



Bringing Oregonians Together

Oregon Latino Agenda for Action



"It was a good process that led to a satisfying agreement...."

—OLAA participant

Timeline

2008 – 2010

Region

Statewide

Participants

La Cumbre Hispana PDX; Non-profit Association of Oregon; Portland State University School of Community Health; Linfield College; Tuality Healthcare; Pacific University; United Way; Miracle Main Stage; Bellas Artes; Multnomah County Health Department

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Background

Latinos compose nearly 11% of Oregon's population. Concerned about the disparities in health, income and education for Latinos in the state, leaders from Portland State University's School of Community Health and the Multnomah County Health Department brought together dozens of representatives of Latino community organizations, agencies, and educational programs to develop a plan for developing a statewide agenda for action and building one united voice – *una voz unida* for the Latino community in Oregon. Through a series of open meetings facilitated by Oregon Consensus, the group created the Oregon Latino Agenda for Action (OLAA), a statewide network representing broad Latino interests.

Results

An OLAA public summit in October 2010 brought together more than 200 people to discuss Latino needs. The group developed OLAA's first prioritized agenda for guiding development of public policies to improve the lives of Latinos in Oregon. OLAA is now implementing the top priorities identified at the summit.

OLAA plans to develop a comprehensive report about the state of the Latino community in Oregon and to create an institute to carry forth the work of the coalition.

For more information about the Oregon Latino Agenda for Action see <http://www.olaaction.org/>

