

SPANISH LANGUAGE AND CULTURAL KNOWLEDGE IN MEDICAL CONTEXTS

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Introduction

- There is a Spanish/English language gap between professionals in medical and legal fields and their Spanish-speaking clients and patients.
- This research team wants to better understand this gap by surveying and interviewing professionals in these elds and the Spanish-speaking communities they work with.

Objective

- The purpose of this initiative is to better understand the Spanish/English language gap in medical and legal services in the US.
- It aims to understand how to improve medical and legal outcomes and build rapport between professionals and Spanish-speaking community through improved language and cultural understanding.



Logan County

- Family Resource Center
- Salud Family Health Centers
- Es Tiempo de crear
- Pop-Up! Health Clinic
- coloradofarmworkers.org



Methods & Analysis

- Methods: Interviews in Logan & Eagle county
- Participantes: Spanish Speaking Community Members

Trends

- Participants expressed feeling discriminated against in healthcare settings.
- Most common barriers that participants identified included: Lack of Health Insurance & Culture/Language Understanding
- Type of Interpretation is key!
- Language gaps prevent the trust between the patient and provider



Answered yes when asked if they felt discriminated against for race/legal status/health insurance



Next Steps

- Phase 1 -> Next Phase
- Transcriptions
 - Analyzing interview transcripts
 - Creating tasks for professionals



Eagle County

- Edwards, Eagle, Gypsum
- Mira Bus- Vail Health
- (Medicaid, SNAP, Health screenings)
- Center for Early Childhood Education
- Community Markets



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