Latin American Youth Center Responsible Fatherhood Program

OVERVIEW
Founded in 2006, the Latin American Youth Center (LAYC) Responsible Fatherhood Program aims to increase the skills and involvement of young fathers with their children. The program primarily serves young immigrant fathers who reside, work, or attend school in the multi-cultural neighborhoods of Washington D.C. The program includes 13 workshops on parenting skills, the experiences of young fathers, and the challenges they face. In addition to the workshops, participants are also paired with mentors who answer questions and model good parenting behavior. The program also offers individualized case management and access to LAYC programs on educational attainment, vocational skills, healthy behaviors, and advocacy.

See Emerging Findings from the Office of Family Assistance Healthy Marriage and Responsible Fatherhood Grant Programs: A Review of Select Grantee Profiles and Promising Results for more information.

Focus
Responsible Fatherhood

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Target Population
Adolescent and young adult fathers between the ages of 11 and 24 living in Washington, D.C. with at least one child living in the U.S.

Service Delivery Unit
Individuals

Curriculum
The program uses a positive youth development model and includes sessions on child development, positive discipline, child safety, stress management, family planning, healthy relationships, and effective communication

Dosage
Thirteen workshops with additional case management and mentoring services

Setting
Community Based Organization

Location
Washington, D.C.

Adapted and/or Created for Hispanic Population
All sessions are offered in English and Spanish
Demographics of Population Served
Residents of a multicultural area of Washington, D.C.

PROGRAM EVALUATION

Evaluated Population
Program participants

Study Design
- Pre-post surveys, no control group
- Qualitative data collected through participant focus groups

Outcomes
Knowledge acquisition, self-reported perception and behavior, and positive relationship with child’s other parent

Results
Qualitative and quantitative data indicate a strong positive impact on participants.

Results for Hispanic Subgroups
None reported

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