

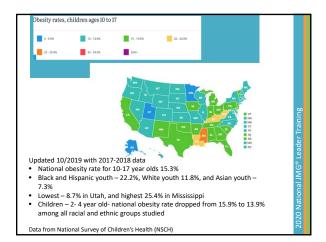


# Benefits of JMG to children? Increased leadership and personal responsibility Improved academic achievement – particularly science Increased parent and mentor involvement with youth in schools with JMG Exposure to career exploration paths Engagement in community service/service learning projects Youth certification as Junior Master Gardeners www.jmgkids.us/research

# Can Gardening Positively impact? • Child Health • Childhood Obesity Rates • Family health • Family mealtimes • Reach into the home

# **Why Health Matters**

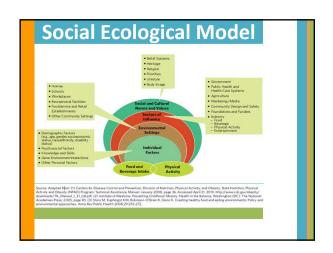
- in class.
- Healthy kids are ready to
- Healthy teachers are at school with energy.
- Healthy administrators and staff are engaged.
- Healthy kids are in school &
   Healthy parents are at work or home -involved.
  - Healthy people have a higher quality of life.
  - Healthy people need fewer health resources.
  - Healthy communities are desirable places to live and

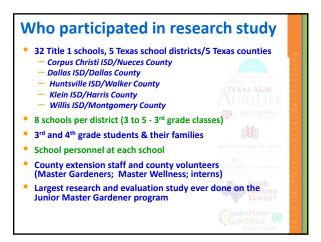


#### Relevance

- High prevalence of childhood obesity is cause for concern because it is linked to negative health consequences for children and their families.
- Vegetable exposure plus school gardening has been shown to improve consumption of fruits and vegetables.
- Adding more frequent and more vigorous physical activities during school has been shown to improve student fitness
- The greater the frequency of vegetable consumption and physical activity by parents, the greater the consumption of these foods and exercise by their children.







#### **Methods** Instrumentation: · Pre-post test study with control group Student Surveys (read by · Sample: Parent Survey - 28 schools across 5 cities in Texas $^{\sim}$ 1,600 student-parent pairs (C1 + C2 = • Child BMI (height & weight) Teacher Surveys and Schools randomized in each school interviews district to receive varying combination of Extension Project Specialist intervention components: Interviews - CATCH only (control) Interviews with school - CATCH + WAT administrative staff - CATCH + JMG · Teacher Program Activity - CATCH + WAT+ JMG Time Log (SNAP-Ed Match Intervention implemented in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Form) classes Students measured pre-post intervention

# Behavioral Targets Twelve Core Behaviors Child & Parent/Adult Interaction Behaviors Increasing full and vegetable consumption (F&V) In the home Decreasing sugar sweetened beverage (SSB) Consumption Increasing physical activity (FA) Providing PA opportunities for children Engaging in PA together Decreasing sedentary activity Limiting children's sedentary activity Eating snacks and meals together

### **LGEG Evidence Based Outcomes**

#### Significant Improvements in:

- MVPA
- Total Physical Activity

of 4th grade

- Vegetables Consumption
- Vegetable Preferences
- Healthy Beverage Preferences
- Self-Efficacy & Knowledge
- · Parent/child cooking, physical activity and gardening
- Reaches into the home to support positive family health practices

#### BMI Significantly Reduced for use of LGEG

in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and at the beginning and end

Preliminary Conclusion: Family-focused garden, nutrition and physical activity programs significantly improve health behaviors in children.

# LGEG Program Evaluation after full research study

- Implement as in study expect similar results
- First year after study scanned pre/post test
- NOW online evaluation, almost 3x per surveys completed
- Work with schools/agents fire wall issues at schools, use computer lab
- Other states opportunity to utilize online evaluation

## LGEG - Texas State Evaluation School Year 2018-2019

- 119 counties of 254 have LGEG in schools
- 15,597surveys completed
- 82.5% of children 7-10 years old
- Demographics 41.0% Hispanic, 34.9% White, 8.2% African American, 12.7% Multi-racial/other, 3.1% Native American or Alaskan Native
- Increase in vegetable preference for 12 of 12 vegetables
- 4.2 % increase in water consumption
- 9.5% decrease in students reporting no physical activity, 9.5% increase in hard physical activity comparing pre to post
- 6.1% decrease in screen time of 2 hours or more
- Increase pre to post for all frequencies of vegetable consumption and fewer students reporting that they did not consume vegetables

## LGEG - Texas State Evaluation School Year 2018-2019

- Planted more seeds or plants at home in vegetable garden with their family
- Washed vegetables before cooking or eating them
- Picked vegetables from a garden to cook or eat with their family
- Gardened with family and others in a community or school garden

# LGEG - Texas State Evaluation School Year 2018-2019

- 67.4% of students reported they felt gardening had made them a better math and science student
- 66.2% of students reported program made them want to come to school
- 55.8% of students reported that they had taught someone else how to make better food choices
- 62.3% of students reported that they enjoyed gardening with their family

# Ways to maximize positive outcomes/lessons learned

- Layering of programs Is there a difference between schools using LGEG only with others that are adding other Extension wellness activities such as Dinner Tonight, Mobile cooking schools, Growing and Nourishing Healthy Communities – Community Garden curricula, Walk Across Texas, etc.
- Additional resources through Healthy Texas funds, SNAP BLT funding, grants and external funds can allow counties and programs to expand and offer more recipe demonstrations, family events, and other family wellness activities

# County Extension Agent generated resources for LGEG

LGEG Planning/Checkoff Worksheet

Encourages writing down/recording when tasks are planned/done

Cooking demo dates

Garden set up/seeds

Selection of additional programming/dates

Commitment letters/teachers and principals - SNAP

LGEG evaluation – pre/post test dates

Healthy Texas Schools – See sample, maybe an idea for other states to encourage climate of wellness at schools, layering of programs (adult and children)



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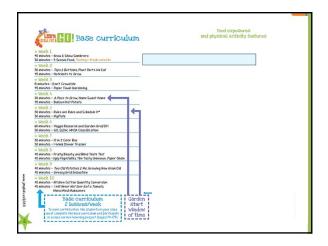
- Best practices: Coalition teams District administration, School site administration, teacher teams, children, parents, parent/community volunteers, Extension and other groups
- Best practices: Fidelity of implementation is important implement all lessons, gardening and cooking demonstrations
- Evaluation Do not do pre or post tests on Monday/recall questions
- Evaluation Pre tests prior to starting, post test at the end, poor reporting can impact results











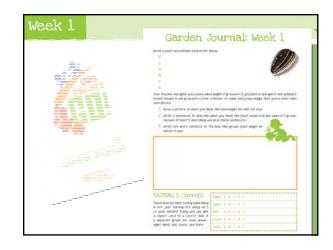










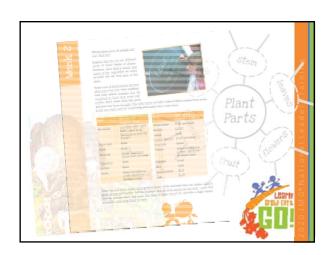






















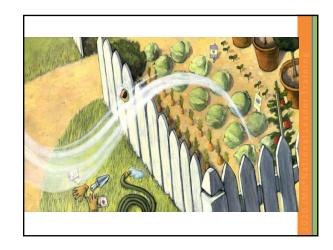






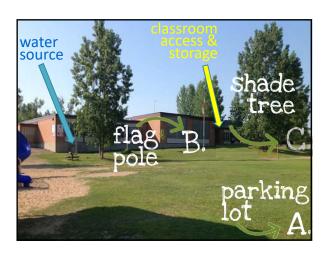


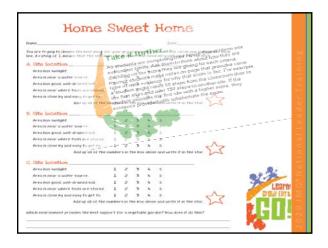


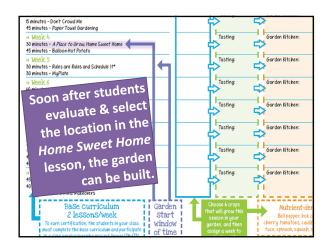
























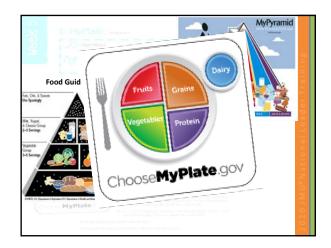
















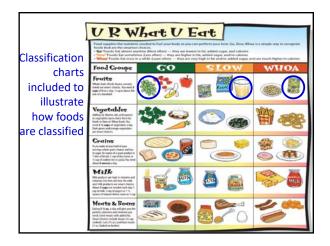














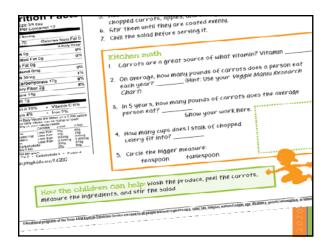














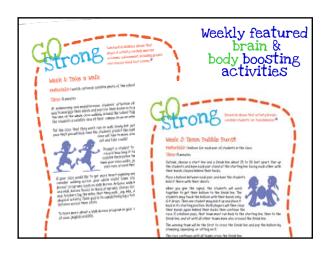


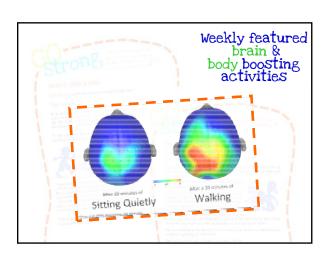




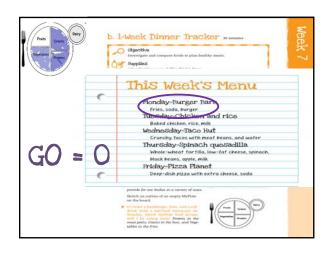


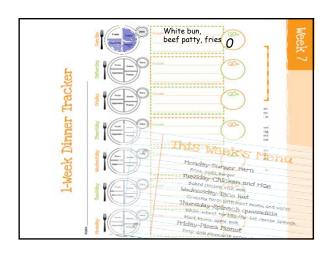




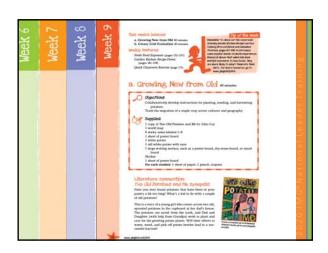




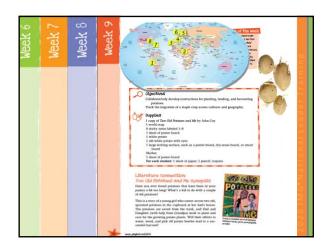


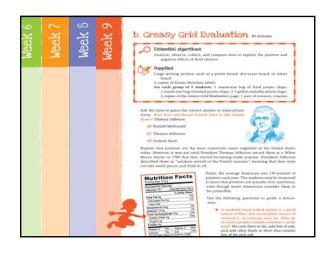






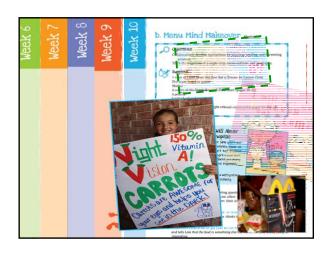






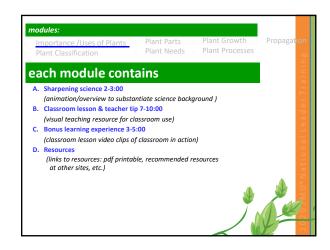


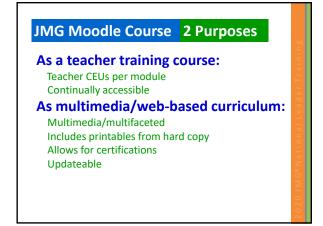








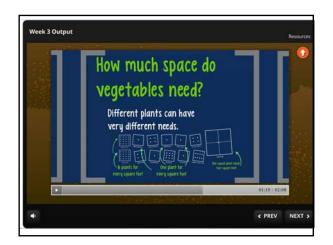






















# example:

Scenario: I would like to implement the LGEG curricula in 4 elementary schools in my county. I know that I will need funding for staff to support the program, volunteer/teacher training, curriculum materials, travel and supplies.



# **FUNDING: Steps for Success!**

- Background on specific program or project
- Identify potential community/agency partners
- Draft your proposal or idea paper be specific
- Identify potential funding sources

## Background of specific program/project

- Be specific people don't give you money just for grins!
- What program are you wanting to fund?
- Find out background on this program and any current or relevant research
- How will this program benefit my county/clientele?
- How could I show a donor that this program meets a need and their funding dollars will make a positive impact!

# Use the background to BUILD your story!



Buzz words:
What is important in the news today???

...nutrition, environment, farm to fork, local foods, academic achievement in schools, youth obesity, youth "at risk", special populations, etc.

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## **Identify Community/agency partners**

## Table sharing: 3 minutes!

Who could be some potential community and agency partners?

These will vary based on your location, but share ideas!



#### **Donors like Collaborators**

- Donor might not fund a small project in Dot on the Map, USA; but, would consider a multi county program that has greater regional impact.
- Meet with collaborators early!
- Letters of support for County Extension Offices, participating schools, etc.
- Letters of support for collaborators/partners
   EX: school districts, libraries, human services, regional health organizations, or whomever.

### **Donors like Collaborators**

- Call or meet with collaborators to determine interest
- Ask for letter of support for the project

If revenue will be split have them be a part of developing the proposal.

If they are simply stating their interest and support draft the letter for them!

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# **Build a Draft proposal**

#### Could vary but donor, but most include:

- Needs Statement
- How your "program" addresses need Research
- How has your county office risen to meet similar needs in the past
- Specific request Measurable goals!



# **Budget Section**

#### Things to include:



- Proposed budget either by goal or by category
- Make sure numbers are realistic
- Tables make budget items easy to read
- Include benefits if required
- Include overhead for management of funds
- Budget narrative include support after grant!

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- Write a GREAT cover letter that summarizes need and proposal
- Finalize Proposal for donor make it professional and POP
- Ask others to review your proposal Is it clear? Is it realistic in terms of time and money needed?
- Do you have collaborators?
- Always best if you can get a face to face meeting!
- Happy donors usually give again! Involve your donors in your programs

# Other funding opportunities

- Find out who might be willing to support your project and their funding cycle/previous funding
- Individuals, Organizations, Local businesses
- Learn about regional foundations in your area
- Websites like <u>www.foundations.org</u>
- Large corporations in your area often have a foundation: IE: Coca Cola, Home Depot, etc.

## Other funding opportunities

- Internal Extension funds: SNAP funds, local Master Gardener or 4-H funds
- If you have one, use your state 4-H
   Foundation to identify donor prospects
- School education foundations
- Garden clubs or other community organizations

### An Example: SNAP Funding - Texas





- 119 counties 2019
- 15,597 surveys completed
   Statewide impact report used to share program impact for agency and decision makers
- Benefit consistent implementation, consistent results



#### **Commitments**

- Principal/school commitment letter
- Teacher Match Form

#### Funding 🛰

- County Better Living for Texans funds
  - Supplemental LGEG funds

County Supplemental LGEG Funds Reauest Form

· Community donations

Note: LGEG funds dependent on Health and Human Services funding

**>→** Survey

Pre and Post Evaluation

#### BETTER LIVING FOR TEXANS

#### Implementing the program...

#### > Purchasing Supplies

- · Curriculum and materials
- LGEG Supplies List
- Supplies appropriate for purpose and of reasonable cost (if inappropriate - may be asked to return item or pay with other funds)
- Teaching gardens

#### Teacher Involvement

Teacher led activities

/ Minimum of 40 hours per school/site

/ Record match time

**Surveys** 

