

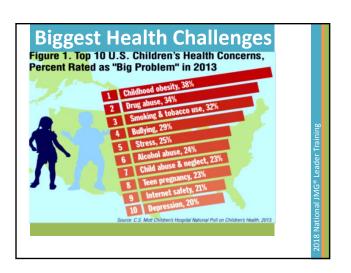




Benefits of JMG to children? Increased leadership and personal responsibility Improved academic achievement – particularly science Increased parent and mentor involvement with youth in schools with JMG Exposure to career exploration paths Engagement in community service/service learning projects Youth 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

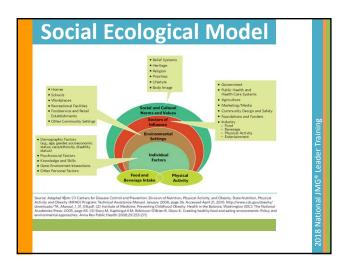


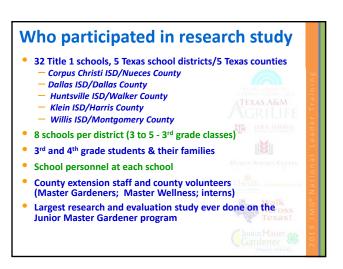


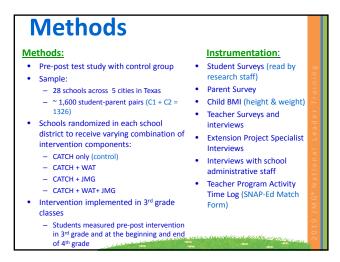
Relevance

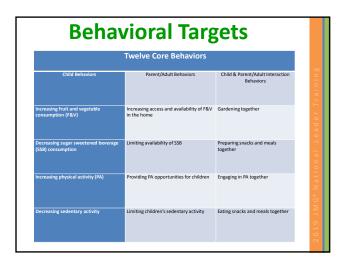
- High prevalence of childhood obesity is cause for concern because it is linked to negative health consequences for children and their families.
- Vegetable exposure plus school gardening has been shown to improve consumption of fruits and vegetables.
- Adding more frequent and more vigorous physical activities during school has been shown to improve student fitness and weight.
- The greater the frequency of vegetable consumption and physical activity by parents, the greater the consumption of these foods and exercise by their children.
- With child obesity rates among low-income children in Texas ranging from 10% to over 20%, engaging schools and families in **prevention efforts is critical.**

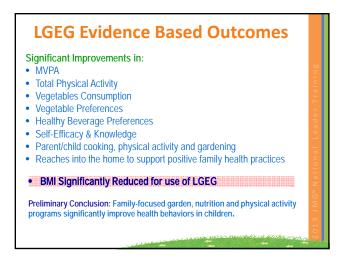












LGEG Program Evaluation after full research study Implement as in study – expect similar results First year after study – scanned pre/post test NOW online evaluation, almost 3x per surveys completed Work with schools/agents – fire wall issues at schools, use computer lab Other states – opportunity to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

LGEG - Texas State Evaluation School Year 2017-2018

- 103 counties of 254 have LGEG in schools
- 16,140 surveys completed
- 87% of children 7-10 years old
- Demographics 33.8% Hispanic, 32.6% White, 10.2% African American, 15.3% Multi-racial/other, 8.1% Native American or Alaskan Native
- Increase in vegetable preference for 11 of 12 vegetables
- 13.7 % increase in water consumption, 8% reduction in fruit juice
- · Increase in physical activity
- Decrease in student's reporting no physical activity
- Increase in planting seeds/plants with family and gardening with family at home, community and school

LGEG - Texas State Evaluation School Year 2017-2018

- 67.9% of students reported they felt gardening had made them a better math and science student
- 69.7% of students reported program made them want to come to school
- 61.2% of students reported that they had taught someone else how to make better food choices
- 65.0% of students reported that they enjoyed gardening with their family

Ways to maximize positive outcomes/lessons learned

- Comparing LGEG Healthy Texas (HT) and LGEG Full State report HT had more statistically significant increases in family engagement – especially cooking/eating with family
- Healthy Texas offers additional wellness programs EX: Dinner Tonight, Walk Across Texas, mobile cooking school and gardening classes for parents
- 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

Agent generated resources for LGEG

LGEG Planning/Checkoff Worksheet – see your copy 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

 $\label{thm:eq:healthy} \mbox{ Healthy Texas Schools} - \mbox{ See sample, maybe an idea for other states to encourage climate of wellness at schools}$

Ways to maximize positive outcomes/lessons learned

- 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



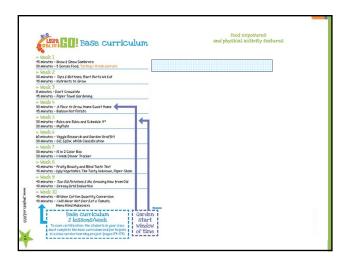




Primary constraints & stressors of our teachers

- Time & testing
- Many others... funding, societal/family issues, training, etc.

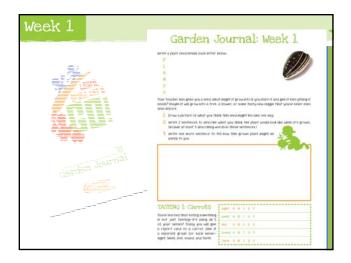








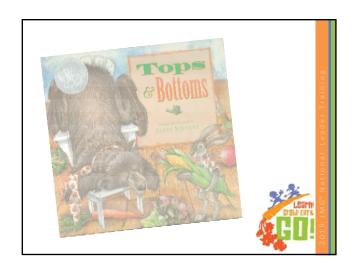


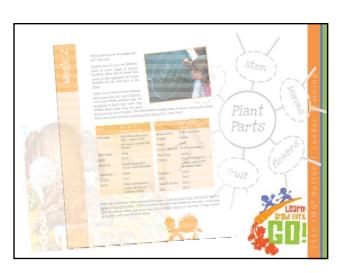










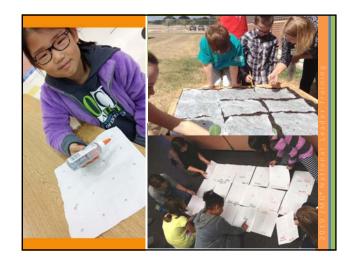














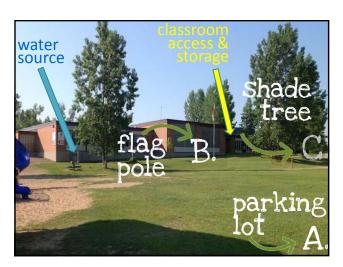


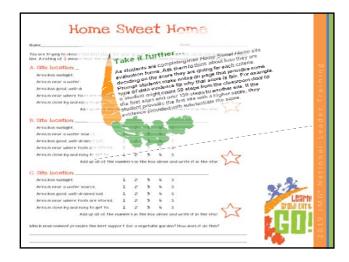


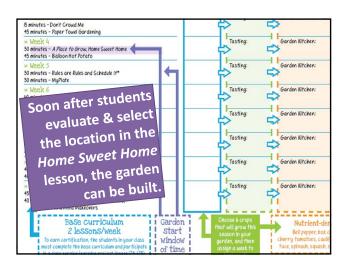


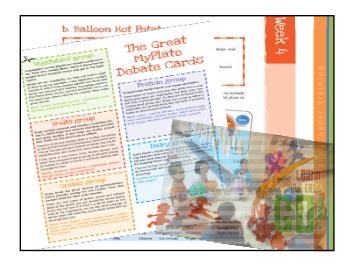






















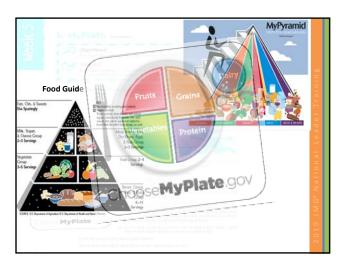


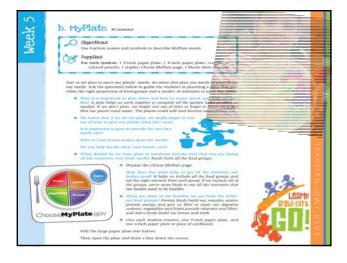






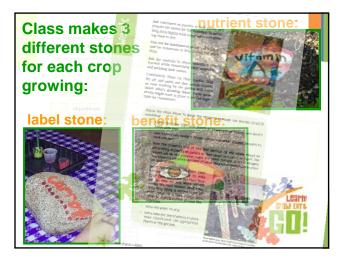








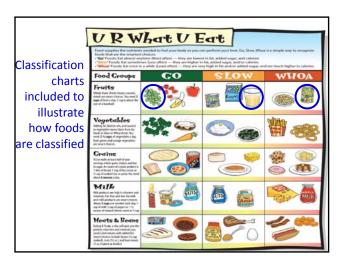


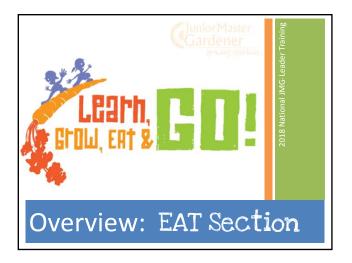












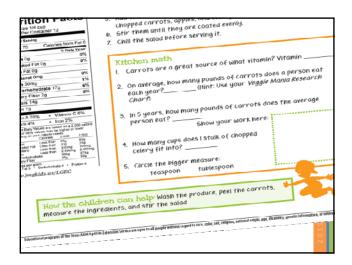


nutrient-dense planting list
carrots Cauliflower
leaf lettuce spinach
broccoli bok choy
potatoes cherry tomatoes
swiss chard sugar snap peas
bell pepper squash
(choose 6 to plant in your
school garden)

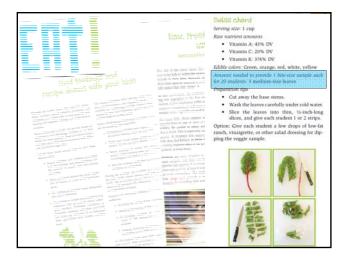








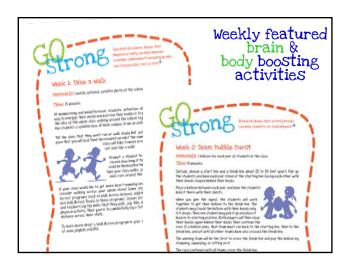


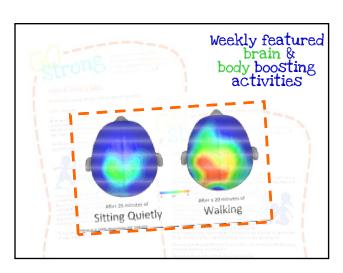




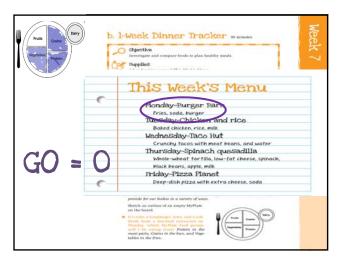


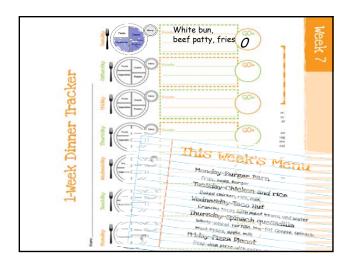


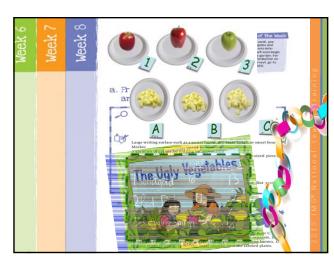


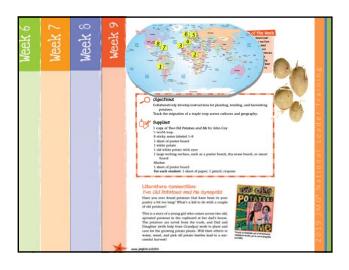


















example:

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



Donors like Collaborators

- Donor might not fund a small project in PODUNK, TX; but, would consider a multi county program that has greater regional impact.
- Meet with collaborators early!
- Letters of support for County Offices
- 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

Format may vary by donor, but develop a basic draft that can be modified and customized for different donors.



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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!



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Budget Section



Things to include:

- Money requested and date needed
- 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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Share any success that you might have had with previous donors.



Identify potential donors or funds

- Find out who might be willing to support your project and their funding cycle/previous funding
- Internal: BLT SNAP funds, local MG or 4-H funds
- Individuals, Organizations, Local businesses
- Utilize 4-H Foundation to identify donor prospects
- Learn about regional foundations in your area
- Websites like www.foundations.org
- Large corporations in your area often have a foundation: *IE: Coca Cola, Home Depot, etc.*

