

AGENCIA ALPHA

IMMIGRANT YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM
SUMMER 2024



Summary of the Week

We are already in the second week, so the youth are becoming better ALPHA workers! They have participated in informative presentations and are putting their knowledge into action.

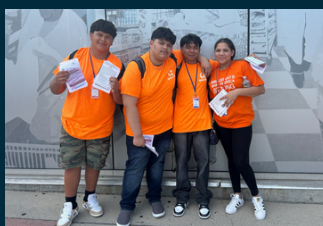
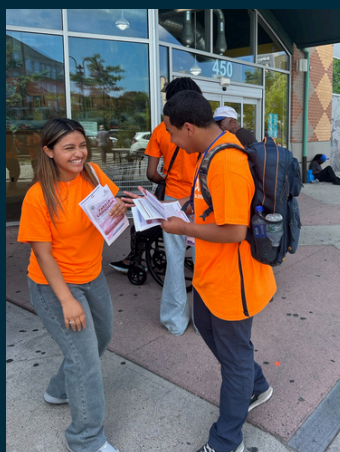


LEGAL

This was the first week of work in the office, so the youth received a presentation from MIRA, Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition. They learned about immigration laws, such as who can make petitions and who receives asylum. Following this presentation, ALPHA staff compiled assignments for the youth to complete in the office. To the right is a photo capturing the youth organizing legal case files.



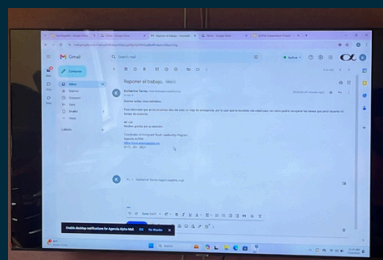
COMMUNITY ORGANIZING



On Wednesday and Thursday of this week, we handed out ALPHA flyers at a nearby supermarket. We practiced how to approach people and stores in the office and then walked to the supermarket. We spent 1-hour distributing brochures with information about Agencia ALPHA's citizenship classes and the services ALPHA offers! Additionally, a representative from Healthcare for All came to talk to us about their campaign to reduce prescription drug costs. It was very timely in preparation for our visit to the House of Representatives as we are already very close to signing it into law, and the legislative session ends at the end of July.

COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS

In regards to college and career readiness, this week Katherine taught workplace etiquette to help prepare the youth for working in the office. We specifically reviewed email etiquette using different professional scenarios. Finally, we reviewed the specifications of the assigned independent research project.



COMMUNITY TRIP

After a week of hard work, our youth program collaborated with another college and career readiness organization, Boston Herc, to take a hiking trip. We drove all the way to Wachusett Mountain to hike, learn, and foster community engagement and well-being. Thanks to Boston Herc, we had a great time!



HONORABLE MENTIONS



ORLANDO

ORLANDO IS A GRADUATE OF EVERETT HIGH SCHOOL AND IS A VETERAN OF THE PROGRAM. HE MADE A STELLAR EFFORT ON THE HIKING TRIP. DESPITE BEING INJURED, HE PERSEVERED AND MADE IT TO THE TOP! GREAT JOB ORLANDO!



MARC

MARC IS IN HIS SECOND YEAR AT BOSTON ARTS ACADEMY. HE WAS A GREAT REPRESENTATION OF LEADERSHIP ON THE HIKING TRIP. HE EVEN BROUGHT HIS MUSICAL TALENTS TO BOOST EVERYONE'S MOOD.



CHRISTIAN

CHRISTIAN IS A FRESHMAN AT BOSTON COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL. CHRISTIAN WASN'T AFRAID TO TAKE THE LEAD WHEN WE SHARED INFORMATION ABOUT ALPHA. HIS COMMUNICATION SKILLS REALLY SHINED!

WHAT TO LOOK FORWARD TO THIS WEEK!

- HEAT EMERGENCY DECLARED; WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY ACTIVITIES TO BE DETERMINED
- **AUGUST 8: OUR FINAL CELEBRATION!**

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR TEAM LEADER FIRST. IF YOU STILL HAVE QUESTIONS, YOU CAN CONTACT ONE OF YOUR COORDINATORS, KATHERINE TORRES, DALICE RODRIGUEZ VIERA, OR LUCAS GALDAMEZ AND THEY WILL BE HAPPY TO HELP YOU. WE ARE ALL EXCITED TO SEE WHAT THE FUTURE HAS IN STORE FOR THE REST OF THE PROGRAM!

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