Project Summary

Bennion Center / Alternative Spring Break
Community Partner Impact Statement and Survey 2015

Goal and desired outcomes of the program or service:
Increased commitment to or involvement in civic engagement/volunteering.

Goal of assessment:
To assess the impact of volunteer work done and to assess the experience working with University of Utah Alt Break Program and students, which will be used for future training and program development.

Population sampled:
Community Partners of Alternative Breaks Program

How many people were asked (if known)? Estimate 60
Number of Respondents: 49 (Survey) and 53 (Impact Statement)
Administration Type: paper responses with data entry into Campus Labs

Summary of Key Findings
The desired outcome of the program was achieved as each community partner provided qualitative and quantitative feedback on the volunteer work that each ASB team provided to the Community Partner during their interactions on the ASB trip. On average, ASV teams spent 5.5 volunteering with each community partner; therefore impact was tracked. Overwhelmingly, qualitative information highlighted how ASB participants helped the organization to put people-power behind organization identified needs.

Actions Taken/Planned based on the findings from this assessment:
The assessment from the Community Partner Impacts and Surveys enabled us as a program to create impact sheets which highlight the quantitative and qualitative work that was contributed to community partners via volunteers in the alternative breaks program. This is huge as it impact sheets are provided to participants and campus and community partners to show outcomes of the 2015 ASB experience.

This project also provided insight on the effectiveness and reciprocity of Community Partner relationships with the Alt Breaks program. Community Partner feedback expressed in this area will help us to further enhance the training provided to the Site Leader and Staff Partner leadership team as they work to connect, communicate, and collaborate with Community Partners in the future.
Alignment

Student Affairs Key Activity: [still in process]

Departmental Key Activity: Alternative Breaks

**Departmental goal(s) this project addresses:**

3. Develop & maintain strong, reciprocal community relationships
   - Improved partnerships with community partners because feedback from Community partner was being provided to AB Admin team through this survey.

   - This survey also created space for participant volunteer impact to be tracked quantitatively and qualitatively by the Community Partner in a structured and effective method.

   - Survey provides opportunity for student Site Leader to receive feedback on professionalism, communication, and leadership skills from the community partners they coordinated student participant volunteer or educational experiences with during the week of ASB.

**Student Affairs Learning Domain Connection:** N/A - Not a student assessment