



Chicagoland Healthy Marriage Initiative

First Year Highlights

Service

Provided eight to sixteen hours of education and services including mentoring and follow-up wrap around services for six months to more than 2500 individuals:

- Relationship skills training to 217 students in youth and community groups and ongoing services to another 1283 students in the high schools.
- Relationship skills training to 619 single adults.
- Marriage and family strengthening education to 1832 married adults

Held three community events for stakeholders in the community providing information on the HHMI initiative programs and services.

- A launching event with 180 community leaders attending.
- A clergy day event with 100 faith-based leaders attending
- A Marriage conference opened to the public with a combined attendance of 853 volunteers, individuals, couples and children attending.

Partnerships

Engaged more than 21 partners representing more than 1,000 faith-based and community groups in the Chicago Metropolitan Area (represents 50% of the total population in the State of Illinois).

Leadership Development

Provided extensive, two-day to three-day leadership / workshop facilitator training to 326 community leaders. Additionally, provided monthly training in program delivery, one-on-one technical assistance, evaluation and reporting, organizational capacity building and domestic violence and ancillary trainings to all partner organizations.

Public Education

Created and released fourteen radio and television public service announcements with strong marriage / strong family / strong community messages in Spanish and English. The public service announcements created were aired at least 254 times with an estimated impression of 908,626 persons. An estimated 6,226,034 printed materials including newspaper and magazine articles on sustaining healthy marriages and relationships both in English and in Spanish were distributed. Participated in 30 local conferences by distributing materials in the booths and workshops held, participated in 73 community and town meetings and held 82 one-to-one meetings with clergy and local community leaders reaching an additional 21,014 persons.

Measuring Impact

- 75% of participants who registered for the program completed the program.
- 56.7% of the couples who participated in the workshops reported improving their communication skills and 56.2% improved their problem-solving skills.
- 81.5% of the high school students that have participated in the workshops have indicated learning more effective communication skills and 82% demonstrated improvement in recognizing destructive personal patterns.

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