

Community Assessment & Resource Mapping for Spanish-Speaking Agricultural Workers in Northeastern Colorado

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Background

- Where: Northeastern Colorado rural communities
- Identifying resource gaps of underserved Spanish speaking agricultural workers
- Purpose: Information collected is displayed through a resource map
 - These resources have been integrated into an accessible map
 - Give target community a concrete, comprehensive tool to help them know what is available to them.



Challenges

- Distrust among Spanish-speaking community with outside research and groups
- Short duration of internship
 - Development of research tools takes time
 - Relationship building takes time
- Busy schedules of agricultural workers in the summer
- Useful events for research in early fall
- Resource availability constantly changing
- Many organizations and programs for agricultural workers, but often lack language services



Methods

To gather information about resources known to the community, we:

- Attended local events for agricultural workers
- Reached out to several churches in the area
- Spoke with leaders of organizations with a similar focus

3 methods used to question community members:

- In-person interviews
- Printed questionnaire
- Online questionnaire

Resource Mapping:

- Internet research
- Information from interviews & industry professionals



Recommendations

- Improve outreach methods of local mental health services
- Increase awareness of food pantries by advertising at job sites
- Promote low-income health insurance and support for applying
- Promote/provide support for getting a driver's license
- Assuring medical providers have Spanish-speaking staff
 - Individuals are more inclined to seek medical help
 - Prevents injuries and reduces their duration
- Community events where resources are advertised
 - English second language classes
 - Booths at local fairs
 - Job-hosted events

Objectives

- Create resource visuals/tools for the area
- Better understand resources (organizations, people, communities, etc.) available
- Identify gaps and challenges in resources/resource obtainment
- Connect with community members to create positive experiences around research projects
 - Provide information and support rather than just taking information



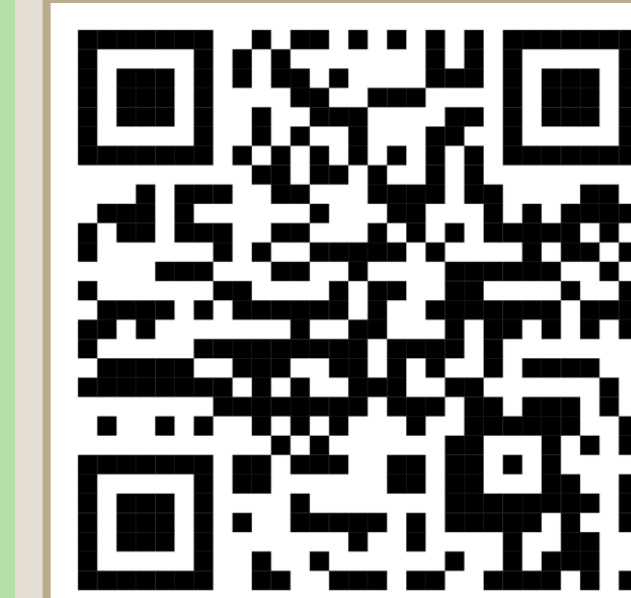
Findings

Common challenges/gaps in the community:

- 40% of individuals questioned do not have health insurance
- Sprains, strains, joint pains from work
- Stresses: Income, raising kids, distance from family
- Little to no use of local food pantries
- Limited awareness/information about public services for mental health
- No driver's license
- Access to care and information in Spanish
 - Hesitancy to seek medical support because of a lack of Spanish-speaking services



Resource Map



Resource Page



Questionnaire