

Voces Unidas Para Salud:

Codesigning Culturally Appropriate Care Models in Hartford

Need for Action...



Latinos in Hartford face major healthcare barriers, including language barriers, gaps in insurance coverage and eligibility, and discriminatory treatment in care settings, leading to delays in accessing care and poor health outcomes.



Project Description:

Voces Unidas para Salud is a community-driven initiative led by the Health Disparities Institute (HDI) in partnership with the Hispanic Health Council. The project aims to **expand culturally appropriate healthcare** for Spanish-speaking residents in Hartford, Connecticut by developing and implementing **resident-identified solutions** over a two-year, three-phase process.

- Conduct focus groups with Spanish-speaking residents of Hartford to identify barriers & solutions to healthcare access.
- Analyze findings to guide training and policy recommendations.

Phase #1

- Collaborate with project partners to establish a planning committee of healthcare providers and Hartford residents.
- Engage healthcare providers & residents in discussions to shape culturally responsive care strategies based off focus group data.

Phase #2

- Facilitate training about culturally responsive care strategies for healthcare providers and leaders that serve Hartford.
- Offer webinars & self-paced training modules for providers.
- Develop healthcare policy recommendations to disseminate to policy and healthcare leaders across Connecticut.

Phase #3

Project Partner:



Project Funder:



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