

**Qualitative Results of the REACH for DC Project**  
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**Reasons Given for Inclusion and Exclusion of Intervention and Select Participant Quotes**

<b>Intervention</b>	<b>Priority <sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Reasons for Inclusion and Selected Quotes</b>	<b>Reasons for Exclusion and Selected Quotes</b>
Health Coverage	100	<p><i>Basic necessity:</i> “Everybody needs health insurance because you never know what’s going to happen, when it’s going to happen, and how it’s going to happen.”</p> <p><i>Immediate need:</i> “I say health care because there are many people that suffer from sicknesses and they don’t have the opportunity to have access to medicine or medical assistance.”</p> <p><i>Major expense:</i> “If you get sick, you need to go to a doctor, you need a physician, you’ve got to have health insurance a lot of times because it’s very expensive.”</p> <p><i>Benefits everyone:</i> “Health insurance is very important for everyone, young and old.”</p> <p><i>Link to health:</i> “Without health insurance it is very difficult to be healthy.”</p>	<p><i>Unnecessary:</i> “My proposal: having a job. If you have a job and you’ve been on your job - - I know most jobs, when you’ve been there 90 days you get to choose your health plan.”</p> <p><i>Potential for abuse:</i> “So many people abuse the health insurance that we have.”</p>
Housing	91	<p><i>Basic necessity:</i> “I’m requesting a benefit that has to do with human rights. I want to propose housing benefit.”</p> <p><i>Immediate need:</i> “I think housing help should be on there, but not just for the simple fact of homelessness. You have a lot of people who are in their homes now, struggling to maintain and try and keep their homes so that they do not become homeless.”</p> <p><i>Major expense:</i> “Housing is so expensive, that I think just about everyone that’s working or not working needs help in paying their rent.”</p> <p><i>Individual benefit:</i> “I lived in the shelter before and housing was always important, and I felt good about myself. I felt that I could achieve mentally and physically when I felt like I had a place of my own.”</p> <p><i>Community impact:</i> “I think it’s a better community when you have houses instead of projects.”</p> <p><i>Link to health:</i> “Affordable, suitable housing enhances health, you know. Makes people live longer.”</p>	<p><i>Unnecessary:</i> “I don’t see it all like that to a certain degree because they have low income houses out there.”</p> <p><i>Ineffective:</i> “There’s people on the rolls been on there seven years and still haven’t gotten a house.”</p> <p><i>Not sufficient:</i> “I don’t disagree with housing, but I do think that they should take more concern about a lot of these boarded up places our here. . . those places been boarded up for years and years and those are things they should fix up, you know, so people can have places to live.”</p>
Dental Care	80	<p><i>Basic necessity:</i> “You’ll have your teeth for the rest of your life and you just have to take care of them.”</p> <p><i>Immediate need:</i> “I think that a lot of people don’t have access to dental care services.”</p>	<p><i>Unnecessary:</i> “If you’re living healthy and eating healthy you won’t have problems with your teeth.”</p> <p><i>More pressing issues:</i> “There’s some things that are more important than dental care.”</p>

		<p><i>Major expense:</i> “Sometimes our teeth are in bad shape and it is very painful and we can’t fix it because of the cost. It is very expensive.”</p> <p><i>Link to health:</i> “Not taking care of your teeth from infancy to adulthood can lead to infections to your brain and other systems of your body.”</p>	
Job Training	75	<p><i>Immediate need:</i> “A lot of people don’t have skills because they didn’t go to school and they didn’t learn to do anything.”</p> <p><i>Long term investment:</i> “With job training, you might be able to have some people who can get off the program and they come in and they have an avenue to go out.”</p> <p><i>Individual benefit:</i> “With good job training you would be able to do things better for yourself.”</p> <p><i>Community impact:</i> “This gives us the option of a better job and better pay and we can offer a better service to our community because if we are trained in a trade, we can give a quality service.”</p> <p><i>Link to health:</i> “Better paying jobs, which makes you more healthy.”</p>	<p><i>Unnecessary:</i> “You don’t necessarily need job training. You can train as you work, you know. There are services where you can learn on the job.”</p> <p><i>Ineffective:</i> “You could go to job training and learn how to do something one way, and then when you get to the job, they’d be like, oh, no, that’s not the way we do it.”</p> <p><i>Not sufficient:</i> “They can’t train you for a job that ain’t there.”</p> <p><i>More pressing issues:</i> “I just have a couple of other things on my list that I will cover before I go over to job training.”</p> <p><i>Alternatives:</i> “Job training should be in school.”</p>
Adult Education	70	<p><i>Basic necessity:</i> “I figure education should be for life.”</p> <p><i>Immediate need:</i> “Not only is there adults out here that can’t read and write, some didn’t finish high school and there’s some that’s in jobs that require them to get more education.”</p> <p><i>Long term investment:</i> “Adult education will at least get them there so that they will be able to do job training to get a job.”</p> <p><i>Individual benefit:</i> “I think adult education is so important, because if a person can get a better job, then they stand a better chance of being able to take care of their family better.”</p> <p><i>Community impact:</i> “By going back to school, getting a high school education, going to college and finding some kind of profession, then you can continue to live in the District, you know, and better our community.”</p>	<p><i>Unnecessary:</i> “Do what you have to do when you’re in childhood education.”</p> <p><i>Not sufficient:</i> “And what kind of job are you going to get, though? Is it going to be above minimum wage or is it going to be minimum wage?”</p> <p><i>More pressing issues:</i> “Let’s get the things that - - shelter, food, the major things. Because there’s a lot of people without adult education that are succeeding in life.”</p>
Counseling	68	<p><i>Immediate need:</i> “It’s important because there are so many problems that people have mentally. You are unemployed, or you have a sickness or a problem that you can’t resolve. Or you have matrimonial problems, with your partner, with alcohol or drugs. Many problems. And often you have problems because you don’t have someone to help you.”</p> <p><i>Individual benefit:</i> “It don’t matter how many benefits you have, if you can’t handle what you’ve got you’re in trouble.”</p>	<p><i>Unnecessary:</i> “I disagree with counseling because most likely if you’re getting health insurance, pretty much you should be getting counseling.”</p> <p><i>More pressing issues:</i> “I’m going to assume that most of the people in my city is not under the influence of drugs or alcohol. . . I would think healthy behavior was more suitable for my city.”</p>

		<i>Community impact:</i> “I think in order to have a healthy society, I think it’s critical that we have access to counseling.”	
Neighborhood Improvement	68	<p><i>Basic necessity:</i> “We’re a community and we need to have a clean and safe neighborhood for our children, as well as us.”</p> <p><i>Immediate need:</i> “Some people imprison themselves in their house. They’re afraid to come out because of the neighborhood, the danger in the neighborhood.”</p> <p><i>Small cost:</i> “It’s not going to cost us that much. It’s only one dot, so how can we not?”</p> <p><i>Benefits everyone:</i> “It is important to the growth of young people as well as to the peace of mind of older people.”</p> <p><i>Link to health:</i> “That affects your health your ability to work, to think properly because you’ve been up all night, fearful of what’s going on in your neighborhood.”</p>	<p><i>Unnecessary:</i> “If you have good health, child education, good housing, you’d want to improve your neighborhood.”</p> <p><i>More pressing issues:</i> “I disagree with neighborhoods because I feel like there’s other things on that board that’s more important, and if you get those you’ll be doing positive things to make the neighborhood better.”</p>
Daycare	66	<p><i>Immediate need:</i> “People got to go to work. They’ve got to have somebody to watch the kids.”</p> <p><i>Major expense:</i> “Most people in Washington, DC have kids and the facilities are very expensive.”</p> <p><i>Individual benefit:</i> “The whole daycare concept empowers people.”</p> <p><i>Community impact:</i> “I think daycare is a way to give people in the community jobs and the way to help parents relieve some of their stress and have a safe place to put their children.”</p>	<p><i>Unnecessary:</i> “If you have job placement and it’s a good enough job then you can pay somebody to take care of your child.”</p> <p><i>Not sufficient:</i> “Daycare implies little children. But you need before and after care for the older kids.”</p> <p><i>More pressing issues:</i> “I just would rather have school meals.”</p> <p><i>Does not benefit everyone:</i> “My kid is grown so I don’t need daycare. I need transportation.”</p> <p><i>Alternatives:</i> “I think every employer should provide daycare. I don’t think a city should have to pay for it out of their tax dollars.”</p>
Childhood Education	64	<p><i>Basic necessity:</i> “You need education no matter what.”</p> <p><i>Immediate need:</i> “The city needs to provide more programs for the youth, you know, more programs and more education. They don’t have enough things for the youth to do out there.”</p> <p><i>Long term investment:</i> “I believe that children are the future, so I know I want my kids to definitely have a good education.”</p>	<p><i>Not sufficient:</i> “A lot of children go to school, preschool, they still end up in jail.”</p>
School Meals	59	<p><i>Immediate need:</i> “School meals are very important. A lot of parents cant - - are not there to feed the kids in the morning because they’ve already gone to work.”</p> <p><i>Individual benefit:</i> “A child that doesn’t have nutrition, that child mentally is going to be unstable, he’s not going to be able to perform, he’s not going to be able to learn properly.”</p> <p><i>Link to health:</i> “You’ve got to at least make sure that they’re eating something that’s good because they don’t - - the kids don’t get out and move around like they should. The obesity rate in children is outrageous now.”</p>	<p><i>Does not benefit everyone:</i> “So what’s up there for the seniors?”</p>
Job Placement	57	<p><i>Immediate need:</i> “It is very important because I have had many</p>	<p><i>Unnecessary:</i> “I disagree with it because I don’t need anyone to</p>

		<p>friends who have been looking for jobs and it has been very hard for them.”</p> <p><i>Long term investment:</i> “If you have somewhere that’s going to help you to get a job, make a resume and all of that and point you in a direction . . . it’s a leg up.”</p> <p><i>Individual benefit:</i> “I don’t want a welfare life, so I’m not going to say food stamps. I’m going to say job placement.”</p> <p><i>Link to health:</i> “It’s important to be employed because when you are employed, even your attitude is good. If you don’t have a job, psychologically you aren’t well.”</p>	<p>find me a job. I can find it myself if I have the job training.”</p> <p><i>Ineffective:</i> “For DC we do have the job placement centers out here but they send everyone on the same job interview.”</p> <p><i>Not sufficient:</i> “You’ve got lots of people out there that have job offers and job placement offers, but they get on the job and they don’t have daycare. . . without daycare they can’t do anything.”</p>
Healthy Behavior Incentives	55	<p><i>Immediate need:</i> “We have a lot of sickness, high blood pressure, sugar diabetes, and then a lot of us smoke cigarettes.”</p> <p><i>Small cost:</i> “I think healthy behavior is a big plus. Plus, I’m getting a big bang for my buck. I’m only using one dot.”</p> <p><i>Long term investment:</i> “We spend too much money on curing ourselves because we are already sick, but if we take precautions with a healthy system—doing exercise, losing weight, stopping smoking—the health costs would be less.”</p> <p><i>Individual benefit:</i> “I think if a person has healthy behavior as an adult, they’re not drinking and drugging, they have the best chance of making decisions and going to work.”</p> <p><i>Benefits everyone:</i> “I think that this is important because healthy behavior covers the whole family: children, adults, older people.”</p> <p><i>Link to health:</i> “Your life is important and one of the most important things in regards to health is prevention.”</p>	<p><i>Unnecessary:</i> “You don’t need a specific plan for behavior, because that can be covered under health insurance.”</p> <p><i>More pressing issues:</i> “I think there are more important, other issues to deal with other than healthy behavior.”</p>
Food Stamps	39	<p><i>Basic necessity:</i> “I don’t care how you feel or whoever pays it, but my opinion, everybody needs to eat.”</p> <p><i>Immediate need:</i> “Because a lot of people just can’t afford to buy enough groceries to last them until the end of the month, especially if they have a lot of kids.”</p> <p><i>Major expense:</i> “Because food prices today, it’s ridiculous. If you’ve got a job, if you don’t have a job, food is ridiculous.”</p>	<p><i>Unnecessary:</i> “If you have your health care, if you have health insurance, those things - - and housing. Okay. You have a place to stay. All that leads to you being able to buy food.”</p> <p><i>Alternatives:</i> “There are food banks that could take the place of food stamps.”</p> <p><i>Potential for abuse:</i> “There’s a lot of people that I have issued food stamps, they’re not using it for the purpose of food stamps.”</p>
Grocery Store Incentives	34	<p><i>Immediate need:</i> “There are so many neighborhoods where the only place you can get something to eat is a fast food place.”</p> <p><i>Small cost:</i> “It’s got a lot of benefits but it only takes one sticker.”</p> <p><i>Community impact:</i> “If we have our own grocery stores it’s a way to employ people in our neighborhoods and our city to make our city a better city.”</p> <p><i>Benefits everyone:</i> “It’s a help to go to the grocery store because you get more natural foods and it benefits everyone.”</p>	<p><i>Unnecessary:</i> “Grocery stores are not something that we need because we already have many in the area.”</p> <p><i>More pressing issues:</i> “I think that as far as good diet, I think it would be better to choose healthy behavior so that this would help us learn how to eat things that are healthier.”</p>

		<i>Link to health:</i> “Because we find all of the things that we need and that are good for our well-being and health in grocery stores.”	
Transportation	34	<p><i>Immediate need:</i> “I’d say transportation is very important because I live in a building with a lot of elderly people and they don’t have cars, you know, or a way around.”</p> <p><i>Major expense:</i> “Metro’s hiking up the fare all the time.”</p> <p><i>Community Impact:</i> “The more people who take public transportation, the less highway expenses you need, the less traffic, the less pollution.”</p>	<p><i>Unnecessary:</i> “Sometimes if you go to a job training program they do have, like, vouchers that you can use for public transportation.”</p> <p><i>Not sufficient:</i> “So if you’re not going to work and you’re going to the doctor, you’re short, you still have to catch that cab, you’re still going to have to find them buses.”</p> <p><i>More pressing issues:</i> “I think daycare is more important, and you’re going to use three stickers. We haven’t addressed the needs of children at all.”</p> <p><i>Does not benefit everyone:</i> “I think that it would be a fund that would only help a specific group and not the community in general.”</p> <p><i>Potential for abuse:</i> “I think that you would end up getting short-changed when people start making money to where they could pay for their own transportation.”</p>
English Education	32	<p><i>Immediate need:</i> “We agree with English education because there are so many of us who arrive here and don’t know English.”</p> <p><i>Community impact:</i> “I think English education is very important for us as Latinos for good jobs.”</p>	<p><i>Not sufficient:</i> “English education is one part of what we need but that doesn’t mean that because I speak English, I will get a job. There are thousands of people that speak English and don’t have a job.”</p> <p><i>More pressing issues:</i> “Because we’ve got better places to put that money.”</p> <p><i>Does not benefit everyone:</i> “In my city, there’s not that many Spanish people, you know. So I’m looking at that as the overall.”</p>

Legend

1. Priority as indicated by the percentage of groups selecting this intervention