

Implementing Spanish Language Programs

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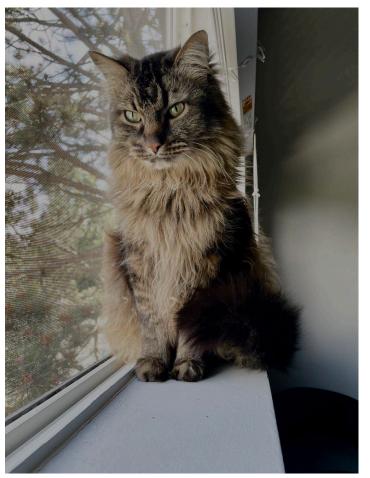
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Agenda

- Spanish-language programs overview
 - Q&A
- Discussion with Programs team
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- Discussion with Executive Director
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- Session Wrap Up



- Latino/Latina
- Latine/Latinx
- Latin American
- Hispanic

The need in the community

In King County:

- Hispanic/Latino people report mental distress at higher rates
- Access services 75% less than White counterparts
- Average time of onset of symptoms to pursuing care is 14 years

Nationwide:

- Only 35% of diagnosed Hispanic/Latino individuals are in care
- 5.5% of psychologists nationwide speak
 Spanish
- Decrease in availability of Spanish mental health services



Things to keep in mind

- There is no universal Spanish
 - 5 major dialects in US
- Official language in 20 countries
- Common in others like US
 - Over 40 million Spanish speakers in US

What do you know about the needs of the Latino community in your area? Are they being met?

Why do you think people may not reach out to services?

Reasons people may not reach out

- Lack of insurance
- Being undocumented
- Lack of availability of free services
- Racism within institutions deterring people from obtaining services
- Lack of Spanish speaking and/or culturally competent providers
- Lack of representation among providers/staff

NAMI Seattle's work

Signature Programs

- En Nuestra Propia Voz
- De Familia a Familia
- Familia y Amigos
- Conexión grupos de apoyo



Programs Perspective

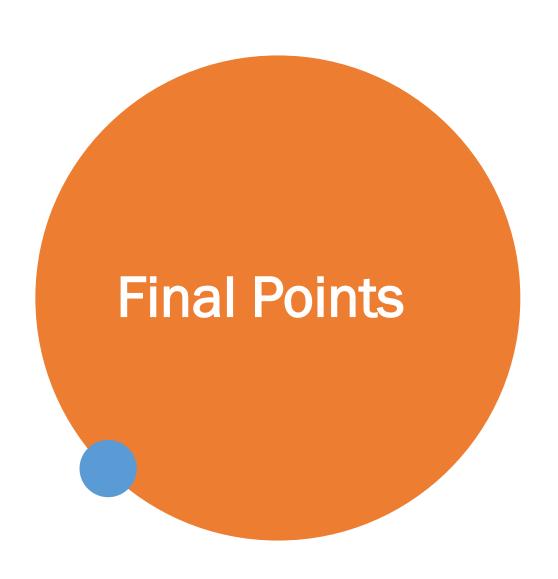


Executive Perspective



Looking towards the future

- Increased Spanish Programming
- Recruit more volunteers
- Recommend state trainers
- More partnerships and collaborations



- Spanish has many dialects
- Added layer of cultural stigma
- Latinos are not a monolith
- Accessing treatment can be difficult



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