



Transforming  
neighborhood schools  
into  
healthy food and  
physical activity  
environments for  
children, youth,  
and families.

The East Bay Asian Youth Center (EBAYC) is an independent community organization based in Oakland's culturally diverse San Antonio neighborhood district. Our mission is to inspire young people to be life-long builders of a just and compassionate multi-cultural society.

# EBAYC Goals

- young people are doing well in school;
- young people are physically and emotionally healthy;
- young people are active in service to their school and community.

# EBAYC Strategies

- provide long-term support to our membership of young people and their parents;
- improve our neighborhood schools;
- develop and support our young people and their parents as leaders.

EBAYC serves  
over 1,000 young people  
every day in after-school  
learning centers located in  
seven neighborhood schools  
and at its community facility.

# Garfield Elementary School

- 700 students – Kindergarten through 5th Grade
- 45% Latino, 34% Asian, 12% African American, 9% other
- 70% Free & Reduced Lunch
- NCLB Program Improvement Year 3

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## What Happened with the Built Environment?

- Parent concerns about playground safety and pedestrian safety . . .
- Partnered with Urban Ecology, a non-profit community land-use design organization, to facilitate a pedestrian safety and schoolyard renovation planning process.
- Developed design plans – advocated for their implementation.

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## What Happened with the Built Environment?

- Secured \$200,000.00 from the City of Oakland to install new countdown signal lights and to construct curb bulb-outs at two intersections.
- Secured placement of a permanent adult Crossing Guard.
- Removed portable classrooms on the schoolyard.
- Completed \$350,000.00 re-paving project of the schoolyard.
- Established new school garden, planted trees, painted new play areas.



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## What Happened with Food?

- Parent concerns about quality of school food services and food access in neighborhood.
- Established a weekly Organic Produce Market at the school – generating over \$500.00 in weekly sales.
- Conducting nutrition and garden education to 200 students during school and after-school.
- Established a salad bar in school cafeteria supported by volunteer labor of parents.

# Key Lessons

- invest in community organizing and leader development (commitment, money, time)
- technical expertise fundamental
- need citywide influence and power to support desired changes at school site.