



## Humboldt Youth Partnering with Empowerment

*Humboldt Youth Partnering for Empowerment (H.Y.P.E.)* is a program for youth in the Humboldt Avenue area of Roxbury. CMS sponsors H.Y.P.E. along with four neighborhood churches: Bethel Pentecostal, Greater Generations Tabernacle, Pleasant Hill Baptist, and St. Mark Congregational. H.Y.P.E. offers:

- job readiness training
- increasing self-esteem programs
- community-building instruction
- sessions on growing as an empowered individual
- sports and recreation:

Each summer over 200 young people attended H.Y.P.E. events, which were offered three evenings per week for ten weeks. “These kids – kids everywhere – need a chance to show just what they’re capable of,” says Eric Shelton, H.Y.P.E.’s original director. A key element of H.Y.P.E.’s success is its use of peer leadership. Most of the summer staff are the same age or a little older than the participants, creating a sense of trust and common understanding.

H.Y.P.E. events are available at no or low cost. For more information, visit our website: [www.cmsboston.org](http://www.cmsboston.org) or contact CMS at [information@cmsboston.org](mailto:information@cmsboston.org).

SEE YOU THERE!



*H.Y.P.E. participants enjoy some outdoor summer fun in Roxbury’s Trotter Park.*

### **What participants have to say about H.Y.P.E.:**

*“I want to start my own babysitting business to make extra money while I’m in school.”*

*“I learned to ask for help if I need it.”*

*“I want to finish my summer reading...get a CPR certificate...and pass school with A’s and B’s.”*

*“I learned to be a leader in front of my peers and gained more self-esteem.”*

*“I learned what to do to get ready for school.”*

*“I think H.Y.P.E. was a blessing.”*