



STRATEGIC PLAN

LATINO CENTER FOR HEALTH

2026 - 2028

Mission

The Latino Center for Health provides leadership for community-engaged population health research through capacity building and authentic partnerships with community stakeholders. Our work informs policy and practice and promotes sustained improvements in the health and well-being of Latino communities in Washington state and across the region.

Values

- Meaningful, respectful, collaboration and partnership with diverse stakeholders, including Latino organizations, community leaders, advocates, government agencies, policymakers, students and researchers supporting and advancing the health and well-being of urban and rural Latino communities.
- Commitment to social justice, equity, including health equity, inclusion, and diversity in all aspects of our work.
- Community-centered and culturally responsive research that informs, impacts and advances Latino health.
- Recognition of Latinos as a diverse and evolving community, and a commitment to bringing this diversity to the forefront of our work.
- Dialogue and empowerment within LCH, fostering strong teamwork and a deep sense of community.

Strategic Priorities

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We prioritize timely, relevant, and community-informed research responsive to current and emerging issues impacting the health and well-being of urban and rural Latino communities throughout life span and across generations.

- **OUTCOME 1:** Conduct community-informed and culturally responsive research to effectively improve the health and well-being of of Latino communities and all Washingtonians statewide.
- **OUTCOME 2:** Increase opportunities for community voices to to meaningfully inform the research priorities and agenda of LCH.



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We bridge evidence to policy making in Washington state to positively impact Latino health and well-being for all by translating research to inform policy and practice, and by sharing findings through community partnerships, strategic engagement with policy-makers and diverse communication channels.

- **OUTCOME 1:** Convene diverse partners and disseminate research findings, along with policy and practice recommendations, to key policy and decision-makers to positively impact Latino health and well-being for all people in Washington state.
- **OUTCOME 2:** Provide evidence (e.g., policy briefs/reports, testimony) to inform legislative and governmental entities, educational institutions, and community organizations about the state of Latino physical and mental health, including policy recommendations to reduce and ultimately eliminate existing disparities and gaps, and to support the adoption and implementation of evidence-based best practices.

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We build a sustainable, resilient, and visionary Center to advance Latino health for current and future generations.

- **OUTCOME 1:** Foster an organizational culture in which LCH staff, faculty and students feel connected, supported, and empowered in pursuing the Center's mission.
- **OUTCOME 2:** Diversify and grow funding sources to sustain, strengthen, and expand the Center's programs, research, and impact.

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We foster, mentor, and support the next generation of leaders and workforce to advance the health and well-being of Latino communities.

- **OUTCOME 1:** Develop effective partnerships within the University of Washington and with academic institutions in our state and region to expand opportunities for learning, training, mentorship, and leadership development.
- **OUTCOME 2:** Support professional and graduate students in the health sciences through the Phyllis Gutiérrez-Kenney Graduate Student Scholars Fellowship and other initiatives.
- **OUTCOME 3:** Build capacity for students through practicums, applied learning opportunities, and collaborations with LCH, supporting hands-on experience, academic success, and professional growth.

