



*2021 QUARTER FOUR
PCDA REPORT*

April 2021 – June 2021

Pre-Purchase Counseling & Education

Park Heights Renaissance's (PHR) Housing Counseling Program assisted thirty-eight potential homeowners between April 1st and June 30th of 2021 with pre-purchase homebuyer counseling and education. During this period eleven clients completed the one-on-one counseling session and received their Housing Counseling Certificates that qualified him or her to apply for public and/or private funds that may be used toward the purchase of a primary residence. Two applied for financial incentive programs with the Baltimore City Community Development Block Grant (CDBG); and one applied for the Johns Hopkins' Live Near Your Work (LNYW) employee incentive. Remaining clients from the quarter are actively searching for homes or increasing their financial capability to purchase.

Foreclosure Prevention

Due to COVID-19, there is still a statewide moratorium in place on evictions and foreclosure filings so there is very light activity in this section of the Housing Counseling Program. One client is in the process of applying for a modification and has applied for assistance from a Housing Counselor.

Park Heights Renaissance Homebuyers' E-Home America Online Course

Park Heights Renaissance's (PHR) Housing Counseling Program assisted seven potential homeowners between April 1st and June 30th that completed the E-home online course. Upon completion of the course five received one-on-one counseling and their Housing Counseling Certificates.

PCDA Report: Safe Streets (Public Safety)

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The Safe Streets Community Violence Prevention Program, in collaboration with other community efforts, has helped to reduce the number of shootings and homicides within their designated police posts within the PHR footprint of Park Heights. Efforts employed include facilitation of conflict mediations and organizing community events designed to engage and mobilize community around violence prevention efforts. Through these strategies, the program promoted changing community norms around the acceptance of violence, linked key individuals at greatest risk for violence victimization and perpetration to social supports, and through collaborative efforts, helped to build community cohesion and connectedness.

Conflict Mediations

During this period, Safe Streets Violence Interrupters mediated 45 conflicts, in which 95-100% of these conflicts were likely to lead to gun violence. While we acknowledge that the loss of life of one individual is excessive, we also recognize that because of Safe Streets and other community based public safety efforts, we saw one non-fatal shooting during this period and the site has gone 113 days without a firearm homicide.

Community Events and Street Outreach

Safe Streets hosted and co-hosted 5 community events and canvassed the designated police post to create protective community environments. The community events provided safe spaces for residents to have more prosocial interactions, while also engaging other partners to provide opportunities to support youth to reduce risks and build buffers against violence.

Also, through these strategies, Safe Streets staff have made 596 contacts with key individuals at risk for violence and has increased awareness through the distribution of 1,187 public education materials to the community.

PCDA Report: Education (Community Schools and Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youth)

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During this period, 1,154 students and families were reached through our community schools. Our community school coordinators (CSC) supported students and their families through weekly resource deliveries and distribution including backpack and car seat giveaways to promote academic preparation and success and safety, as well as coordination of food distribution to address food insecurity during the COVID pandemic.

As the district reopened for in-person learning in March, our CSC participated in daily and weekly COVID screenings and testing processes. Our CSCs conducted home visits to perform wellness checks and to distribute technology devices to increase student attendance in virtual learning. For students returning to in-person instruction, our CSCs also provided classroom assistance.

Enrichment Activities

Two extracurricular art sessions led by Leaders of Tomorrow Youth Center were provided to second grade students at Creative City Public Charter. Pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students participated in Edgcombe Day with Baltimore Raven's and Hearts of America. Our CSC with Cross Country Elementary and Middle School is leading the Summer Youth Works program at PHR in collaboration with the Boardroom Chess and Baltimore Clayworks.

Students participated in expanded learning opportunities including mural art projects and art meditation sessions, learning new art concept as well as the culture from which it originated. Students also explored the differences between magic and science through the Seeds of Knowledge afterschool program with Parks and People. Port Discovery provided fun kits and activities for students/families.

Professional Development

PHRs CSCs and HIPPY Coordinators have participated in various professional development opportunities to increase their capacity to serve youth and families in Park Heights. These trainings were coordinated or facilitated by Baltimore City Public Schools, the Family League of Baltimore and Park Heights Renaissance and include the following:

- Attendance Cohort Training
- New Coordinator PLC
- MSDE Mentor
- Drop-in Support Circle for CSCs
- Pimlico ELM Immunization Clinic Planning
- Concentric Educational Solutions Webinar
- Community Schools Coordinators + FCE Specialists R3 Training
- Home Visiting Training
- Google Form Training
- PIE Training
- PUSHOUT
- Resources, Reminders, & Networking
- Hot CSC Summer: Big Picture Planning
- Grant Writing 101
- Trauma informed Cohort
- Case Management Training
- HIPPY International Training
- District training for Reimagine, Restore, Reconnect
- Summer Institute
- Intro to Outdoor Learning Classrooms (Nature Nature's Workshop Series)

Partnerships

One of the main objectives of our CSCs and HIPPY Coordinators is to increase partnerships and collaborations. During this period, partnerships were forged with PNC Bank, Mayors Office of African American Male Engagement, Math Motivators to explore tutoring services for students next year, and Holistic Life Foundation, which offers yoga for students.

PCDA Report: Clean and Green

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During this period, the team-maintained 23 lots and 17 acres of land spanning 4700 block of Park Heights to Reisterstown Road on their bi-weekly rotation. The team has conducted monthly inventories of equipment and has addressed supply maintenance needs and vendor suppliers.

New Recruits

The team welcomed Darik Ellis as the Workforce Manager who will lead the recruitment for new team members and manage the day-to-day operations of the team. Darik will develop and implement Workforce Development and life skills services to meet both job seeker and business community needs.

The Clean and Green Team recruited 3 new trainees, one of which serves as the Crew Leader. PHR is planning to recruit a second cohort of trainees by Fall 2021.

Skills Training

During this period, the Clean and Green Team has undergone training in various modules. Training consisted of a hybrid which includes some classroom training coupled with field training. On the job training is ongoing. Training modules facilitated includes Tool Identification, Vehicle Operations, Pesticide and Fertilizer Application, and Safety.

Community Clean Up Initiative

PHR is launching a Neighborhood Clean Up Initiative whereby our Clean & Green Team will partner with identified community associations to clean up areas within the association's borders on an ongoing, but monthly basis. The Clean Up initiative launches on August 6th with a cleanup in the Derby Manor and SKDG community association footprint. Park Heights Renaissance will be providing a dumpster at each of the cleanup locations by way of DPW and/or a private vending company.