Welcome

Grow Your Market With Kids' Programming

KERNEL Kids Eating Right-Nutrition and Exercise for Life

A youth oriented nutrition and physical activity program designed to engage children in learning about lifelong healthy eating habits, gardening and exercise.



HISTORY OF KERNEL

- Inspired by a WIC focus group, KERNEL was created in 2015 by Catholic Charities Food For All and piloted at the Emerson-Garfield Farmers Market for 12 weeks and for 4 weeks at the Hillyard Farmers Market in Spokane, Washington.
- In 2015, the Emerson-Garfield KERNEL had 233 different kids participate a total of 354 times.
- In 2016, KERNEL expanded to 5 Spokane area farmers markets.
- As of October 6th, 1731 unique kids attended KERNEL a total of 2806 times in 2016 over 68 market days.
- Several new markets have expressed interest in implementing KERNEL in 2017.



HOW KERNEL WORKS

- Registration/ Check-in
- Complete the activity
- Give \$2 reward that can be used to purchase fruits and vegetables
- Give activity card related to the topic



THE ACTIVITY CARD

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L'ERNEL

Hooping exercises over 30 core muscles and improves balance, Rexibility, dexterity and coordination while toning and reshaping the abdomen, buttocks and legs with regular use.

Kernels of Truth:

- The term "Hula Hoop" came from British sailors who thought the "Hula Hoop" resembled the hula dancing they had seen in the Hawalian Islands.
- Jemez Pueblo Indian hoop dancer Tony White Coud became known as the "founder of the modern Hoop Dance". He made a cameo appearance in Valley of the Sun, starring Lucitle Ball in 1942 and danced in Apache Country, starring Gene Autry in 1952.
- Over 100 million Hula Hoops were sold by Wham-O in its first year of production in 1958.

Each week, there is a card related to the specific activity distributed to participants. The front will contain some activity related information and usually three "Kernels of Truth".

WEEKLY RECIPE

Citrus Kale Salad Ingredients Directions 1 bunch kale 1. After tearing kale into bite size pieces, massage with olive washed and bite size pieces oil so it's easier to eat. 1 Tablespoon lemon juice 2. Mix lemon juice, salt and pepper, and honey or brown ¼ cup olive oil sugar together before adding it to the kale salad. 3. Top with mandarin oranges and sunflower seeds. If you Salt and pepper to taste want to make some now and save some for later, keep the dressing and salad ingredients separate. Notes You could add mango or pineapple instead of mondorin oranges

Each week, the activity card has a recipe on the reverse side.

DIY KIDS' PROGRAMMING

• Identify Your Community Assets:

• Create a rotation of local community partners who create an activity to direct.

• Be Honest About Your Market's Capacity:

 Set up a self-directed activity at the market booth for kids to stop by to pick-up or do right there, like a scavenger hunt at the market, or a coloring page with markers available.

• Small Bites:

- Develop a schedule that works for the market
- Can be scheduled for the whole market season, or just during the summer break for schools.



EXPENSES AND FUNDING

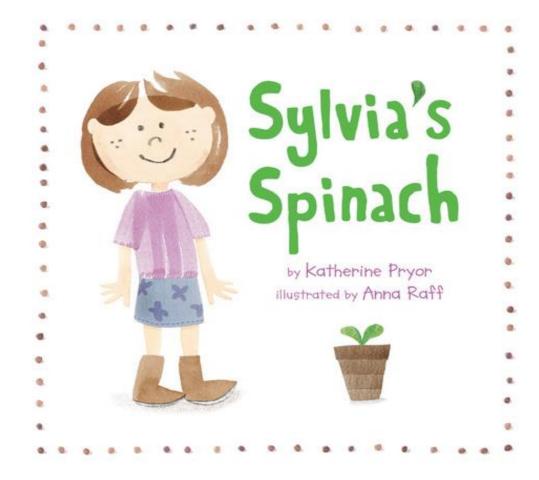
Types of kids' programming can have varying costs. For example, KERNEL is estimated to cost \$80 per week per 25 kids with the costs going down every additional 25 kids per week.

Here are some ways to provide revenue to cover costs to implement the most effective kids' program your market decides to undertake:

- Sponsorships and Partnerships
- Fundraisers
- Part of Vendor Fees
- Charge a promotional fee to partners who staff the booth that week for access to families



Book Events in Schools and Farmers Markets

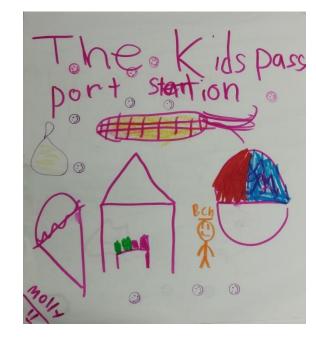


- Partnered with Readers to Eaters, a Seattle based publisher
- Ability to use SNAP-Ed funds to purchase pre-approved books to give to SNAP families at markets or students at qualifying schools
- Used the author for reading and book give away

Kids Passport Program

Renton Farmers Market and WSU King County Extension SNAP-Ed







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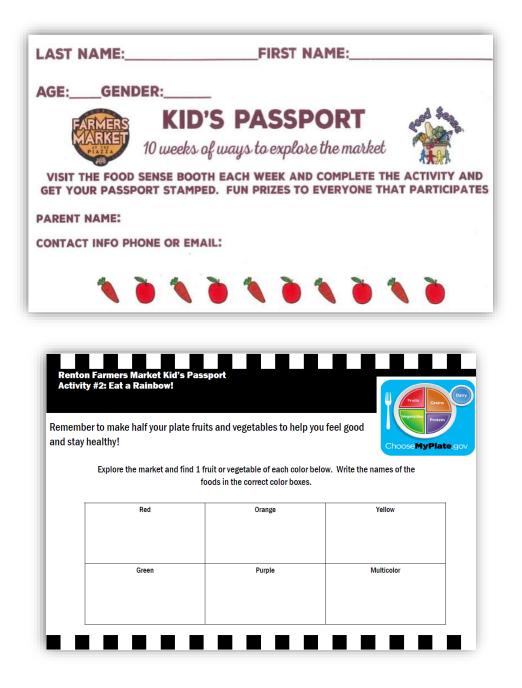


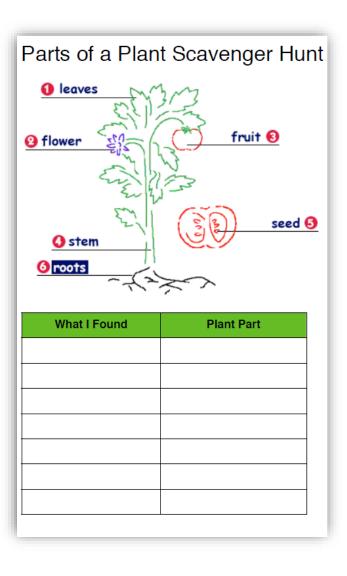
- Offered at SNAP-Ed booth
- Interactive nutrition education activities for kids
- Recipes, smart shopping, and nutrition tips for adults
- In-market promotion and prizes!

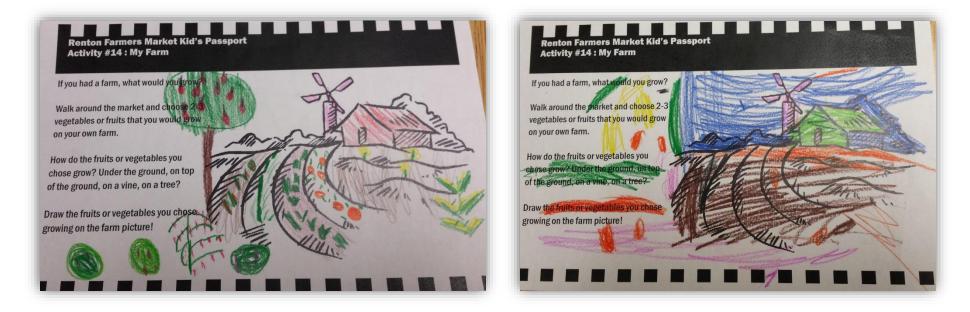
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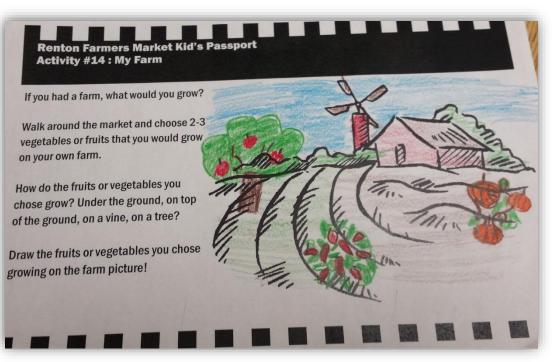
- Goals:
 - Facilitate learning about nutritional value, flavors, preparation, and production of local produce.
 - Empower kids to ask about fruits and vegetables at the market.
 - Increase comfort level of SNAP and WIC families at the market and introduce healthy eating resources.

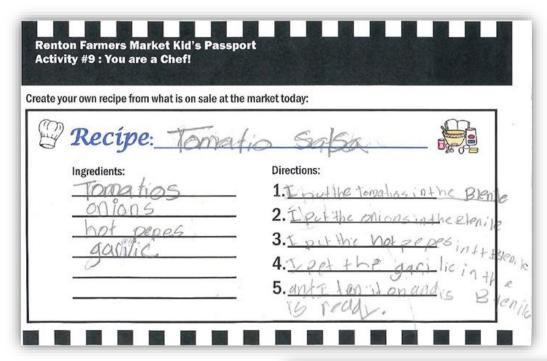








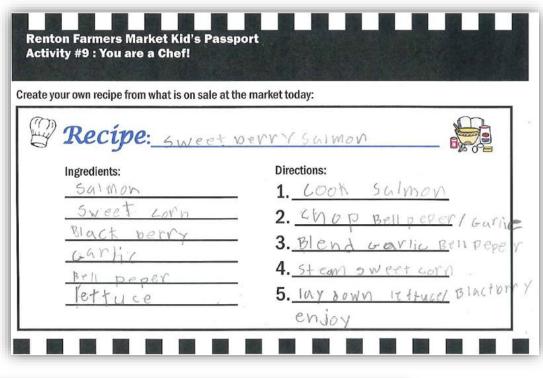




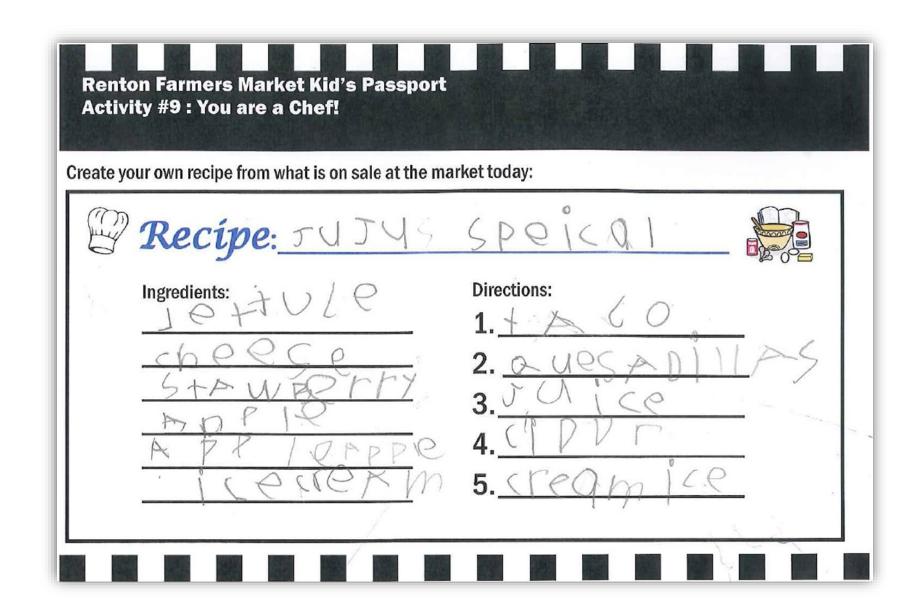


Renton Farmers Market Kid's Passport Activity #9 : You are a Chef! Create your own recipe from what is on sale at the market today:	
Ingredients:	Directions: 1. CUTVEGGIES
BELLPEPPER	2. PUT VEGGTESONTOP
DOUGH	
KORN	5











Evaluation and Outcomes



- 365 kids reached
- 733 visits/activities completed
- Parent survey:
 - "The kids are more aware of what's at the market."
 - "My daughter expanded her palate because she's curious about all the new things."
 - "It forces my kids to explore the market and look at new fruits and veggies."
 - "We love that the kids enjoy the market now! Your booth is the first place we stop. Such a blessing!"

2017 Goals

- Build capacity of RFM volunteers to administer passport program.
- Expand sources and kinds of prizes.
- Update activities:
 - New curriculum
 - Spanish translations
 - More age-appropriate options





Start Up of our Kids Club Program

- Northwest Farm Credit Services Grant \$2000
- POP rules vs. your own goals
 - The only requirement of POP Club is to hand out <u>at least \$2 in market currency</u> (POP Bucks) to children attending the farmers market. – FMC website
- Staff time and community help
- Other funding started to come forward



Sample Schedule with Community Partners





Please signup at the Market Info Booth and learn how to receive tokens for produce.

<u>June</u>

21st—SNAP-Ed, Public Health

Learn to use kitchen tools to build interest in eating healthy foods! 28th—Southwest Washington Family Magazine Family Day Plus! Timberland Regional Library Story-telling, Crafts, Games, Activities, and Prizes!

<u>July</u>

5th—Lewis County Beekeepers Association Check out the observation hive to see what bees do, up close! 12th—Discover! Children's Museum Color and assemble Market-themed Thaumatrope. 19th—SNAP-Ed, Public Health Learn to use kitchen tools to build interest in eating healthy foods! 26th—Timberland Regional Library Story-telling, music, and craft activities! <u>August</u> 2nd—Master Gardeners Make a plastic bottle bird house!

9th—Discover! Children's Museum

Make a google-eye vegetable stick for your garden.

16th—SNAP-Ed, Public Health

Learn to use kitchen tools to build interest in eating healthy foods!

23rd—Timberland Regional Library Story-telling, music, and craft activities!

30th—WSECU Crafts and coloring for financial health!

KID'S CLUB

at the Community Farmers Market of Chehalis



During the 1st year of our program, we:

•Scheduled activities for the 11 weeks during the summer break for public schools

•Engaged a wide range of community partners to staff the kids club booth and put on activities (Snap-Ed, Timberland Library, Discover! Children's Museum, Master Gardener's, Lewis County Beekeepers, etc.)

•Provided generic activity materials like soil, seeds, pots and coloring supplies

Who We Reached

•Anyone could participate, but had to be 3-12 to participate in the program to receive the \$2

•We tracked each 3-12year old that registered and received \$2 per activity

- •This resulted in:
 - ✤ 205 kids registered
 - ♦ 610 participations

An average of 55 kids participating each week
\$1220 tokens given to kids to spend on fruit, veggies, and flowers at the market



CFM Kids Club Start-Up Costs

- \$741.66 2 Banners, Tent, Tables, Tokens, Supplies
- \$1220 Tokens given to kids for participation
- 50+ hours of employee time (plus volunteers)



What We Learned

- •It was SO much fun!
- •Everyone loved it-families, vendors, partners
- •The program educated kids on financial decision making like:
 - How to spend money by thinking through reasons to purchase an item (or not)
 - How to share
 - How to save
 - Sharing, saving, thinking through reasons to purchase items (or not)
- •Families mentioned desire to become more involved in putting on the activities showing the program creates a pool of potential for more volunteers and bigger market supporters
- •Registration for kids was at Market Info booth and sometimes created a back-up
- •Great way to promote market happenings and be in communication with our shoppers one-on-one

