



Leadership Exchange + Community Dialogues 2009

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Background

Project Concern's International's (PCI) "Latino HIV/AIDS Prevention Initiative" (LHAPI), through the 2007 Needs Assessment (NA), identified several areas wherein training and capacity building could improve the ability of local health departments and agencies to meet the HIV/AIDS prevention needs of Latinos.



Responding to the Needs

To respond to the needs of networking and collaboration, PCI is calling for a Latino leadership exchange of health providers and community leaders in: San Francisco, Fresno, San Diego and Imperial Valley to strengthen, encourage and increase the Latino health provider's participation and leadership to prevent HIV/AIDS in the Latino community.

Participants

California health providers and community leaders that participated in the Latino Prevention Interventions (Needs Assessment, Regional Meetings, Trainings and Technical Assistance recipients) may take part in these Community Dialogues. Participants of all six targeted areas will be invited. The meetings will attract a minimum of 40 participants per region from agencies serving Latinos at-risk.

Program Content

Based on the program's cumulative experience-to-date, programmatic experts will summarize identified successful practices and effective leadership strategies. This process will support any collaboration efforts among the service provider's in the State of California's six target areas previously reached by the Initiative.

Community Dialogues

The Latino Leadership Exchange meetings will convene a selected group of Latino community leaders. Working sessions will be conducted during the event and its duration will be from one to two full days, depending on local needs and capacities.

At the end, the group will:

- develop guiding leadership principles for social mobilization;
- analyze and discuss strategies and successful projects currently being employed by community leaders to mitigate the impact of AIDS on Latinos/Latinas in California through leadership panels and round tables;
- identify specific characteristics of successful Latino HIV/AIDS interventions;
- develop proper culturally-based responses to migrant and trans-border population.

Latino Leadership Exchange Regional Activities San Francisco – San Diego – Imperial and Fresno, CA

Presentation of LHAPI's preliminary report: "Agency Characteristics that promote Community Practice Based Projects" that fulfill the needs of Latino-serving HIV healthcare providers.

- Participants will discuss strategies currently being employed by community leaders to mitigate the impact of AIDS on Latinos/Latinas in California through Leadership Panels and Working Sessions.
- Attendees will identify needs of Latino migrant population impacted by HIV/AIDS