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DARING TO DREAM



**2014-2015
REPORT SUMMARY**

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MISSION

To create the next generation of Latino leaders who are confident, competent, self-sustaining and proud of their cultural heritage

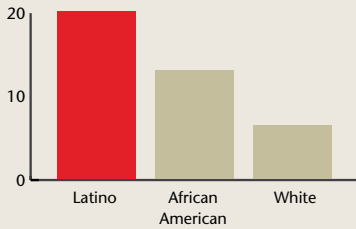
THE PROBLEM

YOUTH DISCONNECTION IN BOSTON

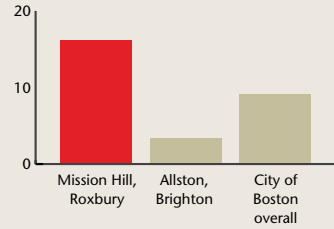
- In Boston, **1 in 10** youth ages 16–24 are disconnected

• Disconnection =
No job and Not in school

Most of them are Latino

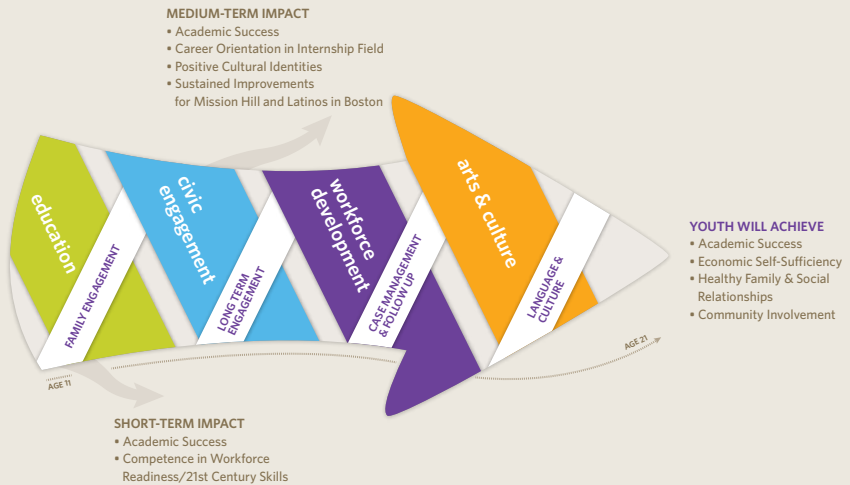



Many of them live in Mission Hill/Roxbury



OUR MODEL

PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS MODEL





Sociedad Latina's Pathways to Success model embraces the whole person with the understanding that one-size-fits-all programming doesn't work for our target youth. Our flexible pathways encourage youth to explore different interests and talents while building skill sets that will ensure long-term success.

John

A FUTURE MUSICIAN'S PATHWAY

"My dream is to be a famous musician."

John loves music. "Music is life to me. It can take me somewhere that nothing else can. I'm happier when I'm playing music than if I had a million dollars." This love of music brought John to our Music Clubhouse three years ago at the start of 9th grade and our supportive staff, positive environment, and array of programming have kept him actively engaged ever since.

In ten years, John hopes to be performing with big name artists and running his own record company. To reach these goals, he'll finish his senior year with the Music Clubhouse, then apply to Berklee College of Music. But John's future includes more than being a successful musician – he also wants to be an electrician. "I'm in the Electricity program at Madison Park and I don't want to waste my talent." John's career plans may be somewhat non-traditional, but he's exactly the kind of motivated, unique youth that our programs are for.



Anny

A FUTURE POLICE OFFICER'S PATHWAY

“My dream is to be a police officer.”

Anny has dreamed of her future career as a Boston Police officer since she was in the sixth grade, when she decided to make her life's work about community and family. “It’s not all about the risky stuff,” she says. “Most of the time it’s about working with the community and checking on your neighbors.”

Anny was hired at Sociedad Latina two years ago as a Youth Community Organizer, after leaving the Dominican Republic and desiring a deeper connection to her new Boston community. As a Youth Leader, Anny testified at school committee, served on the Mayor’s steering committee for the participatory budget process, and found a second home at Sociedad Latina where she could grow, learn, and celebrate her culture. A graduate of the class of 2014, Anny had the opportunity to network with members of the Boston Police Department and get an inside look at the job that helped solidify her career goal. She also received intensive college access support at Sociedad Latina and next year she will study Criminal Justice at Bunker Hill Community College.



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