



Formed in 2003, the Latino Health Alliance (LHA) brings together a variety of statewide organizations to build an alliance that would serve as an effective voice to increase access and opportunities that would positively impact the health of Latino families in California.

The LHA member organizations represent constituencies dedicated to the health and well-being of the Latino community with expertise in health education, service delivery, health disparities, Latino research, and advocacy. LHA members leverage their resources and networks to impact state-level policy, protect and increase funding for health services to California’s Latino community, and increase awareness of programs and services to Latinos and health providers. Through their networks, these organizations reach thousands of Latino leaders and health professionals and affect lives of over 3.5 million Latinos in California.

The members of LHA include: Council of Mexican Federations (COFEM)<sup>1</sup>, California Immigrant Policy Center (CIPC), California Latinas for Reproductive Justice (CLRJ), California Primary Care Association (CPCA), Latino Coalition for a Healthy California (LCHC), Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF) and the National Council of La Raza (NCLR).

<sup>1</sup> Designates lead coordinating partner for 2010. Lead partner role rotates each year.

## MEMBER ROSTER

<b>Council of Mexican Federations (COFEM)</b>	
<p>COFEM promotes the advancement of the Latino community in North America through public policy advocacy, community organizing, leadership and organizational development, educational and cultural programs, and bi-national economic development. COFEM was established by a league of organizations more commonly known as Hometown Associations (HTA) comprised of people who share ideas and participate in efforts to improve the quality of life of Latino immigrants in the US.</p> <p>COFEM’s work focuses on areas of greatest impact and interest to the Latino immigrant community, including education, health, civic participation, bi-national economic development, and organizational development.</p>	<p>Arturo Carmona Executive Director 125 Paseo de la Plaza, Suite 101 Los Angeles, CA 90012 (213) 417-8380 <a href="mailto:acarmona@cofem.org">acarmona@cofem.org</a></p> <p>Vanessa Armayo Deputy Executive Director 125 Paseo de la Plaza, Ste 101 Los Angeles, CA 90012 (213) 417-8385 <a href="mailto:varmayo@cofem.org">varmayo@cofem.org</a></p>
<b>California Immigrant Policy Center (CIPC)</b>	
<p>Founded in 1996, the California Immigrant Policy Center (CIPC) is a statewide organization that seeks to inform public debate and policy decisions on issues affecting the state’s immigrants and their families in order to improve the quality of life for all Californians.</p> <p>CIPC works to protect and enhance the well-being of low-income immigrants in California by advocating for policies that address and respect the needs and contributions of immigrants and their families. CIPC provides research, trainings, and public education on immigrant issues affecting all Californians. CIPC is a project of the Asian Pacific American Legal Center, the National Immigration Law Center, the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles, and Services, Immigrant Rights and Education Network (SIREN) of San Jose.</p>	<p>Reshma Shamasunder Director 1145 Wilshire Blvd., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Los Angeles, CA 90017 (213) 241-0273</p> <p>Statewide Policy Analyst 1225 8th Street, Suite 590 Sacramento, CA 95814 (916) 448-6762</p>
<b>California Latinas for Reproductive Justice (CLRJ)</b>	
<p>California Latinas for Reproductive Justice (CLRJ) is a statewide policy and advocacy organization dedicated to advancing Latinas’ reproductive health and rights within a social justice and human rights framework. Through policy advocacy, leadership development,</p>	<p>Marisol Franco Director of Policy and Advocacy P.O. Box 412225 Los Angeles, CA 90041</p>

<p>Latina-led research, alliance and movement building, CLRJ advances the following Core Policy Goals on behalf of the most underserved Latinas in California:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To ensure access to comprehensive, accurate, and unbiased reproductive and sexual health/rights information and comprehensive reproductive and sexual health services that are culturally and linguistically appropriate</li> <li>2. To ensure information, services, educational and social supports are in place in order to have healthy, productive, and economically secure futures</li> <li>3. To advance a Latina reproductive justice framework that reflects Latinas needs and priorities; engages Latinas in the policy process; and promotes reproductive justice movement-building</li> </ol>	<p>(213) 270-5258  <a href="mailto:marisol.clri@gmail.com">marisol.clri@gmail.com</a></p> <p>Nancy Sanchez  Associate Director  P.O. Box 412225  Los Angeles, CA 90041</p>
<b>California Primary Care Association (CPCA)</b>	
<p>Since 1994, the California Primary Care Association (CPCA) has been the statewide leader representing California's over 800 community clinics and health centers and their 4 million patients. CPCA represents not-for-profit community clinics and health centers (CCHCs) that provide comprehensive, quality health care services, particularly for low-income, uninsured and underserved Californians, who might otherwise not have access to health care.</p> <p>In 2008, CCHCs provided health care services to nearly 2.4 million Latino patients, and 45% of their patients reported that English was not their primary language. CCHCs serve everyone who walks through their doors, regardless of their ability to pay.</p>	<p>Carmela Castellano-Garcia, Esq.  President &amp; CEO  1231 I Street, Suite 400  Sacramento, CA 95814</p> <p>Aracely Navarro  Regional Advocate  1231 I Street, Suite 400  Sacramento, CA 95814  (916) 440-8170  <a href="mailto:anavarro@cpca.org">anavarro@cpca.org</a></p>
<b>Latino Coalition for a Healthy California (LCHC)</b>	
<p>The Latino Coalition for a Healthy California (LCHC) – the only statewide organization with a specific emphasis on Latino health – was founded in 1992 by health care providers, consumers and advocates to impact Latino health through enhanced research, public policy and advocacy, and community education. LCHC works in three key strategic areas: access to health care, health disparities, and community health. With a membership of 2,400 health professionals, community members and elected officials throughout the state, LCHC has positioned itself as a leader committed “to develop and support policies, services and conditions that will improve the health of Latinos.”</p>	<p>Carmela Castellano-Garcia, Esq.  Board Chair  1225 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 550  Sacramento, CA 95814</p> <p>Chad Silva  Policy Associate  1225 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 550  Sacramento, CA 95814  (916) 448-3234  <a href="mailto:csilva@lchc.org">csilva@lchc.org</a></p>
<b>Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF)</b>	
<p>MALDEF is the nation’s leading Latino legal civil rights organization that promotes social change through advocacy, communications, community education, and litigation. With its forty year history, MALDEF has made significant contributions in securing the rights for Latinos in the areas of education, employment, immigrant rights, and political access at both the state and federal levels. MALDEF re-opened its Sacramento policy office in May of 2010.</p>	<p>Thomas A. Saenz  President &amp; General Counsel  634 S. Spring Street  Los Angeles, CA 90014</p> <p>Jeanette Zanipatin  Legislative Staff Attorney  1512 14<sup>th</sup> Street  Sacramento, CA 95814  (916) 440-3031  <a href="mailto:izanipatin@maldef.org">izanipatin@maldef.org</a></p>
<b>National Council of La Raza (NCLR)</b>	
<p>NCLR – the largest national Hispanic civil rights and advocacy organization in the United States – works to improve opportunities for Hispanic Americans. NCLR’s California network of 57 affiliated community-based organizations, reaches over 1.1 million Latinos throughout the state each year.</p> <p>The NCLR California Region focuses on strengthening the capacity of the nonprofit Affiliate network to be more effective in the areas of education, health, housing/community development, workforce development, and advocacy. NCLR’s role as convener, facilitator, capacity-builder, and collaborator create strong partnerships that result in greater empowerment and progress on behalf of California’s Latino community.</p>	<p>Delia de la Vara  VP, California Region</p> <p>Patricia Rivera  Assoc. Dir., Inst. for Hisp. Health  (213) 89-3428, x2209  <a href="mailto:privera@nclr.org">privera@nclr.org</a></p> <p>Pedro Silva  Org. &amp; Capacity-Building Strategist  523 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, #550  Los Angeles, CA 90014  (213) 489-3428, x2206  <a href="mailto:psilva@nclr.org">psilva@nclr.org</a></p>