









Healthy Parks Healthy People In San Francisco's East Bay Area

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Healthy Parks Healthy People

- More than 1/3 of adults in the U.S. are overweight or obese.
- Physical activity promotes health and can have a substantial impact on chronic diseases and obesity.
- People are more likely to walk if they have close access to parks or green space.
- Studies show that access to nature has a positive impact on health: reduces stress increases oxygen in-take, lowers heart rate, reducing impacts of high blood pressure and diabetes.
- EBRPD was the first US agency to initiate HPHP programming.
- HPHP Walks led by naturalists about 3 to 5 walk programs per month. Approx. 45 programs a year.
 to 10 people per program. Over 2,000 participants since 2014.



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- EBRPD initiated cross-agency and -discipline multi-cultural wellness discussions which gave rise to HPHP Bay Area
- HPHP Bay Area Partners include:
 - 20+ Public Park and Open Space Agencies & Organizations (Local, State, and Federal), including National Park Service
 - Health Organizations/Providers:
 - UC Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland
 - Kaiser Permanente
 - Network for a Healthy California
 - SF Dept. of Public Health
 - Solano County Dept. of Health and Social Services
 - SFSU, Dept. of Recreation and Tourism
 - Point Reyes National Seashore Association
 - URS Corporation









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UC Benioff Children's Hospital Partnership Programs

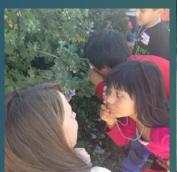
 SHINE (Stay Healthy In Nature each day) - Model Parks RX program in the Bay Area with UC Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland brings hundreds of families with chronically ill children to the parks.

• Oakland Children's Hospital painted clinic rooms with murals of specific EBRPD parks - creating a visual reminder of the relationship between parks and health and providing a relaxing environment to give some of the benefits of being outside to children in a stressful (hospital) location.









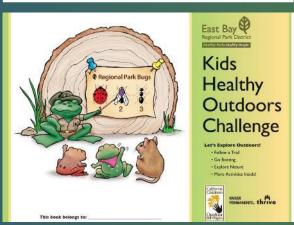




Kaiser & RPF Partnership Wellness Programs

- Multicultural Wellness Walks -Monthly lunch hikes led by EBRPD naturalist and health instructor. 6 walks per year with 80 to 150 participants per walk. Over 3,200 have participated in walks since 2013. (Kaiser & RPF funded.)
- Trails Challenge Thousands of people participate each year in this selfguided hiking program. Participants receive a t-shirt, and people who complete the challenge receive a pin. (Kaiser & RPF funded.)
- KHOC (Kids Healthy Outdoor Challenge) 3rd grade students visit parks as part of science and nature curriculum / they are also introduced to California Children's Outdoor Bill Of Rights. Over 11,000 participants since 2013. (RPF funded.)

























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