Healthy Neighborhoods partners and invited guests engaged in a two-day learning and networking convening held in the South Bronx. On June 7, attendees participated in a walking tour of the Mott Haven neighborhood and learned about various efforts from community leaders. The following day, participants explored community engagement and leadership. ReThink Health and Youth Empowered Solutions presented models and approaches and resident leaders from Niagara Falls and youth leaders from the Claremont neighborhoods shared their community-grounded experiences. Meeting participants also learned about the Participatory Budgeting Project and updates on the NYU Evaluation Team’s process evaluation. Attendees included partners from the nine Healthy Neighborhoods sites, the [New York State Health Foundation](http://nyshealthfoundation.org/) (NYSHealth), the [New York Community Trust](http://www.nycommunitytrust.org/) (NYCT), [Active Living By Design](http://activelivingbydesign.org/healthy-neighborhoods-fund-learning-collaborative-2/evaluation/) (ALBD), the NYU Evaluation Team, and other partner organizations.

* Participant Contact List
* Overview of Active Living By Design’s Services
* Presentation slides and resources are hyperlinked within the agenda below.

**Wednesday, June 7 I Mott Haven Neighborhood I 2:30 – 7:00 p.m.**

**Mott Haven Neighborhood: Walking Tour with Community Leaders**  
Healthy Neighborhood partners participated in a walking tour of the Mott Haven neighborhood. Attendees learned how community leaders are working together to transform Mott Haven into a healthier neighborhood. The tour highlighted St. Mary’s Park, Fine Fare Grocery, E. Roberts Moore Senior Center, Los Hermanos Grocery, and Betances Community Center.

* Mott Haven Tour Map and Guide

**Networking Dinner**

While partaking in a healthy meal, participants learned about the Randall’s Island project that is providing a key connector between the Mott Haven and East Harlem neighborhoods. During this time, informal conversations and networking also took place between fellow Healthy Neighborhoods grantees, NYSHealth, New York Community Trust, ALBD, and other invited guests.

**Thursday, June 8 I Hostos Community College, Mott Haven I 8:15 – 4:15 p.m.**

* Speaker Biosketches
* Slides and resources from the meeting sessions are hyperlinked within the agenda below.

**Welcome, Reflections on Day 1 and Overview of Day 2**

* *Bronwyn Starr, Program Officer, New York State Health Foundation (NYSHealth)*
* *Irfan Hasan, Program Director, New York Community Trust (NYCT)*
* *Eileen Torres, Executive Director, BronxWorks*

**Evaluating Community Initiatives**

* *Paul Tainsh, Senior Evaluator, New York University (NYU) Evaluation Team*

During this session, participants learned about updates on the NYU Evaluation Team’s process evaluation, including the resident survey used as part of the Healthy Neighborhoods evaluation.

**Resident Engagement and Leadership**

* *Pedja Stojicic,* *MD, MPH; Senior Scholar, Engagement & Stewardship; ReThink Health*
* *Brian Archie, Co-chair of the Resident Engagement Council, Create a Healthier Niagara Falls Collaborative*
* *Keyona Dunn, Co-chair of the Resident Engagement Council, Create a Healthier Niagara Falls Collaborative*
* *Evelyn Harris, Co-chair of the Resident Engagement Council, Create a Healthier Niagara Falls Collaborative*
* *Sarah Obot, Board Member and Co-chair, Create a Healthier Niagara Falls Collaborative*

In this panel session, participants explored various model approaches and tools for engaging residents and supporting them as leaders of change for healthy neighborhoods, such as public narrative or storytelling, distributive leadership and teams, and campaign timelines. Participants learned from the experiences of the Niagara Falls Healthy Neighborhoods partnership.

**Youth Engagement and Leadership**

**Yes! Youth Empowered Solutions**

* *Katie Spears Warner; Team Lead, Real Food, Active Living Initiative;* [*Youth Empowered Solutions (YES!)*](http://www.youthempoweredsolutions.org/)
  + The YES! Youth Empowerment Model
  + Youth Empowerment Checklist
  + Setting the Stage for Effective Youth-Adult Meetings

**Urban Ambassadors Youth Council, Claremont Healthy Village Initiative**

* *Abraham Jones, Executive Director, Claremont Neighborhood Centers*
* *Nourdine Sankara, Youth Leader, Claremont Healthy Village Initiative, Claremont Neighborhood Centers, Inc.*
* *Elijah Tappin, Youth Leader, Claremont Healthy Village Initiative, Claremont Neighborhood Centers, Inc.*
* *Hamzah Gumereh, Youth Leader, Claremont Healthy Village Initiative, Claremont Neighborhood Centers, Inc.*

This interactive panel discussion presented unique aspects of youth engagement and leadership development and practice-tested approaches for engaging youth as agents for healthy community change. Participants also heard the perspectives of the Claremont Healthy Neighborhoods partnership youth leaders and engaged in a dialogue about the critical roles youth play in healthy communities.

**Lunch and Conversations**

During this time, meeting attendees shared a meal with partners from other Healthy Neighborhoods sites, and continued engaging in networking and shared learning.

**Engaging Community through Participatory Budgeting**

* *Lize Mogel, Development Manager,* [*Participatory Budgeting Project*](https://www.participatorybudgeting.org/)

This session presented information about Participatory Budgeting – a democratic process in which community members directly decide how to spend part of a public budget and its ability to enable residents to work with government to make budget decisions that affect their lives. Meeting participants learned about this tool in the context of New York State and about opportunities for getting involved.

* Participatory Budgeting Project

**Strategy and Application Breakout Sessions**

Building from the sessions in the morning, attendees engaged in deeper exploration of approaches and tools, and brainstorming of strategies on one of the following community engagement subtopics:

* Youth engagement and leadership, facilitated by Youth Empowered Solutions (YES!)
* Resident engagement and leadership, facilitated by ReThink Health
* Participatory budgeting, facilitated by the Participatory Budgeting Project
* Community engagement and evaluation, facilitated by NYU Evaluation Team

**Sharing of Community Engagement Strategies**

In this follow-up session, participants reconvened as a large group to share highlights from the strategy and application breakout sessions.

**Reflections and Input from Sites**

* *NYSHealth, NYCT, and ALBD Staff*

This participatory session allowed the Healthy Neighborhoods partners to share their reflections from the two-day convening, and identify exciting and promising actions to take in their communities.