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LATINO CENTER FOR HEALTH

ENGAGING LATINO COMMUNITIES

Small Grants Program

The Latino Center for Health is pleased to offer up to \$70,000 in awards for community academic partnerships and pilot projects to promote Latinx health. Two levels of funding are available: Community and academic partners that are in the early stages of collaboration can apply for small grants of up to \$5,000 to support planning for future research projects. Those applying to conduct pilot research projects can request up to \$20,000. Funds may be awarded to the community organization, the researcher's institution or both. We evaluate the scientific merit, significance, approach, level of innovation, strength of community partnership, and feasibility of the proposed research. We encourage proposals that address our priority research areas (health care access and utilization, behavioral health, violence prevention, and occupational health).

For more information, please contact: latcntr@uw.edu

2018 Awardees

\$20,000 Recipients

Partners: Liz Nolan, Vice President of Marketing, Outreach & Wellness Services, Valley Medical Center
Dr. Lorena Alarcon-Casas Wright, Clinical Assistant Professor, UW Endocrine and Diabetes Care Center

Project: **Compañeros en Salud: Adapting and Pilot Testing Culturally-Tailored Diabetes Self-Management Program for Urban Latinos**

In partnership with Valley Medical Center, this one-year project conducted by the UW Diabetes Care Center aims to use comparative effectiveness research to compare a culturally tailored diabetes self-management education (DSME) program (Compañeros en Salud) to the same DSME program combined with the personalized medicine component of continuous glucose monitoring with urban Latinos in Western Washington. Using a two-arm randomized controlled trial design in addition to existing qualitative data, this study intends to create a DSME program tailored to the unique values and preferences of urban Latinos in Western Washington.

Partners: Joana Ramos, President of Board of Directors, Washington State Coalition for Language Access (WASCLA)
Carmen Gonzalez, Assistant Professor, UW Department of Communication

Project: **Evaluating the Use of Technology in Language Assistance Programs Serving Latino and Other LEP Communities in Washington State**

The UW Language Access Research for Community Health (LARCH) Coalition and the Washington State Coalition for Language Access (WASCLA) are collaborating with the intent of addressing disparities in access to services and health outcomes for limited English proficiency (LEP) persons, particularly Latinos. The project aims are to launch a statewide healthcare provider survey and conduct qualitative interviews with Spanish-speaking LEP patients and providers to (1) identify the availability and nature of language assistance programs in

Washington and examine their use of technology; and (2) explore provider and patient experiences of engaging technologies and health information tools to provide/receive services in patients' preferred language. Findings from this two-year project will inform the rural and urban provider and patient technology engagement practices to access health information and language assistance services.

Partners: Dr. Ricardo Jimenez, Medical Director, Sea Mar Community Health Centers
Dr. Sara P.D. Chrisman, Assistant Professor, UW Medicine Pediatrics

Project: **Developing Support Materials for Provider-Initiated Conversations about Concussion Safety with Limited English Proficient Hispanic Families**

The goal of this research program is to ensure that limited English proficient (LEP) Hispanic parents in two low resource regions of King county have the knowledge and skills necessary to advocate for their children regarding sports-related concussion. Specifically, this research program aims to (1) develop provider support materials to facilitate culturally and linguistically appropriate discussions about safety during Pre-participation Physical Evaluations (PPEs, sports physicals); and (2) conduct a pilot evaluation of the feasibility and acceptability of provider-support materials developed in Aim 1 for initiating conversations about concussion during the PPE and explore the impact of these conversations on parent concussion knowledge and self-efficacy regarding care seeking for concussion. Utilizing a participant-engaged framework, this project will result in an innovative approach to educating LEP Hispanic parents of youth athletes regarding concussion safety, and more broadly to mitigating the disparities in accessing care for Hispanic youth with concussion.

\$5,000 Recipients

Partners: Marcos Martinez, Executive Director, Casa Latina
Dr. Beatrice Gandara, Director, Office of Educational Partnerships and Diversity and Clinical Associate Professor, Department of Oral Medicine, UW School of Dentistry

Project: **The Urban Oral Health Promotores Project**

This partnership between Casa Latina and OEPD is a collaborative effort to generate a 12-month project whose aims are, first, to develop and assess a workforce training program that empowers pre-dental undergraduate students from Hispanic backgrounds in their pathway to health professional careers; and second, to simultaneously improve the oral health of their communities by health education and assistance with access to care.

Partners: Dr. Peter Asante, Pediatrician at Yakima Pediatric Associates and Hospitalist at Seattle Children's Hospital, Department of Hospital Medicine
Dr. Kathleen Kieran, Associate Professor, Pediatric Urology, Seattle Children's Hospital

Project: **Identifying Barriers to Transition of Care for Rural Latino Children in Yakima with Special Healthcare Needs**

This one-year project proposal will strengthen a partnership between investigators at the Yakima Pediatric Associates clinic and the Pediatric Urology department of Seattle Children's Hospital to identify primary care and subspecialty providers in Eastern Washington who are willing to see children with special health care needs (CSHCN) in the local setting. Using focus group data, the proposed research project will also identify common concerns/challenges faced by families during the process of care transition for CSHCN as well as barriers to transitional care in Eastern Washington from the provider perspective.