

Additional resources for communicating with Spanish speaking populations about health related issues

The following resources were selected because they may help you communicate emergency preparedness, risk and health messages to Spanish-speakers in your community.

Hispanic Health Coalition Information

The mission of the [Hispanic Health Coalition of Georgia](#) is "to promote health and social change in Latino/Hispanic communities by connecting individuals and organizations, and by providing leadership and advocacy on health issues." [HHCGA Board Members](#) are willing to serve as contacts if you have particular questions or needs.

Health Communication Print Trainings

The Department of Health and Human Services, Offices of Minority Health offers a guidebook, [*A Patient-Centered Guide to Implementing Language Access Services in Healthcare Organizations*](#) to help healthcare organizations implement effective language access services to meet the needs of their limited English proficient patients.

The Department of Health and Human Services, Offices of Minority Health also offers a toolkit entitled, [*Physician Toolkit and Curriculum: Resources to Implement Cross-Cultural Clinical Practice Guidelines for Medicaid Practitioners.*](#) This resource provides information on health disparities, impact of culture on health behaviors, clinical assessment, treatment planning, patient communication, clinical decision-making, and supporting appendices.

The California Endowment offers, [*A Manager's Guide to Cultural Competence Education for Health Care Professionals that*](#) includes information on how to structure a cultural competence training program, as well as resources to assist in setting up a training program to identify qualified trainers, and to assess the cultural competence of organizations and their personnel.

Self-Assessments-Cultural Competence

Georgetown University, Center for Child & Human Development provides a checklist, [**Promoting Cultural Diversity and Cultural Competency: Self-Assessment Checklist for Personnel Providing Behavioral Health Services and Supports to Children, Youth and their Families**](#) that is intended to heighten the awareness and sensitivity of personnel to the importance of cultural diversity and cultural competence in human service settings. It provides concrete examples of the kinds of values and practices that foster such an environment.

Latino/Hispanic Cultural Information

Listed are resources that provide information about Latino/Hispanic cultures in relation to health education.

[**Management Sciences for Health**](#) provides information on Hispanic/Latino cultures, the impact of culture on health risks and benefits, health disparities, beliefs about health, and principles for effective practice.

[**The Center for International Rehabilitation Research Information and Exchange**](#) offers .pdf and .html versions of interesting information for "culture brokers", specifically geared towards rehabilitation providers but including plenty of information that crosses over to other health fields. Of special note, is that the resources include in-depth discussions of 11 different cultures, including three from Latin America (Cuba, Mexico and the Dominican Republic), with information on family structure, beliefs towards illness and medicine, religion, immigration, and more.

The National Alliance for Hispanic Health offers [**A Primer for Cultural Proficiency: Towards Quality Health Services for Hispanics**](#) This primer will provide you with a better understanding of a Latino's unique family, work, spiritual, and physical beliefs, attitudes and behaviors.

Health Education Resources in Spanish to Provide to Community Members

There are a number of resources already available to help you provide information to Spanish-speaking audiences.

[Salud en Accion](#) from the National Hispanic/Latino Health Communication Research program includes resource materials on breast cancer, tobacco use, and other cancer education in Spanish.

[The National Alliance for Hispanic Health](#) offers a number of "fact sheets" in Spanish or in English on a number of topics. Note that emergency preparedness is one of the topics.

[Healthy Roads Media](#) offers this website with health information in four formats: print, sound, multimedia, and video, and actually has a number of languages in addition to Spanish and English. Topics include: Abuse, Asthma, Cancer, Dental, Diabetes, Infectious Diseases, Exercise, Health Services, Heart, Immunization, Nutrition, Smoking, Tuberculosis, and Women's Health.

[The National Network of Libraries of Medicine](#) offers a list of links on where to find Spanish-language resources on health, medicine and disease.

[The Department of Homeland Security](#) offers resources on emergency preparedness in Spanish, including resources for adolescents.

The Health Promotion Council of Southeastern Pennsylvania offers [A Health Resource Guide for Latinos with Diabetes](#) and other Latino-oriented education materials.

Both [MedLine](#) and the [NIH](#) have an entire treasury of materials in Spanish, including interactive tutorials on almost any health-related topic desired.