

2020 LATINX HEALTH POLICY PRIORITIES

DID YOU KNOW?

"55% of uninsured Californians are Latinx despite Latinxs being 40% of the total state population."

"52% of California's kids are Latinx."

"62% of Latinx children living in California live in a food insecure household, compared to 46% of all California children, and 24% of White children."

LATINO COALITION FOR A HEALTHY CALIFORNIA

The Latino Coalition for a Healthy California is a statewide health policy and advocacy organization committed to advancing policies and programs that address the health needs of the Latinx community in California. By reducing Latinx health inequities, we will achieve better health and wellness for all Californians.

LCHC has identified the following priorities that deserve particular consideration by lawmakers, regulatory agencies, health care and public health providers, and community health advocates. We advocate that all policies center equity and integrate community engagement processes in investments and implementation.

ACHIEVING HEALTH FOR ALL

LCHC supports policy reforms that increase access to affordable, high-quality healthcare, including linguistically and culturally appropriate physical, mental, and oral services for all.

- Expand health coverage to all regardless of immigration status to ensure all Californians have comprehensive health care.
- Address the lack of culturally and linguistically competent health services for Latinx communities and other communities of color by reducing disparities in access, utilization, and outcomes.
- Address social determinants of health by increasing and investing in the integration of promotores/community health workers in the delivery of primary health care.
- Respond to the increasing anxiety, stress, and trauma of federal immigration policies by increasing services and funding for school-based mental health services.
- Address the shortage of Spanish speaking primary care physicians in medically underserved areas of California by expanding and investing in programs like International Medical Graduate Program (IMGs) and UC Programs in Medical Education (PRIME).

BUILDING HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

LCHC supports policy reforms that shift the social, built, and natural environment of communities to reduce chronic disease and injuries that promote population health.

- Eradicate food insecurity by increasing access to healthy food options, including eliminating eligibility and enrollment restrictions to food assistance programs.
- Address environmental injustice by increasing opportunities for physical activity through investments in safe green spaces free of pollution (i.e. parks and urban gardens) in communities of color.

"Roughly half of California's 9 million children live in a family with at least one parent who is foreign-born."

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- Promote comprehensive violence prevention strategies and expand access and use of community-based violence prevention programs, such as the creation of the Office of Healthy and Safe Communities.
- Reduce homelessness and economic insecurity by increasing affordable and accessible housing for low-income communities.
- Increase access to high-quality, culturally-informed early childhood and K-12 education, including universal pre-K and English-Spanish Learner (ESL) supports.
- Address the climate crisis and its health impacts on Latinx communities and other communities of color through the adoption of mitigation and adaptation strategies that create access to resources and protective measures.
- Promote civic engagement among Latinx youth and immigrant communities by ensuring a complete and accurate count of the 2020 Census and participation in federal, state, and local elections.

HEALTH IS A FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHT

- Fight discrimination and uphold the human right to health by reforming federal immigration policies that worsen health disparities, including the fight to prevent implementation of the public charge rule.
- Eliminate healthcare barriers for Latinas'/xs' to protect and advance reproductive health rights.

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