JUNTOS Center for Advancing Latino Health

JUNTOS seeks to generate and disseminate knowledge to eliminate health disparities in the under-served Latino communities in Kansas. This work is accomplished through research, training, community partnerships and service. The main goal is to develop a comprehensive sustainable program at University Kansas Medical Center, fully integrated with the Latino community in Kansas that will both improve the health of the community and advance the field of health services research.

Activities:
- Conduct community-based recruitment.
- Assist with study implementation and provide support for early development work.
  - Translate study-related materials such as informed consent forms, surveys and recruitment flyers.
  - Develop and adapt bilingual materials to appropriate health literacy level.
- Connect researchers with a solid and growing community-based network.
- Identify validated research instruments in Spanish.
- Tailor research protocols to address specific needs of the Latino population.
- Work with Juntos Community Advisory Board and Promotoras de Salud to review and pilot-test research materials.
  - Provide support for development of bilingual multi-media study materials: video-consents, audio-recordings, website content, educational videos, and text-messages.
- Conduct community outreach.
  - Support coordinated bilateral efforts between KUMC and Mexico to conduct research, teaching and information exchange in the field of Latino Health in partnership with the OIP.
- Conduct Qualitative research in English and Spanish.
  - Promote the development of future healthcare providers competent in Latino health by providing KUMC students opportunities to interact with the Latino community and enhance their Spanish skills.

We facilitate inclusion of Latino participants in research & support cultural and linguistic accommodation of research interventions.

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