

HARLEM CHILDREN'S ZONE
EVALUATION HIGHLIGHTS
FROM JULY '05 – JUNE '06
OCTOBER 2006



Harlem Children's
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- In FY 2006, HCZ, Inc. served 14,411 individuals (9,591 children and 4,820 adults), exceeding that year's goal by more than 3,100 participants
- The HCZ Project served 10,544 individuals (6,867 children and 3,677 adults), exceeding the Project goal by more than 3,300 participants
- The Harlem Children's Zone Asthma Initiative has surveyed 5,793 students; 30% have asthma (National rates are from 4 to 7%)
 - HCZAI has enrolled 756 children since the program's inception
 - Asthma Initiative participants are doing significantly better in asthma management and symptom reduction since joining the program.

Participants experience:

 - Fewer missed days of school
 - Fewer episodes of wheezing or tightness in the chest
 - Fewer emergency room visits
- The new College Success Program has been active. The program provides support to former HCZ program participants who are in college
 - 117 former HCZ participants in college last year
 - 95% of college students (111 of 117) were actively involved with the College Success Program
 - 35 students obtained internships with HCZ, Def Jam Records, Diane von Furstenberg, Inc., the New York Civil Liberties Union, Major League Baseball, ASCAP (American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers), 5001 Flavors, Essence Magazine, New York Hospital, Children's Health Fund, and other sites

Baby College

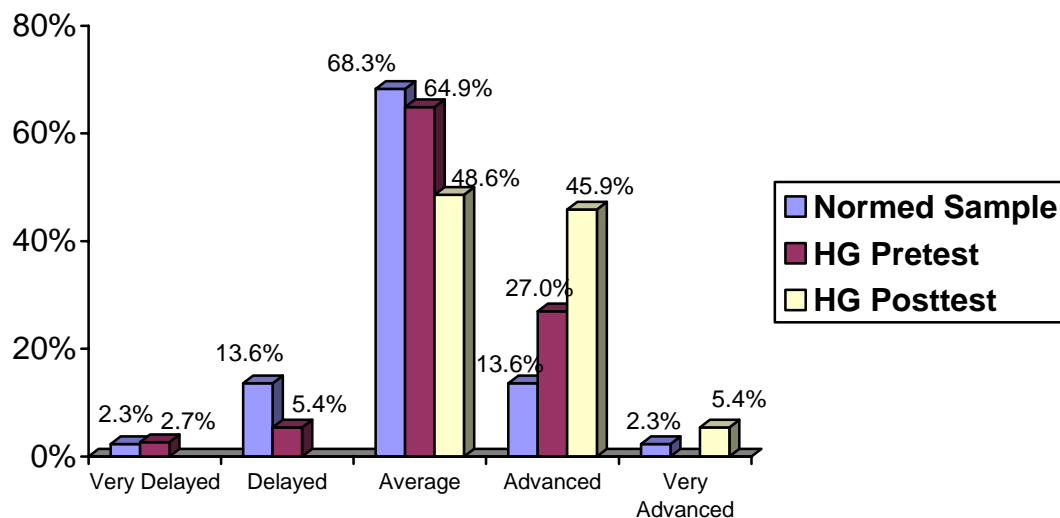
- 339 parents participated in cycles 16 through 20 in FY 2006. Those parents had 388 children (including those not yet born to pregnant participants)
- 301 graduates have been pre-tested and post-tested using Philliber-designed Surveys

- **Participant Satisfaction**
 - 93% of respondents (280 of 301) said they had learned a lot from the classes
 - 95.3% of the parents (287 of 301) said they liked the classes a lot
- **Health**
 - At post-test, 94.3% (280 of 297) had health insurance to pay for medical care for their children
 - At post-test, 99.5% of parents (198 of 199; parents-to-be are excluded) had up-to-date or scheduled immunizations
- **Safety**
 - At post-test, 98.7% of participants (293 of 297) reported having smoke detectors, and 96.3% of participants (288 of 299) reported having window guards
 - At post-test, 98.3% of participants (290 of 295) reported having safety latches for cabinets, a significant increase from the 28.5% (84 of 295) at pre-test
- **Brain Development**
 - 93.3% (N=83) of the 89 parents who read to their children less often than 5 times per week at pre-test increased the amount of time they spent reading to the children
 - 92.7% (N=38) of the 41 parents who sang to their children less often than 5 times per week at pre-test increased the amount of time they spent singing to the children
- **Discipline**
 - At post-test, parents were more likely to agree that children could learn good discipline without being spanked than at pre-test (95.9% vs. 85.0%)
 - 85.1% (251/295) increased their understanding of the Administration for Children's Services' rules about child abuse

Harlem Gems

- 37 children were pre-tested in the fall of 2005 and post-tested in late spring of 2006 on the Bracken Basic Concept Scale – Revised. Results for these 37 children are presented here
- At pre-test, 8% of children had a school readiness classification of delayed or very delayed (classifications are very delayed, delayed, average, advanced, very advanced); at post-test – for the 4th year in a row – 100% of students attained a school readiness classification of average or above

- 76% have higher school readiness scores and percentile rankings at post-test than at pre-test
- 43% have made gains large enough to improve their school readiness classification
- At Pre-test, 27% of children had a school readiness classification of advanced or very advanced; at post-test, 51% were in these categories (one would expect 15.9% of students to be advanced or very advanced)



Peacemakers

- 118 full-time and 32 part-time interns were trained and placed throughout HCZ programs, including at 5 Harlem public elementary schools and at Promise Academy I & II
- The PS 76 Chess team girls earned 2nd place at the National All-Girls Competition
- The HCZ Chess team placed 3rd in the nation at the Elementary Chess Tournament

TRUCE Media & TRUCE Fitness

- A TRUCE student is the New York City Chess champion for the middle division
- This past year, TRUCE Media received the prestigious Coming Up Taller Award at a ceremony at the White House

- TRUCE Media students organized the 2nd Annual World Cure Youth Summit, an activity that was sponsored by Showtime
- Student-produced videos have won awards at several film festivals
 - International Hamptons Film Festival
 - Urban Visionaries Youth Film Festival
 - Da Vinci Days Film Festival
 - Independent Film Fest (Florida)
 - Roxbury Film Festival
 - Cine Urbana
 - Reel Teens
- Harlem Overheard, HCZ's youth-produced newspaper, celebrated its 10th anniversary
- 88% of TRUCE seniors (15 of 17) graduated from high school; nevertheless, all students applied to college and were accepted into at least one school (two students' acceptances are pending while they complete a GED program or complete high school this term)

- TRUCE students outperformed the city on Regents exams

<u>Exam</u>	<u>City Passing Rate²</u>	<u>TRUCE Rate</u>
English	61.4%	84.6% (22 of 26)
Math A	62.4%	93.2% (55 of 59)
Math B	57.4%	83.3% (5 of 6)

- Risk Behaviors of High School students (2005-2006 Program Year)
 - Drug use
 - At post-test, 32% of students had ever used alcohol; this number compares favorably to the national average of 74%¹
 - At post-test, 12% of students had ever used marijuana; this number compares favorably to the national average of 38%¹
 - At pre- and post-test, no students had ever used cocaine (0%), compared to the national average of 8%¹
- TRUCE Fitness participants attended several martial arts competitions, winning 146 trophies.
- For the 3rd time in 4 years, students from TRUCE Fitness and Nutrition Center's 4H Club have taken top places at the annual New York City 4H

² City rates are from 2004-2005; TRUCE rates are from 2005-2006

¹ Reported in Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance – United States, 2005, Center for Disease Control and Prevention, 2005; <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/PDF/SS/SS5505.pdf>

Public Presentation Event. Students from over 20 4H Teams from across the city participated in this event.

- Two TFNC 8th graders obtained the highest and second highest overall scores, outperforming several High School-age competitors

Employment and Technology Center

- 100% of 77 High School after-school program participants stayed in school
- Two ETC girls were chosen for the competitive New York City GirlsREACH Program that places young women (and men) in internships in corporate America; students were placed at Moody's and Bank of New York. Only 50 of these internships were granted
- One ETC male student participated in the competitive CAPITAL (Corporate Allies Program of Internships, Training and Leadership) initiative; he was placed at Black Enterprise

Community Pride

- Community Pride, HCZ's community building initiative, has helped residents of 264 apartments become home-owners through New York City's Tenant Interim Lease program
- Community Pride has organized tenant associations in 54 buildings and organized or rejuvenated 30 Block Associations
- The Community Advisory Board remains active and strong with 75 members

Family Support Center

- Only 4% of preventive program families (6 of 167) had children placed into foster care
- Only 3% of families with closed cases (2 of 76) had withdrawn or refused services
- Over 2100 home visits were conducted by FSC staff last year