



The Pacific Islander Community Action Group for Obesity Prevention

Creating Safe Active Family Environments through Public Policy:
Addressing Obesity Amongst Pacific Islander Organizations in Southern California



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Greetings

Hafa Adai



Aloha



Talofa

Malo E Lelei

Who Are We

SAFE is a program spearheaded by the Pacific Islander Community Action Group (PI CAG) through Guam Communications Network (GCN) under the Asian & Pacific Islander Obesity Prevention Alliance (APIOPA)



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Obesity and Parks



In LA County, more than 2.6 million people, live too far (more than 0.25 mile) from the nearest park.

People who live within 1 mile of a park are 4 times more likely to visit the park than those living far away.

Park space in LA County is disproportionately concentrated in the wealthy neighborhoods and non-white youth have less access to parks and playgrounds.

Mission

To promote healthy lifestyles by advocating for increased investment in the safety and access of parks and recreations for families in Los Angeles County.

Action Plan

Assessment of park access in neighborhood densely populated by Pacific Islanders.

Safe Active Family Environments

Community assessment of 2 different parks	Development of SAFE Recommendations	Organize meetings with LA County Parks & Rec
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Community Assessment



1st Assessment:
Lights/Walking Paths



2nd Assessment:
Crime Rates





3rd Assessment:
Megan's Law



4th Assessment:
Model Programs

Victoria Park
419 East 192nd Street
Carson, CA 90746

Strategy

- Community Assessment
- Development of SAFE recommendations
- Meetings with key LA County Parks & Rec officials
- City Planners, County Supervisors, State Assembly Members, City Council Members

Initial SAFE Recommendations

-  Lighting at park on until 11pm everyday
-  Cleaner sidewalks with better lighting for walkways
-  Visible presence of staff and security during park hours

Revised SAFE Recommendations

- 1 • Extend lighting til 10pm everyday
- 2 • Create a walking path with adequate lighting & landscaping
- 3 • Designate a space for a community garden
- 4 • Adopt S.A.F.E designation of LA County parks fitting specific criteria

Recommendation #4 Criteria

- Lighting hours to 10pm daily
- Clean and well-lit walking path
- Bathroom access during park hours
- Staff presence during park hours
- Adequate programming for all age groups
- Established Community Park Council consisting of volunteer community members






Lennox Park
 10828 Condon Avenue
 Lennox, CA 90304

Successes

-  Formation of relationship with LA County Parks & Receptions
-  Identification of key stakeholders
-  Creation of community recommendations

Challenges

-  LA County government system not user-friendly
-  Budgetary cuts affected recommendation decisions
-  Prioritized individual agency workload

Next Steps

PI CAG model replicated in other parks in LA County

Collaboration with other ethnic populations to provide exchanges

Implementation of PI Pipeline programming



Thank You
Si yu'us ma'ase
Mahalo
Fa'afetai
Malo 'aupito

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