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Mission Hill Healthy Neighborhoods Collective **Final Report**

Grant period: November 1, 2023 – October 15, 2025

BIDMC Healthy Neighborhoods Initiative



About the Collective

The Collective is a collaboration between leaders of three Mission Hill organizations: Sociedad Latina, Mission Hill Neighborhood Housing Services, and BCYF Tobin Community Center.

Sociedad Latina serves as lead agency for the Collective. A Project Coordinator was responsible for project implementation through February 2025; she was employed by Sociedad Latina but guided by the full Collective. Through February 2025, the Collective operated through biweekly meetings where they shared project updates. After the Project Coordinator left, the Collective coordinated via email and met virtually as needed. The Coordinator and Sociedad Latina Executive Director also met with the evaluator regularly to ensure the alignment of programmatic and evaluation activities.

The Collective has **requested an extension until January 2026**. For the remainder of the project, the Collective will use each members' current staff to engage participants across generations and geographies in Mission Hill and will identify youth and senior leaders who will continue to advise the Collective on activities and outreach.



About the funded project

The funded project addresses a persistent need in Mission Hill: building trust and connection – and decreasing isolation – between youth and senior residents through community events and activities.

The main focus of this project is planning and implementation of multi-generational community events for Mission Hill’s youth and seniors.

Due to changes in project feasibility and implementation, the project’s SMART goals (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic, Time-bound) were revised in September 2025 to ensure better alignment with project activities. The updated SMART goals are:

*See [Appendix](#) for original SMART goals.

Engaging community members in events

SMART Goal:
30 individuals (15 youth, 15 seniors) will participate in more than one community event between July-December 2025.

Activities include:

- Leverage relationships and community connections to invite and engage community members in events

Status: In Progress, to be completed in Dec 2025

Implementing multi-generational community events

SMART Goal:
By the end of September 2024, the Coalition, Advisory Committee, coordinator and collaborators will implement 5 intergenerational activities.

Activities include:

- Identifying venues for hosting events
- Raising awareness about events through flyers, door-knocking, and relationship-building
- Gathering ideas for future events from community members

Status: Complete



With support from staff, the Collective will implement 4 more intergenerational activities by the end of the extension period.

Building a sense of connection and belonging

SMART Goal:
By the end of Y2, individuals who attended two or more events will report an increased sense of connection among each other and a sense of belonging in their neighborhood, through qualitative interviews and stories.

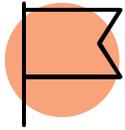
Activities include:

- Gathering feedback formally from participants after events

Status: In Progress, to be completed in Dec 2025

Summary of Evaluation Findings

Project Outcomes



Over the course of the grant, the project hosted **18 events with 287 attendees**. The events have been a space for community members to connect with each other; they have also been a place to gather informal feedback from young people about future events.

Community Voice



Despite initial setbacks and deciding to pivot away from goals of forming an Advisory Committee, the collective regularly received and incorporated feedback and ideas from community members.

Collective Practices



Collective members have reported stronger relationships with other Collective members and feel that they work well with other members. Through this project, members have gained patience and flexibility in implementing community projects.