



2020 Office of Latino Affairs Report

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OLA Duties Under Iowa Code:

- Provide information and referral/constituency service
- Plan and deliver special events
- Deliver specialized training
- Participate in assigned working groups or community events
- Report on results at least quarterly

Initiatives

Office

- Iowa Latino & Hispanic Heritage Month Proclamation
- Iowa Latino Hall of Fame-Coordination
- Development of COVID-19 Resources
 - Set up Interpretation of Governor's Press Conferences through Iowa PBS
 - Initiated Language Access Efforts
 - Translated Educational Materials
 - Create educational videos in Spanish
 - Established the Iowa Spanish Helpline Task Force
 - This task force established the Iowa Spanish Helpline
 - Sonia hired and managed 14 AmeriCorps staff members for the Spanish Line during the summer
 - Sonia applied for a grant for the line, which was awarded. EMBARC is serving as the fiscal agent.
- Latino Heritage Month Celebration
- Latino Service Providers Coalition in Des Moines and Marshalltown
- Latinos CAN-College Access Network
- Latinos in Iowa Project

- Linea de Ayuda en Iowa/Iowa Spanish Helpline
- Monthly Office Newsletter
- Monthly PILA Newsletter-Professional Development & Employment Opportunities
- PILA Webinars - (Civic Engagement, Youth Engagement, Access to Government & Language Access)
- Social Media upkeep
- Website upkeep
- Development and upkeep of Statewide Resources:
 - Immigration Services Resources
 - Bilingual/Bicultural Mental Health Providers List
 - Latino Organizations
 - Latino Media Outlets
 - Interpretation and Translation Providers
 - Latin-American & Spain Consulates
 - Educational Resources for Students and Families
 - Linea de Ayuda en Iowa
 - COVID-19 Resources in Spanish

Commission

- Commission meeting work & communication
- Iowa Queer Communities of Color Coalition
- Latino Day on the Hill-promotion assistance and guidance
- Latinos You Should Know Project
- PILA

CAS

- Diversity in State Government Project
- Educational presentations on access to government and civic engagement
- Social Media - Facebook, Tweeter
- Mental Health Project with Mosaic Family Therapy Services
- Language Access during COVID-19

2020 Events, Presentations & Community Involvement

Presentations

- 19th Amendment Centennial Commemoration Statewide Kickoff
- 3rd Annual Iowa Anti-Violence Symposium
- Aging Latinos in Iowa Webinar
- Fall Early Learning Institute Presentation

- Greater Des Moines Partnership's Inclusion Council Untapped Talent Series: LGBTQ Session
- Health Equity Forum-Iowa Department of Public Health
- Iowa American Association of University Women
- Iowa College Aid's LGBTQIA Student Forum
- Iowa Rural Health's Health Equity Panel
- Latinos in Iowa Presentation at Drake University
- Latinos In Iowa Presentation at Iowa State University's Latinx Studies Program
- Latina Leadership Initiative's Professionals Panel
- Trans Health Series Panel
- West Des Moines Community Connections Panel

Community Involvement

- Al Exito's Meet the Leaders Night
- Partnership with EMBARC to provide language access during the pandemic
- Established the Immigrant and Refugee Coalition
- The Office continues to serve as an information, resource, and referral for Iowa's Latinos, state/local government agencies, non-profit organizations, and other entities.

2021 Projects & Initiatives:

- Spanish Helpline:
 - Grant compliance oversight
 - Hiring, supervision, and oversight of the Linea's full-time coordinator and four AmeriCorps staff members
 - Establishing the Iowa Latino Alliance
- Development of a Polk County Latino Case Advisory Coalition
- Latinos CAN-College Access Network administration while the coordinator position is open (since October 2020)
- Working with the Commission on a COVID-19 vaccine outreach plan
- Monthly Facilitation of:
 - PILA Educational Webinars
 - Des Moines Latino Service Providers Coalition Meeting
 - Marshalltown Latino Service Providers Coalition Meetings

Representation in Statewide Committees/Task Forces/Advisory Boards

Committee/Task Force/Advisory Board
Abuse Later in Life Coordinated Community Response Team (Office of the Attorney General)
Complete County Committee (Iowa Department of Public Health)
Cultural Equity Alliance (Iowa Department of Human Services)
Day of the Dead Planning Committee (Des Moines Art Center)
Des Moines Area Community College Advisory Board
Early Childhood Iowa Equity Team (Iowa Department of Education)
Iowa Disaster Human Resource Council (Iowa Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Management)
Iowa HIV & HVC Committee (Iowa Department of Public Health)
Iowa Human Trafficking Multi-Disciplinary Team (Attorney General's Office)
Iowa Literacy Council (Iowa Department of Education)
Health Equity Working Group (Iowa Rural Health Association)
Iowa Special Education Advisory Panel (Iowa Department of Education)
Extension and Outreach State Advisory Committee (Iowa State University)
Latina Leadership Initiative Governance Committee
LGBTQ Leadership Institute Outreach Committee (One Iowa)
Queer Supports Advisory Team- LCAN
The Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) Planning Committee (Iowa Department of Public Health)
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services/CBO/AILA Committee