting girls in 2nd and 3rd grades for a Brownie Troop at the Tobin. Wednesdays, 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. TBA

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM - Call Elizabeth Torres, 617-635-5216

A drop-in program for youth 6 to 13 years old. Monday through Friday, 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. Starts September 9th, ends last day of BPS in June. The program provides daily homework help, computer lab, arts and crafts, swimming at the Madison Park pool, life skills training and sports activities. Tuition is \$32.00 per month (siblings, half price) plus a yearly membership.

SCHOOL VACATION WEEK PROGRAMS - Call Elizabeth Torres, 617-635-5216

A program for youth 6 to 13 years old. Sports, arts & crafts, field trips (trips may have additional cost). 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Dates: December 28th - 30th, February 16th - 19th, and April 20th - 23rd. Cost is \$15.00 per child per week.

SUMMER SPORTS CAMP

A program for youth 6 to 13 years old. Sessions run for three weeks each. Session I: July 5th to July 22nd and Session II: July 25th to August 12th, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Each 3-week session costs \$150.00. After-program child care until 6:00 p.m. is available for an additional \$50.00 per session. Camp includes an introduction to team sports and fundamentals of team play in an environment that promotes health awareness and physical fitness. Field trips and literacy activities are also scheduled and breakfast and lunch are provided free of charge through the BPS - Summer Lunch program. Applications will be available March 1st. Call 617-635-5216

YOUTH CONNECTION - \$10 yearly membership required for participation in all activities

Meet with Youth Workers Michael Joyner and Hector Galarza and other youth 9 to 19 years old, plan activities, and have your voice heard. Monday through Friday, 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Computer Lab

Open Access for youth ages 8 to 18 years old. Friday, 2:00 - 5:00p.m.

Astronomy

October to December and February to May, MIT-sponsored programs for Middle School and High School youth. Use computer-based technology to learn about our universe. Call Ivelise Rivera, 617-635-5216 for information

YOUTH GYM / FITNESS

Monday & Tuesday Flag Football, Thursday Floor Hockey. Call 617-635-5216 for dates, times and enrollment.

Girls Softball and Boys Baseball

Physical conditioning, fundamentals, registration for the Spring team. Fridays, 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. Saturdays, 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Starts January, runs through May. \$5.00

Karate

For ages 6 to 16, Mondays and Wednesdays, 4:30 - 6:30, free with membership and a \$20 uniform fee.

Teen Weight Room

14 to 17 year-olds, 4:30 to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday

Skills & Drills

Coed basketball, ages 6 to 14. Saturdays 9:00 a.m. to noon. \$25 includes breakfast, snack and T-shirt.

SUMMER JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH

Boston Youth Fund: Youth must be Boston residents, ages 15 to 17. Placement is in non-profit organizations throughout the city, pays \$8.00 per hour for a maximum of 25 hours per week from July 5th to August 12th. 24-hour online registration available February 1st to March 4th by going to www.bostonyouthzone.com and clicking on the "Summer Jobs" link. Telephone registration will be from February 22nd to February 25th, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.,

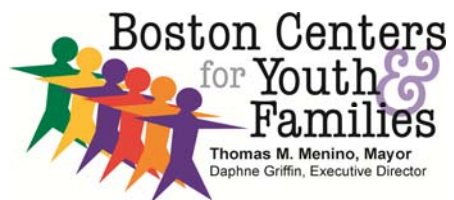
ORGANIZATIONS AT THE TOBIN

CITY ROOTS

City Roots is committed to providing Boston's at-risk youth with a high school educational experience in a student-centered, holistic learning environment that provides preparation for success in higher education and the work force. The two-year program integrates BPS teaching standards with a unique and innovative curriculum which utilizes competency-based work, the creation of student portfolios to demonstrate mastery of skills, intense support for students and the opportunity for internships, after school employment, and community service opportunities as well as enrollment in college classes.

MISSION HILL COMMUNITY LEARNING INITIATIVE

In 2008, Mayor Menino spoke of the need for out-of-school-time programs to work collaboratively with schools and libraries to better align out-of-school-time programming with school curriculum and citywide learning standards. In 2009, the Tobin Community Center, Tobin K-8 School, the Parker Hill Library and Sociedad Latina joined together to create the Mission Hill Community Learning Initiative.



*For more information about the Tobin Community Center and other BCFY programs, go to:
www.cityofboston.gov/bcyf/search.asp*

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