

Trinity Park Pilot Project

St. John's Well Child and Family Center

Esperanza Community Housing Corporation

Strategic Actions for a Just Economy

Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Environmental Health
Division

Asthma Coalition of Los Angeles County Meeting July 27, 2015

History of Collaborative

- St. John's Well Child and Family Center
 - Medical care
 - Identification of slum housing related medical issues
- Esperanza Community Housing Corporation
 - Training community health promoters
 - Home visitation/assessment, education and remediation
- Strategic Actions for a Just Economy
 - Tenant advocacy
 - Tenant organizing
- Inner City Law Center
 - Tenant rights education
 - Legal support for tenants

Healthy Homes South L.A.

- Bi-directional referrals between agencies
- Identification of patients with slum housing related health issues
- Home visitation, education and remediation assistance by trained Community Health Promoters
 - Home and health assessments
 - Reduction of environmental triggers
 - IPM, green cleaning, some structural remediation
- Tenant advocacy and legal assistance
 - Ensure necessary remediation completed by landlords
 - Protection against eviction
 - Reasonable Accommodation requests for asthmatic tenants

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The goals of this project were to:

1. Increase the thoroughness of county code enforcement inspections;
2. Promote healthy remediation by establishing protocols that decrease pesticide spraying and increase the use of Integrated Pest Management (IPM);
3. Encourage repairs that get to the root of the housing problems – fixing the leaks that attract roaches and create mold; using gel baits and dusting instead of indiscriminate spraying;
4. Show landlords that IPM is cost effective;
5. Connect uninsured tenants to healthcare;
6. Create successes in the pilot that will be replicated in all county inspections.

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Additional goals of this project (LACDPH) were to:

- Increase access to units for healthy homes inspections
- Demonstrate increased cost effectiveness of the inspection process

Trinity Park Pilot Phase 1:

- Building Identification: 7 buildings identified by CBOs (57 units)
- Setting inspection and mobile clinic dates
- Contacting Landlords
- Organizer Visits
- Community Health Worker Visits
- Building Meetings
- Initial Inspections (CBO and LACDPH inspectors)
- Inspections Debrief
- Use of Reasonable Accommodation letters
- Follow-up with Landlords/Promote IPM
- Re-inspections and Debrief

Phase 1 – Results

- Entry rate: 80% of units (vs. 2-5% pre-pilot)
- 27 families enrolled into Esperanza Healthy Homes Case Management
- Citations given to landlords for code violations
 - Tenants were not issued direct citations
- Tenants connected to healthcare at St. John's:
 - 73% of patients presented with housing-related or -affected health issues (e.g. atopic skin disease, asthma, allergic rhinitis).
 - Over 1/3 of those seen by the mobile clinic during the inspection process were connected to St. John's as their medical home and continued to receive additional follow-up care within the four months after initially being seen on the mobile clinic.
 - St. John's providers routinely composed written requests for Reasonable Accommodations

Trinity Park Pilot Phase 2:

- Setting inspection and mobile clinic dates
- Contacting Landlords
- Organizer Visits
- Community Health Worker Visits
- Building Meetings
- Re-Inspections
- Data collection from tenants (seen on mobile and additional residents of selected buildings)
- Debrief

Results of Phase 1 + 2

To be determined!

Panel

- **Linda Ramirez, REHS**, Environmental Health Services Manager, Bureau of District Surveillance and Enforcement, North County of Los Angeles Public Health
- **Toby Rodriguez**, Community Outreach Worker, Esperanza Community Housing Corporation
- **Myriam Inzuza**, Community Organizer, SAJE (Strategic Actions for a Just Economy)
- **Francisco Covarrubius**, Director of Tenant Organizing, Inner City Law Center