Innovative Community
Partnerships for Chronic
Disease Prevention, WIC
Enrollment, and Retention

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### WIC & Chronic Disease

### Prevention

- Declines in obesity prevalence from 2010-2014 among WIC participants nationwide.<sup>1</sup>
  - -But, obesity prevalence in WIC children aged 2-4 years remains high at 14.5% in 2014.
  - -National estimate (8.9%) among all U.S. children in a slight different age group (2-5 years)

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# Nutrition Assistance Programs: Cause or Solution to Obesity?

"SNAP, WIC, and NSLP increase economic access to an adequate diet but access alone is unlikely to be the total solution to obesity prevention. An ecological approach, incorporating the nutrition programs, appears to be a more promising strategy to leverage the impact of SNAP, WIC, and







### Why Address Chronic

Disease?

- Poor nutrition and inactivity contribute to childhood obesity
- Children who are obese are more likely to have adverse health conditions
- Children who are overweight or obese are more likely to be

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## Chronic Disease Prevention & Early Childhood

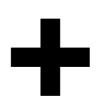
• Reaching children at a young age improves their chances of embracing healthy messages and behaviors for a lifetime.

Early childcare education is not an established critical strategy in the fight against childhood obesity and other chronic diseases.

### Head Start Partnership

- Same target audience
  - Income-based
  - -Children up to 5 years old
- Referrals and retention + chronic disease prevention







### Referrals & Retention

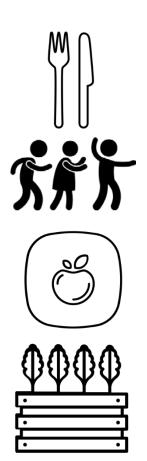
• An established partnership with Head Start allows us to reach Head Start families who are eliqible for WIC.

- Program promotion
- Retaining Head Start cl



### Chronic Disease Prevention

- Increased access to healthy food
- Increased access to opportunities for physical activity
- Increased placement and promotion strategies for healthy foods
- Increased number of





### Subsidized Local Food

- WIC as a local program for increased access to local healthy food
  - Durango already had a few organizations working to promote 105451045040CAL FOOD + NUTRITION EDUCATION









### Free Farm Stands



 Farm-to-consumer retail outlets are associated with consumption of fruit and vegetables<sup>1</sup>

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### Free Farm Stands

 Preschool farm stands have been shown to increase purchase and consumption of fruits and vegetables.





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### Market Promotion

Is your garden too bountiful?

The Manna Market FREE Produce Stand accepts donations every Wednesday from 1-3 pm at the Manna Soup Kitchen Garden. Help get fresh produce to the people who need it the most!

Please only donate food that is of sufficient quality for your own table. No large Squash Please.

Washing is not necessary but is GREATLY appreciated.

Alternate drop off at Manna before 1pm daily except for Wednesdays. Wednesday 1-3 pm is the preferred drop off time. Please contact us with questions, gleaning opportunities, or future partnerships.

brooke@thegardenprojectswcolorado.org









FREE Produce Stand

WEDNESDAYS

4:30 - 6 P.M.

FREE, FRESH, LOCAL PRODUCE

FOR THOSE WHO NEED IT

MANNA SOUP KITCHEN

1100 AVENIDA DEL SOL, DURANGO

FOOD SECURE INDIVIDUALS ALSO WELCOME WITH A SUGGESTED DONATION

HELP GET FRESH PRODUCE TO THE PEOPLE WHO NEED IT MOST!

DROP OFF EXTRA PRODUCE FROM YOUR GARDEN WEDNESDAYS 1-3 P.M. Contact brooke@thegardenprojectswcolorado.org

IS YOUR GARDEN TOO

**BOUNTIFUL?** 

### Manna Market as a Food Resource Hub



#### **Easy Ratatouille**

Makes 6 servings

#### Ingredients:

- 1large or 2 medium eggplants
- ½ cup olive oil
- ½ tsp salt
- ½ tsp freshly ground black pepper
- 1 medium zucchini, roughly chopped
- 1 medium onion, roughly chopped
- 1tbsp fresh thyme leaves, chopped
- 1tbsp minced garlic
- · 2 medium tomatoes, roughly chopped or 3 cans plum tomatoes, drained
- ½ cup minced fresh parsley or basil leaves, for gamish

#### Materials:

- Cutting board
- Sharp knife
- Measuring cups
- Measuring spoons
- Large skillet
- Spatula



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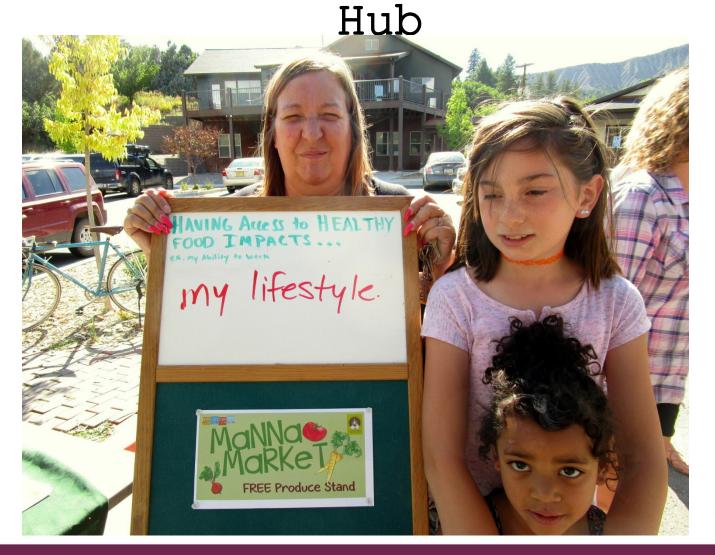


#### Don't let your produce go bad. Food storage tip:

Refrigerate eggplants and zucchini, unwashed, in a plastic bag in the vegetable drawer. The limited air exposure and colder temperatures will help preserve vitamins and keep the vegetables fresh longer.

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### Manna Market as a Food Resource



- CATCH (Coordinated Approach to Child Health) Early Childhood
  - Designed to nurture a love of physical activity, provide introduction to classroom-based gardening and nutrition, and encourage healthy eating in children.
  - -Meets fed Guideline COORDINATED APPROACH TO CHILD HEALTH

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- Worked with Head Start administration to approve CATCH implementation and teacher training
- Hosted a CATCH Early Childhood training



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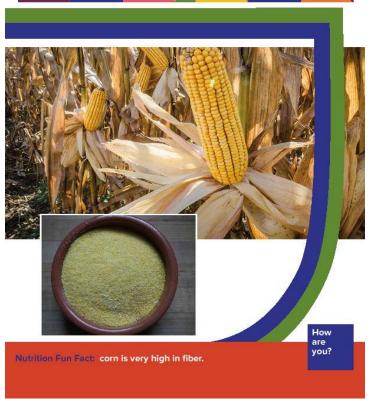


"The kids like trying out the new materials each time I bring them out. We have used it frequently to help out on bad weather days when we cannot go outside and have to go in the cafeteria for large motor activities." -Jamie Smith, Head Start Site Director



### Food of the Month Lessons

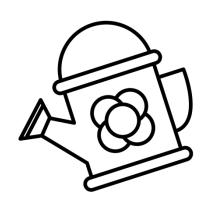


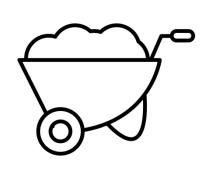


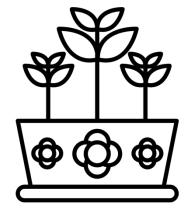


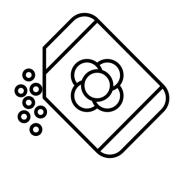
### Preschool Gardens

- New gardens at two Head Starts
  - Container garden
  - Raised beds
  - CATCH includes garden-based lessons









### Summary

- WIC Partnership with Head Start
  - Referrals and retention + chronic disease prevention
- Positioning local WIC agencies as local resource for chronic disease prevention
  - Strategic communications
  - Strategic community partnersh
  - Tailored interventions



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### Next Steps

- Future funding
  - Continued partnership with Head Start
  - Mobile



### Questions?



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