

Appendix E

List of Resources

This appendix offers a listing of some of the statewide agencies and groups working on Latino health issues in North Carolina and nationwide. The organizations are listed alphabetically. This is not, by any means, a comprehensive list.

NORTH CAROLINA RESOURCES

AgrAbility Program

NC Vocational Rehabilitation Services/Independent Living Program

2801 Mail Service Center

Raleigh, NC 27699-2801

Tel. (919) 855-3521

Fax (919) 733-1628

email: katie.pomerans@ncmail.net

Program Coordinator: Katie Pomerans

The AgrAbility Program's mission is to increase access to independent living, vocational rehabilitation and assistive technology services/education for agricultural populations and Latino residents in North Carolina.

Area Health Education Centers (AHEC)

Spanish Language and Cultural Training Initiative

www.hhcc.areasahcec.dst.nc.us/ahcecspaninif.html

email: monique.mackey@ncmail.net

The North Carolina Spanish Language & Cultural Training Initiative is a statewide collaborative effort to promote increased Spanish language fluency and related cultural competencies through a multilevel training program. The effort includes interpreter training (based in the NC OMHHD), Spanish language training for health professionals (based at the UNC School of Public Health), mental health trainings, and extensive resources. Funded by The Duke Endowment.

Ayúdate

www.ayudate.org

Ayúdate is a website produced in partnership with the North Carolina Governor's Office for Hispanic/Latino Affairs, North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service, and El Pueblo, Inc. It offers a listing, by county, of nonprofit organizations, churches, and media outlets that offer services to Latinos. It also provides information in both Spanish and English on education, housing, drivers' licenses, health topics, and natural disasters. The website is regularly updated.

There are more than 80 Latino non-profit organizations throughout NC. Several of them are involved in health and implement local health initiatives.

El Pueblo, Inc.

118 S. Person St.

Raleigh, NC 27601

Tel. (919) 835-1525

Fax (919) 825-1526

www.elpueblo.org

Executive Director: Andrea Bazan Manson, MSW, MPH

El Pueblo, Inc. is a statewide advocacy and policy organization dedicated to strengthening the Latino community, and serves as the umbrella organization to local Latino entities. El Pueblo has programs in several areas: leadership development, youth, cultural, advocacy, civic participation, capacity building, trainings, public safety, education and health. Its health initiatives include its work with the Latino Health Task Force, developing a Latino legislative agenda with health recommendations, sponsorship of conferences related to Latino health, annual Health Fair as part of La Fiesta del Pueblo, contract work on Latino health topics, and participation in health coalitions.

Farmworker Health Alliance

www.ncfarmworkerhealth.org/ncfha.html

The North Carolina Farmworker Health Alliance was formed in 1994 to streamline and consolidate the activities of health care providers and health advocates for migrant and seasonal farmworkers in North Carolina. The Alliance is administered and staffed by the following agencies: the Office of Research, Demonstrations, and Rural Health Development and the North Carolina Primary Health Care Association. The Alliance works to increase bilingual health services, strengthen partnerships with other organizations, promote policies that improve the health of farmworkers, educate the public about farmworkers, and staff the farmworker health education library.

Governor's Office of Hispanic/Latino Affairs

Governor's Advisory Council on Hispanic/Latino Affairs

116 W. Jones Street

Raleigh, NC 27603

Tel. (919) 733-5361

Fax (919) 733-2120

Director of Hispanic/Latino Affairs: Nolo Martínez

This office—first begun by Governor Jim Hunt in 1998 and continued by Governor Mike Easley—coordinates and develops state and local programs that meet the needs of the Hispanic/Latino residents of the state. It also works with the different state agencies to develop awareness and improve services to Latino communities in North Carolina. The office serves as staff to the Governor's Advisory Council of Hispanic/Latino Affairs, a 15-member appointed body.

North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services

North Carolina Farmworker Health Program (NCFHP)

Office of Research, Demonstrations and Rural Health Development (ORDRHD)

2009 Mail Service Center

Raleigh, NC 27699-2009

Tel. (919) 733-2040

Fax (919) 733-8300

Director: Elizabeth Freeman Lambar

The North Carolina Farmworker Health Program (NCFHP), within the Office of Research, Demonstrations and Rural Health Development, uses federal migrant funding to expand the availability of primary and preventive health services to migrant and seasonal farmworkers. NCFHP contracts with health care providers and outreach workers to support their work during and outside clinic hours, primarily in the evenings and weekends, to reach migrant and seasonal farmworkers when they are not working.

North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services

Migrant Fee-for-Service Program

Division of Public Health

NC Dept. of Health and Human Services

1915 Mail Service Center

Raleigh, NC 27699-1915

Tel. (919) 715-3113

Program Manager: John Griswold

The NC Migrant Fee-for-Service Program is run by the state Division of Public Health. This program uses state funds to pay private doctors, dentists, pharmacists and hospital outpatient clinics for ambulatory health care provided to migrant farmworkers and their families across the state. (The program does not serve seasonal farmworkers.) Reimbursement is also available for prescribed medications, diagnostic tests, medical supplies, and equipment. The program offers four yearly regional workshops for local providers on reimbursement.

North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services

Office of Citizen Services

CARE-LINE 1-800-662-7030, (919) 733-4261

Hispanic Ombudsman: Rogelio Valencia

The Care-Line is a statewide information and referral line available in Spanish and English. The toll-free line provides information on human and health services throughout North Carolina. The agency can also provide information and referrals on issues related to bilingual materials, locating bilingual staff, and evaluating bilingual applicants.

North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services

Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities

Hispanic Health Task Force

Interpreter Training Initiative

1906 Mail Service Center

Raleigh, NC 27699-1906

Tel. (919) 715-0992

Fax (919) 715-0997

Executive Director: Barbara Pullen-Smith, MPH

The Hispanic Health Task Force (HHTF) was established in 1995 by the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities (OMHHD) to respond to the increasing health and human services needs of the Hispanic/Latino populations in North Carolina. The HHTF is organized by the OMHHD to address the needs of the increasing Latino population, identify access barriers to health and human services and recommend strategies to improve those services. Several agencies, both within and outside of DHHS, participate in the group.

The Interpreter Training Initiative is part of the AHEC effort (described below) and coordinates trainings for interpreters in health and human service settings, as well as develops policy around interpreter issues.

North Carolina Primary Health Care Association

875 Walnut St., Suite 150

Cary, NC 27511

Tel. (919) 469-5701

Fax (919) 469-1263

www.ncphca.org

Executive Director: Sonya Bruton

The North Carolina Primary Health Care Association (NCPHCA) is a state association of federally-funded, community and migrant health centers. NCPHCA's mission is to promote and support community-governed health care organizations and the populations they serve. The Association offers advocacy, representation, and technical assistance in the areas of clinical services, migrant/seasonal farmworkers, community development, behavioral health, Latino health, women's health, facility development, and administrative operations. NCPHCA's strategies include extensive outreach, education and training.

North Carolina Occupational Safety and Health (NCOSH) Project

1422 Broad Street

Durham, NC 27705

Tel. (919) 286-9249

Fax (919) 286-4857

www.ncosh.org

NCOSH Latino Outreach Coordinator: Armando Carbajal

NCOSH is a nonprofit organization of workers, attorneys, health professionals, and union locals. Its mission is to improve workplace safety and health conditions for all working people in North Carolina. NCOSH offers education and training on occupational health and safety in both English and Spanish. One of its initiatives is the Association of Latino Workers of North Carolina (AST-

LANC), an organization that works to unite Latino workers in construction, landscaping, factories, meat processing, restaurants, and farming.

NATIONAL RESOURCES

The National Center for Farmworker Health (NCFH)

1770 FM 967
Buda, TX 78610
Tel. (512) 312-2700
Fax (800) 531-5120
info@ncfh.org

Established in 1974, the NCFH is dedicated to improving the health status of farmworker families by providing information services and products to a network of more than 500 migrant health center service sites in the United States as well as other organizations and individuals serving the farmworker population. The NCFH is a private, not-for-profit corporation located in Buda, Texas, whose mission is "to improve the health status of farmworker families through appropriate application of human, technical, and information resources."

National Council of La Raza

Institute for Hispanic Health
1111 19th Street, N.W., Suite 1000
Washington, DC 20036
Tel. (202) 785-1670
Fax (202) 776-1792
<http://www.nclr.org/policy/health.html>

The National Council of La Raza is the largest and most well known Hispanic civil rights institution in the US. NCLR's Institute for Hispanic Health (IHH) is dedicated to reducing the incidence, burden, and impact of health problems among Latinos. IHH works in close partnerships with NCLR affiliates (El Pueblo is a NC affiliate), government agencies, private funders, and other Hispanic-serving organizations to deliver quality health interventions. Current IHH initiatives include a lay health advisor project, the National Latino Diabetes Initiative, multimedia health promotion campaigns targeted at Latinos, and the Latino Children's Health Insurance Initiative.

National Health Law Program

North Carolina Office
211 N. Columbia Street, 2nd Floor
Chapel Hill, NC 27514-3503
Tel. (919) 968-6308
Fax (919) 968-8855
www.healthlaw.org
Director of Legal Affairs, NC: Jane Perkins

The National Health Law Program (NHeLP) is a national public interest law firm that seeks to improve health care for America's working and unemployed poor, minorities, the elderly and people with disabilities. NHeLP serves legal services programs, community-based organizations, the private bar, providers and individuals who work to preserve a health care safety net for millions of uninsured or underinsured low-income people. The organization does not pro-

vide legal advice to individuals, but does provide litigation services, training, research and consulting. NHeLP has a North Carolina office located in Chapel Hill.

United States Department of Health and Human Services

Office for Civil Rights-Region IV
Atlanta Federal Center, Suite 3B70
61 Forsyth Street, S.W.
Atlanta, GA 20202-8909
Tel. (404) 562-7886
Fax (404) 562-7881
www.hhs.gov/ocr

Through prevention and elimination of unlawful discrimination, the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) helps the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) carry out its overall mission of improving the health and well-being of all people affected by its many programs. OCR protects civil rights through investigations, voluntary dispute resolution, enforcement, technical assistance, policy development and information services. Major areas of interest and initiatives include immigrant access, Limited English Speaking Persons and nondiscriminatory quality health care. The regional office with responsibility for investigative and outreach activities in North Carolina is located in Atlanta, GA.

United States Department of Health and Human Services

Office of Minority Health-Region IV Office
61 Forsyth Street, S.W., Suite 5B-59
Atlanta, GA 30303-8909
Tel. (404) 562-7905
Fax (404) 562-7899
www.omhrc.gov

Created by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in 1985, the Office of Minority Health (OMH) advises the Secretary and the Office of Public Health and Science (OPHS) on public health issues affecting American Indians and Alaska Natives, Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and Other Pacific Islanders, Blacks/African Americans, and Hispanics/Latinos. The mission of OMH is to improve the health of racial and ethnic populations through the development of effective health policies and programs that help to eliminate disparities in health. The regional office that covers North Carolina is located in Atlanta, GA.