



Youth Voice: How to Engage Youth In Safe Routes Grants

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About People Reaching Out

People Reaching Out inspires, educates, and mobilizes youth to build a healthier future for themselves, their families, and their communities.

Our Programs:

PRO Mentoring

Youth @ City Council

Counseling

Students Reaching Out

Parent-Teen Workshops

Youth In Action Summer
Program

Integrating Youth Into Your Community Assessment

- **Youth as Community Researchers**
 - Identifying the impact of safe routes on youth (a new perspective)
 - Engaging youth as community advocates
- **Photo Voice tool to document community needs**
 - Easy to communicate to a wide audience
 - Interactive and fun for youth
 - Makes grant application stand out from the rest

What Is Photo Voice?

- Photo Voice is a **process** by which people identify strengths and issues in the community through strategic use of photography and captions.

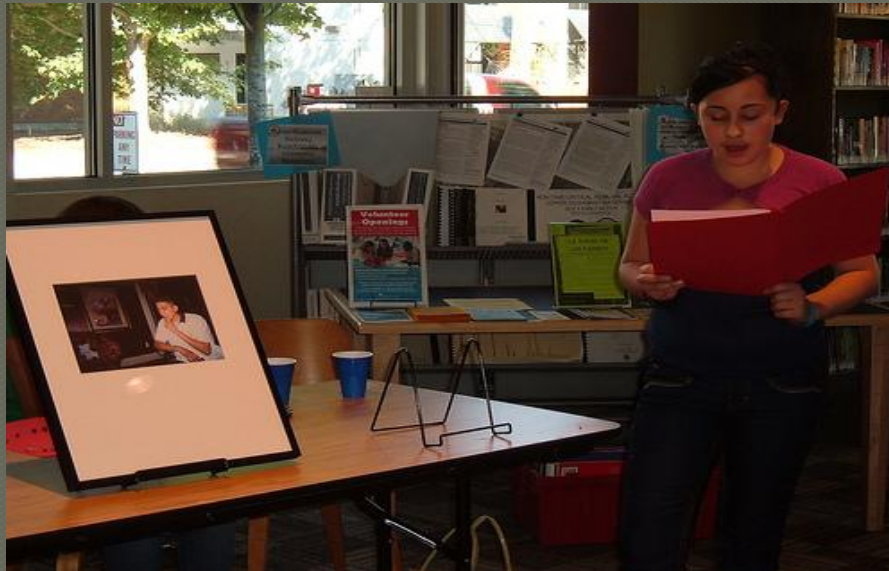


Photo Voice Goals

- To help document the strengths and concerns in your community (neighborhood, school, city)
- To promote critical dialogue and knowledge about important issues
- To reach and influence policy makers

Steps in Photo Voice

- Photo Voice training
- Community members take photographs
- Discuss the photographs
- Write a short description about the photographs
- Community members present the photographs to policy makers and the community

Photo Voice vs. Photo Documentation

- Photo Voice combines written descriptions and photos in a strategic way to highlight community issues.
- Photo Documentation relies on the photos to tell the story and highlight the issues.

Photo Documentation: Social Reform & Children



Riis and Hine used photography to expose the plight of poor immigrants and the exploitation of child labor in New York (late 19th century). Hine's shocking images resulted in the passing of the Child Labor Law.

Photo Voice



Nina Kuhl, Park Hill parent 5 years (2006)

The lack of a sidewalk ramp makes it difficult for the little girl to cross the street. Sidewalks like this are the norm in Park Hill, so it's a challenge to push a stroller, ride a bike, or use a wheel chair.

A Real-Life Example

Valley Hi Students Reaching Out



Valley Hi SRO In Action!



Valley Hi Photo Voice Project



Various areas in Valley Hi lack sidewalks and this is a safety issue because many kids walk these areas. At any given moment someone could be struck by a vehicle. If there were more sidewalks, kids would be safer.

Valley Hi Photo Voice Project



This bus stop, located at the Walgreens on Franklin and Mack Road, provides shade and a nice bench for people that ride the bus. In the past people had to stand. The bus stops in the Valley Hi community needs more shaded areas and benches to sit on.

Valley Hi Photo Voice Project



Here are two pedestrians walking on an unpaved road on the corner of Franklin and Mack Road. We need more paved sidewalks for the safety of the community.

Steps to Engage Youth

1. Identify existing youth groups or after school programs to work with
2. Meet with youth prior to present the goals of the project
3. Provide a training opportunity for youth before the project begins

Steps to Engage Youth

4. Provide youth with tools such as digital cameras or flip cameras
5. Provide food or stipends, or incentives for youth
6. Ensure that youth are a part of the de-brief at the conclusion of the project

Final Thoughts...

- Present youth with the results of the grant application
- Make sure youth learn of the success when the grant proposal is approved 😊
- Be available for additional projects that result from photo voice

Questions?

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