Bringing Horticulture and Youth Development to Students Living in Public Housing/ A Study of the Qualities of an Effective Partnership

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Public Housing

• Housing Paid for with public funds (tax dollars)

• 1.2 Million, low-income, Households live in public housing in the United States

• Housing is administered by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development and local Housing Authorities – to find Public Housing in your state go to HUD. Gov
Rahway Public Housing Units at Capobianco Plaza
Common Goals but Complimentary Skills/Resources
Complimentary Resources

4-H - Gardening Supplies/Knowledge

RHA - Meeting Space/ Long-Term Relationship with Youth and Community
Complimentary Resources

• 4-H – Knowledge of Youth Development “Public Speaking”

• RHA - Facilities
Qualities of Solid Partnerships: Respect
Showing Respect

- Prompt and respectful communications
- Interest in partners’ ideas
- Honesty and transparency – keeping one another informed.
Showing Respect

- Do they show up to appointments on time?
- When delayed do they call?
- Do they pay their bills?
Both Parties Have Their Needs Meet

• Programming is at a mutually convienant time

• Terms of program evaluation are suitable to both groups
Differing Evaluation Measures

RHA - Attendance and Photos
Documenting Progress

4-H – What has been learned?
Developing Trust

• Through the fulfillment of small agreements, then larger ones

• Trust is developed over time, partners with stable/long term staffing make this easier.
Proposing to a Partner

• What knowledge, skills, equipment, materials, facilities do you have?

• How much of your assets can you offer? How much time do you have? What do you want in return?
Proposing to a Partner (cont.)