

Post Event Summary

Assessment Feedback from Juntos Family Park, Los Angeles

IRWM Region	Greater Los Angeles County	Date and Time	7/16/2022 12:30:00 PM
Community Engagement Partner	Mujeres de la Tierra	Event Format	In-Person Meeting

Description:

Findings from the GLAC Strengths & Needs Assessment were shared and discussed with community members as a way of ground-truthing the results. Information was gathered through verbal responses.

Core Questions and Responses:

- Did the water-related concerns seem accurate from the Assessment: Yes
- Did the community-related concerns seem accurate from the Assessment: Yes

Comments and Discussion:

On Saturday July 16th, 2022, Mujeres de la Tierra (MDLT) hosted a Platica "Conversation" with community members and residents from Glassell Park to discuss results of the Needs Assessment. This Platica was held at Juntos Family Park (3135 Drew St. Los Angeles, CA 90065) and was attended by 32 participants, including men, women and children. Moreover, this community meeting was multigenerational, with attendees including children, adults, parents and grandparents. This meeting was hosted in Spanish, as recommended by the local community organizer who supported the development, outreach for and implementation of this community meeting. Because meeting materials and information resources, provided by TreePeople, are 1) designed for indoor presentation (i.e. PowerPoint presentation) and 2) are almost exclusively available in English, MDLT had to adapt and develop meeting materials to allowing the effective sharing of the Needs Assessment with Glassell Park residents outdoors and in Spanish. Using translated meeting materials (English to Spanish), printed info graphs and interpretive displays, MDLT was able to effective share/discuss results of the Needs Assessment with community members from Glassell Park.

Because this Platica was hosted in Spanish, attendees expressed feeling comfortable sharing their input on results of the Needs Assessment. Moreover, participants openly expressed and shared their needs and concerns with the MDLT team, as they "felt that that they would be heard". Together, a 1 hour WaterTalk turned into a 2 hour Platica "Conversation" about Water – a need, resource and commodity in the Glassell Park community. Also of note: 99% of participants obtain and pay for drinking water from water machine or water stores, because they don't trust the quality of municipal drinking water. Additional water quality data/information was requested (in Spanish) as a part of the Dashboard. Verbal response polling showed that results of the Needs Assessment were overall (90%) accurate and congruent with the needs and concerns of Glassell Park community members.