A Deeper Dive into Our Target Population

Recruitment Strategies – Target Population Sources and Creating Access for Non-Traditional Students

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Past Recruitment Strategy

- Two- Generation; CAP Tulsa early childhood families
- Family support staff
- School staff; Family Support, Teachers, Administration
- Flyers
- Call blasts







Shift in Target Population

- RCT = increased enrollment objectives
- Expanded target population to include low-income families with young children in the community





 Engaged with Lake Research Partners and GMMB (creative firm) to gather information on our expanded target population



- Facilitated 8 focus groups ages 18-40; Tulsa County, OK; HHI <\$50k; child ≤ age 8;
 - CAP Fathers
 - Non CAP White Fathers
 - Non Participant CAP Mothers
 - Latina Non Cap Mothers
 - White Non CAP Mothers
 - FSP CAP Mothers
 - African American Non CAP Mothers
 - Waitlisted CAP Mothers





- They want a stable financial future for themselves and their kids
- They know people who have earned certificates (from other programs), but still can't find jobs
- They're familiar with student loans and forprofit programs... "free" is too good to be true
- They're familiar with a variety of healthcare jobs, but are unsure how well they pay

Lake Research Partners *Findings from Focus Groups of CAP Parents* and Non-CAP Parents March 23, 2016



 They're skeptical. They want to know that the program is real. Once they *believe* it's real (accredited programs, offered by CAP, paid for by grants), they value the benefits of the program (childcare, classes day or night, career counselors, good-paying careers in as few as 8 weeks and up to 15 months) and are open to learning more.

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Market Research Take-Aways

- "career" not "job"
- "No cost to you" is better than "free"
- Prefer images of people in the work setting (vs. images of family or education)
- Want to hear from people who have been in the program and are working now
- Want to know that the program is accredited
- Connection to local job opportunities and employers.
- Parents like you, who are balancing family, education and career goals.

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Where is Our Target Population?

Growing Together (CAP Tulsa)

Consider cross-promotion through CAP Tulsa's Growing Together program. Provide **Career***Advance* materials at resident council meetings, block parties and community picnics.

Community Centers, Libraries and Houses of Worship

Work with the City of Tulsa Parks, YMCA of Greater Tulsa, Tulsa City-County Library and local houses of worship to distribute materials at community centers, libraries and churches offering activities and events for families.

Service Organizations (WIC, DHS), Health Clinics and Medical Centers

Coordinate with service organizations and health clinics/centers that reach low-income families and identify touch points to distribute materials. This may include on-site opportunities as well as materials sent directly to families via email or direct mail.

Child Care Facilities

Focus on outreach to local child care facilities that accept DHS subsidies as well as those facilities offering Early Head Start/Head Start programs.

Businesses

Outreach to local businesses that reach potential participants may include Laundromats, thrift stores, hair dressers or checkcashing facilities, low-cost cell providers (e.g. Cricket Wireless, Boost Mobile) and big box stores (e.g., Walmart).

Free Family Events

Free or low-cost events like the Mayfest that attract families should also be considered as an opportunity to distribute materials. Also think about health fairs, multicultural days and other community events.

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