

Ohio

Latino Affairs
Commission



2013 Annual Report

John Kasich, Governor
Lilleana Cavanaugh, MBA, Director

Fellow Ohioans,

This year’s annual report highlights the notable achievements accomplished by your Ohio Latino Affairs Commission. We are again pleased to document another impressive “return on your investment” with respect to the funds recommended by Governor Kasich and appropriated by the Ohio legislature for our agency. Our esteemed Commissioners and professional staff are also very pleased to report that by means of these resources we were able to significantly enhance our programming in 2013. Likewise, we are grateful to our interns and volunteers who helped us accomplish our strategic mission. Our volunteers provided over 977 hours of service to our agency which calculates in monetary terms to \$22,070.

We continue to foster strong partnerships with other federal, state, and local government agencies, non profit organizations, and Latino community leaders. We organized several successful conferences and summits on issues ranging from civil rights to economic development. We were truly honored to be officially recognized by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services as a “Champion of Coverage” as a result of our efforts to promote minority access to quality healthcare. This year we collaborated with L.E.O.N, a Columbus non profit, to host our Distinguished Hispanic Ohioan Awards ceremony.

As the new fiscal year commences, our commission is well poised to increase the reach of our organizations development center and we are in the process of hiring a part time staffer to manage our statutory mandate to build the capacity of Hispanic serving organizations in Ohio.

Our Commission also plans to expand the work of our interagency council so that we can continue to achieve efficiencies and cost savings across state government agencies in their services to Latinos in our state.

On behalf of all our commissioners and dedicated staff, thank you for your support of our service to the people of Ohio.

Respectfully,



Michael Florez
Board Chair



Mary Santiago
Vice-Chair



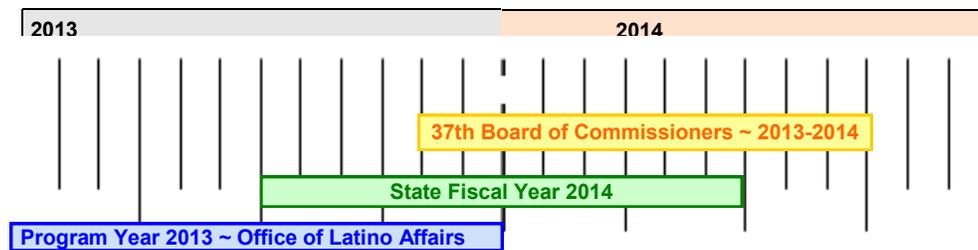
Tony Ortiz
Secretary

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Timeframes for the 2013 Annual Report

Note: This report covers the actions of the 37th Board of Commissioners from October 2013 through September 2014, the finances of the agency during Fiscal Year 2014 of the State of Ohio (July 2013 through June 2014), and the work of the Office of Hispanic/Latino Affairs from January through December 2013.



OHIO LATINO AFFAIRS GRF ALLOCATION FY 2012 – FY 2015		
<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>GRF allocation in \$</u>	<u>% Increase over FY 2013</u>
2012	295,706	-
2013	314,084	-
2014	377,961	20.34%
2015	392,776	25.05%

Board of Commissioners

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Representative Dan Ramos (D – District 56)
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January–June 2013
Representative Matt Lynch (R– District 76) July–
December 2013
Senator Gayle Manning (R– District 13)
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Advise. Connect. Build.

The purpose of the Ohio Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs is to advise state government on issues affecting Hispanic Ohioans, to connect the diverse Latino communities across the state, and to build the capacity of community organizations so they may better serve the fast growing Latino population of Ohio.

The Commission serves as a liaison between government and the Hispanic/Latino community in Ohio and advocates the development and implementation of policies and programs to address the needs of the Hispanic/Latino Ohioans, especially but not limited to education, employment, economic development, health and housing.

History

The Commission was created by Legislative Act and signed into Law by Governor James Rhodes on July 8, 1977. The Statute provided for eleven members on the Board of Commissioners appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate.

Statute requires that all Board members shall speak Spanish, shall be of Hispanic/Latino origin, and shall be American citizens or lawful, permanent resident aliens. The membership shall be representative of the geographical and numerical distribution of Ohio's Hispanic/Latino population. The Commission shall meet not less than six (6) times per calendar year, and six (6) members shall constitute a quorum.

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Latino Affairs Commission

2013 Milestones



451 Followers
1,200 Postings
1,567 Tweets



3,102
News and events
posted in OLANet and
shared with the community



137 new
pages and
resources
added to
website



38,336 web-
page views with
59.42%
return visitors



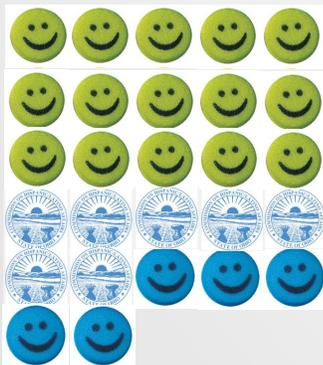
Civic Engagement

25 Hearings
Attended

63 meetings
with legislators

15 visits to
regions across the

26 testimonies
during hearings



**Hispanic Legislative
Visit Day**
270 total participants
150 First time visitors
70 Legislators



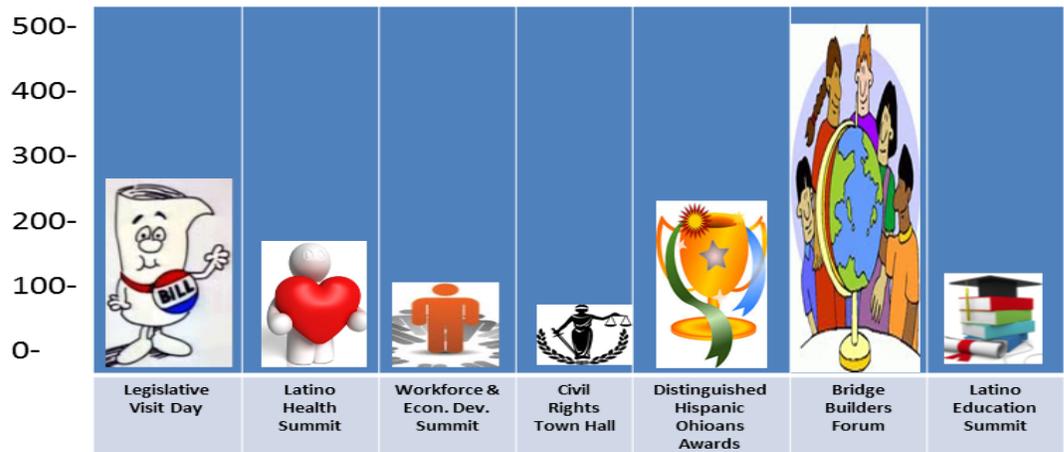
42 partners for
capacity building &
leadership
development

**47 Attendees at
Toledo communi-
ty roundtable**



Capacity Building

1245
People
engaged at
Summits
and
Conferences



Workforce and Economic Development Summit

OBJECTIVES:

- To provide Hispanic entrepreneurs and business owners the tools and resources they need to successfully benefit from the economic development opportunities that exist throughout the state of Ohio - both in the public and private sectors.
- To engage on face to face conversations with government officials charged with increasing minority business participation and provide feedback on successes and areas of possible improvement.
- To create a setting where small entrepreneurs have the opportunity to discuss and consider possible alliances/partnerships to participate in procurement and bidding opportunities.
- To offer participants the option of certification through the Center for Hispanic Leadership online Leadership Academy.
- To increase collaboration with state agencies and corporations.



Honda of America employees meet Glenn Llopis and Rafi Rodriguez with the Center for Hispanic Leadership .



Summit Partners: Ohio Latino Affairs Commission & The Center for Hispanic Leadership

Event Collaborators

- Small Business Administration, SBA
- Ohio Development Services Agency, (SBDC's & Minority Business Assistance Centers)
- Ohio Department of Job & Family Services, Ohio Means Jobs Center
- Ohio Department of Administrative Services, Equal Opportunity Division
- Treasurer, State of Ohio, Economic Development Programs
- Office of the Ohio Secretary of State
- ECDI—Economic and Community Development Institute
- Ohio Procurement Technical Assistance Center
- Center for Hispanic Leadership
- Honda of America
- Coca Cola
- Wendy's Restaurants



Latino Education Summit:

"Best Practices for the Latino Community"

Hispanics are the fastest-growing demographic group in the state of Ohio. Ohio's Hispanic population jumped more than 63% from 2000-2012. Ohio Hispanics are also a relatively young group, which means the enrollment of Hispanics at Ohio schools has increased dramatically.



The Learning Café , Springfield

Still, there are problems. Despite increased presence in Ohio schools, Hispanics students struggle at greater rates than do their demographic peers. Scholastic achievement and college attendance rates are lower among Hispanic students than among their peers and in some districts as many as 70% of Hispanic students drop out of school before finishing their diplomas. By bringing Ohio public school administrators, teachers, students and key agencies together we hope to foster dialogue on the reasons for these educational disparities and practical solutions to resolve them.



El Puente Learning Center, Dayton

SUMMIT OBJECTIVES:

- Identify, select and present best education practices to elevate the level of education in the Latino Community.
- Connect best practices to decision makers to implement at their respective communities.
- Connect Latino leaders, parents and agencies to work as a team to implement best practices in their regions.

The 2013 summit was hosted at Wright State University and co-chaired by Senator Peggy Lehner of Kettering – Chair of the Ohio Senate Education Committee and Senator Charleta B. Tavares – Commissioner on the board of the Ohio Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs. The event gathered administrators, students, teachers, leaders and members from each of the Ohio school districts with the highest enrollment of Hispanic students. Key agencies and organizations that play an important role in improving the delivery of service to Ohio's Hispanic students presented best practices and identified which of those best serve Hispanic students and which can be duplicated to improve service around the State.



2013 LATINO EDUCATION SUMMIT

BEST PRACTICE PROGRAMS

- *Cincinnati Public Schools*
- *ECHHO: Educators and Community Helping Hispanics Onward*
- *El Puente Learning Center, Dayton*
- *Hispanic Outreach Program, Springfield*
- *Northern Kentucky University, Office of Latino Student Affairs*
- *Ohio Department of Education: RttT - Race to the Top Program*
- *The Hispanic Council, Cuyahoga Community College, Cleveland*
- *The Ohio State University L.A.S.E.R. Program & College 101*

Bridge Builders Forum 2013

The Bridge Builders Forum is a day-long interactive event designed to provide Ohio’s underrepresented youth and parents the tools and motivation to complete high school and attend college. Participants attended workshops designed to promote students success, including topics setting and attaining goals, preparing for college and taking advantage of scholarship opportunities. Representatives from over 30 Ohio colleges and universities participated in the college fair.



Photo Source: Office of Diversity and Inclusion. The Ohio State University.

As with all other capacity building programs, the Ohio Latino Affairs Commission joined efforts with five other organizations to hosts this event that attracted 500 parents and students at the Ohio State University.

Event Partners



Latino Health Summit: “Prevention Is The Cure”

2013 OBJECTIVES:

- *To prevent rather than cure.*

Ohio’s Latino community suffers from many diseases that are much easier to avoid than to treat. A main objective of the summit was to stress a healthy lifestyle and regular preventive care rather than relying on the more expensive and often-avoidable treatment.

- *To reduce healthcare disparities.*

Ohio Latinos have inadequate access to appropriate healthcare and proper health insurance, and the community must combat this disparity through the promotion of health literacy and culturally-competent service provision.

- *To expand health policy and engagement.*

Proper access to healthcare and health insurance begins with the political process. In order to affect health policy in Ohio and, therefore health outcomes, Ohio Latinos must engage the policy process. Asserting the community’s power is the best way to ensure that the changing dynamic of healthcare in Ohio meets the unique needs of Ohio Latinos.

- *To ensure readiness for the Affordable Care Act implementation.*

Ohio Latinos could either benefit or suffer with the implementation of the Affordable Care Act, a major overhaul to U.S. healthcare. Arming our community with an understanding of the upcoming changes is critical to ensure that Ohio Latinos benefit from the new opportunities that the ACA affords them. Also, ensuring that community leaders and organizations are well equipped with contacts at the federal and local level is critical as they are quite frequently the first contact Hispanics will have to secure enrollment and cover important questions.



Summit Workshops Participants



Affordable Care Implementation Discussion -
Nita Carter, UHCAN Ohio; Brenda Delgado, Center for Medicaid & Medicare Services, Berry Peel, US Small Business Administration



Information Resources Exhibits

The summit's format included panels, group discussions, workshop settings and abundant networking opportunities. As in the previous year, heavy emphasis was placed on practical applications, best practices, tools and resources within a highly interactive environment to be able to provide participants and facilitators opportunities for in-depth issue discussions. Experts benefited by gaining a deeper understanding of the dynamics of the communities they serve, and community leaders and health experts received tools and information to make their work more effective and efficient.



The Affordable Care Act—Outreach and Implementation

Our agency has played an active role in the Affordable Care Act outreach efforts for Ohio and the region, receiving the honor to be recognized as a national Champion of Coverage. Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Kathleen Sebelius acknowledged more than 20 Hispanic organizations and businesses that have volunteered to help uninsured Americans get coverage through the Health Insurance Marketplace. These Champions for Coverage will help Latinos, as well as other racial and ethnic minorities, increase access to quality, affordable health coverage, invest in prevention and wellness, and give individuals and families more control over their care.





Multicultural Civil Rights Town Hall Know Your Rights and Responsibilities

The commission joined efforts with expert partners to bring forth the first Multicultural Civil Rights Town Hall. By expanding the focus to other communities representing Hispanic, Asian and African immigrant groups, we were able to provide expertise, context and exchange of information suitable to the growing New American community in Ohio. Seventy five leaders and eighteen experts conveyed for discussions to capture insight on how immigrants and New Americans interpret and understand civil rights, what are the barriers that hinder service delivery, and how outreach and communication can be improved.

The participation of Mr. Michael Payton, Director of the Ohio Civil Rights Commission, Mr. Carter Steward, US Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio, and Ms. Juliet Choi, Chief of Staff and Senior Advisor for US Dept. of Health and Human Services, Civil Rights Division added a critical leadership component to the event. Federal, state and local governments representatives had the opportunity to engage in sessions that will enable them to better understand actual service delivery and how does the immigrant interpret and translate civil rights to the reality of their lives in our communities.



Event Partners

CONVERSATION TOPICS:

- Knowing your employment rights: Equal Opportunity
- Knowing your language rights
- Knowing your responsibilities: Addressing Hate Crimes and Domestic Violence
- Protecting Civil Rights: Police Misconduct and Racial Profiling
- Knowing your rights: Housing Discrimination



State Representative Vernon Sykes (Akron) addresses Town Hall guests

Expanding Capacity for Civic Engagement Among Ohio Latinos

Empowering Ohio Latinos at the 2013 Ohio Hispanic Legislative Day

In February, OCHLA hosted the annual Hispanic Legislative Day, the Public Policy Center's biggest annual event. The event is designed to bring Ohio Hispanics to Columbus to engage their elected leaders on the issues impacting their communities, and to build the community's comfort with and capacity to access Ohio's political process.



Senator Joe Uecker addressed the audience at the 2013 Ohio Hispanic Legislative Day. Courtesy of The Clermont Sun.

The event's highlight was the dual keynote addresses. For the first time in Ohio's history, the General Assembly counts two Hispanics among its members - representatives Dan Ramos of Lorain and Rick Perales of Beaver Creek. Their speeches to Latinos from around the state made for a powerful demonstration of the growing political power held by Ohio's Latino communities.



Community Attendees & constituents at 2013 Hispanic Legislative Visit Day at the State House

With an audience of more than 200 participants, this year's theme was "Many Issues, One Voice" to emphasize the diversity of viewpoints, highlight the solidarity and spirit of cooperation among Ohio Latinos. Leaders from Painesville, Lorain and Akron representing Hispanos Organizados de Lake y Ashtabula (HOLA) joined delegates from Cincinnati, Columbus, Toledo and Cleveland to build policy acumen, meet their elected leaders and to familiarize themselves with the the legislative process in Ohio.

The agenda featured an introductory training on legislative advocacy, as well as policy-focused workshops on the legislative landscape for Ohio's Hispanic-owned businesses as well as the upcoming legislative discussions attendant to the implementation of the Affordable Care Act. There were 63 meetings between attendees and their elected leaders. In total, 70 state representatives and state senators were involved in some capacity with this year's event.

Reaching Out to Local Latino Communities

The purpose of community visits is to bring together legislators with Latino leadership groups or social service organizations to discuss with them the challenges and opportunities facing the local communities they serve. In 2013, there were 15 visits completed, which are a critical part of the PPC's engagement strategy, as as the overwhelming majority of Ohio Latinos do not live in Columbus, and it's often difficult for them to reach the Commission or access the political process in Columbus.

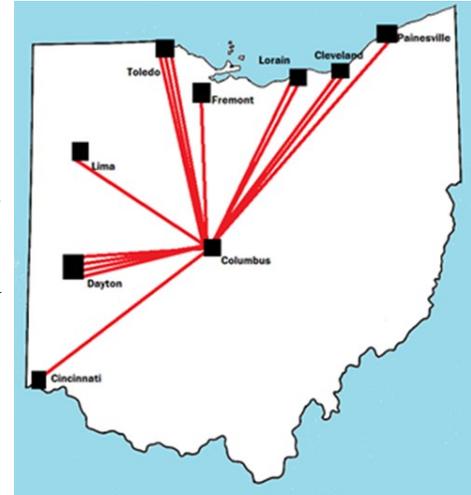
Besides meeting with legislators locally, these gatherings present the opportunity to support and publicize local Hispanic events, deliver constituent services, update local leaders on salient trends in state and national politics, lecture on topics of interest to local leaders or institutions, and broker meetings between local Latino leaders and their elected officials.

In 2013, regional outreach focused on Dayton and Toledo. In Dayton, the Public Policy Center worked with El Puente, Wright State University and the local Latino community to host the Commission's inaugural **Ohio Latino Education Summit**, which was held at Wright State University in Dayton. The event was jointly chaired by Senators Peggy Lehner (R – Kettering) and Charleta Tavares (D – Columbus), and featured detailed presentations on **nine programs** currently improving Latino scholastic achievement in Ohio. These programs were run by community organizations, public school districts, state agencies and institutions of higher learning.



Building communication channels is critical to serving our communities. Senator Joe Uecker (D-15) meets Latino Leaders during Legislative Day .

tives from many local governmental agencies.



2013 regional outreach map.

In Toledo, the PPC worked with two Latino-serving community organizations – Adelante and the Sofia Quintero Art and Cultural Center – to host a **community roundtable** with local elected leaders. Held in November, the event attracted **more than 40 of Toledo's Latino community leaders**. Participants shared ideas for transforming social outcomes among Toledo Latinos by collaborating on grant-writing and social service programming, organizing their communities and training advocates and addressing gaps in access to local decision-making authorities. The event was attended by Representative Michael Sheehy and Senator Edna Brown, as well as by several local elected officials and representa-

Keeping Ohio Latinos Informed on Policy Matters



Policy briefs and legislative updates remain a cornerstone of the PPC’s strategy for informing Ohio Latinos. Our website is also an important tool for interested constituents and aspiring advocates to educate themselves and get involved on matters of interest. Current issues before the General Assembly are described, and all of the bills within that particular policy realm are listed with links to their LSC analyses. High-profile bills of particular note to Ohio Latinos each have their own independent webpages, with synopses, links to submitted testimony, a description of the bill’s progress through the legislative process, a statement on what other states have done about this issue and links to groups on both sides of the debate.

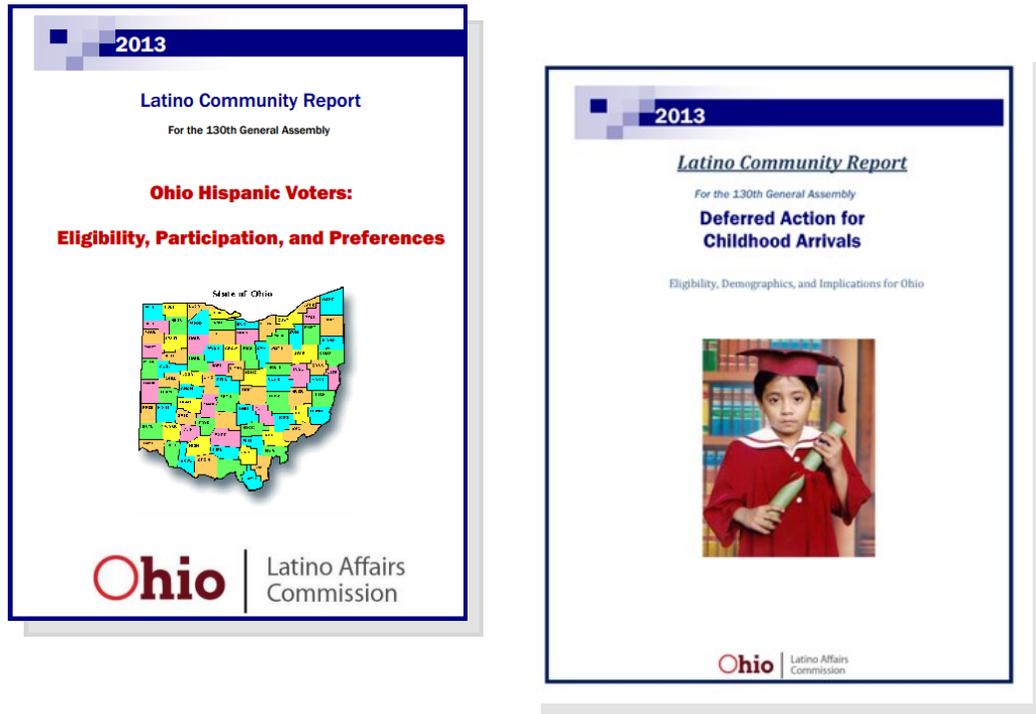
PUBLIC POLICY ISSUE ORGANIZATION						
<i>Politics and Government</i>	<i>Business, Commerce and Labor</i>	<i>Education and Workforce Development</i>	<i>Health and Safety</i>	<i>Energy and the Environment</i>	<i>Immigration</i>	<i>Justice and Civil Rights</i>
Redistricting reform	Municipal tax reform	School funding	Gun control	“Fracking”	DACA	LGBT rights
Filibuster reform	Minority business access to capital	Race to the Top	Medicaid expansion	Green energy investment	State immigration enforcement	Wage equity
Election reform	“Right to Work”	Bullying	Women’s health	“Cap and Trade”	Comprehensive immigration reform	Exemptions for religious employers
Puerto Rican statehood		ELL/ESL Education	Human trafficking		E-Verify	
			Marijuana legalization			

In all, the newly-designed PPC website offers visitors 84 links to external online resources and acts as a repository for OCHLA-generated resources. It features links to past and present Latino Community Reports and, as of the end of 2013, a media articles archive with links to articles sorted by topic and date – making it easier for constituents to access media coverage on particular matters.

By redesigning the OCHLA website and policy briefs – as well as legislative tracking parameters – the Public Policy Center makes *more* information *more* accessible to constituents for *longer* periods of time.

Advising Ohio's Government

The Public Policy Center executed its advise mandate in 2013 through three primary strategic initiatives – issuing Latino Community Reports, specific issue advocacy on the biennial budget, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program and recognition for the military service of Ohio Latinos, and finally working toward consistent and effective legislative engagement.



The Latino Community Reports (LCR's) are issued to the legislators in Ohio's General Assembly with analysis on salient issues or trends in Ohio's Latino communities. Two reports were presented in 2013.

"Ohio Hispanic Voters: Eligibility, Participation and Preferences" presented data and analysis on Hispanic voter eligibility, registration and participation both nationally and in Ohio. The report showed the growth of the potential and actual Hispanic electorate in Ohio by comparing data from the 2004 and 2012 presidential elections. It also highlighted demographic statistics of Ohio's Hispanic electorate, and tracked the party preference of Ohio Hispanics in the 2004 and 2012 presidential elections. Finally, the report included data on the issues that Ohio's Hispanic voters identified as crucial during the 2012 election cycle.

"Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals: Demographics, Eligibility and Implications for Ohio" covered the origins and basic operation of the Deferred Action program – a federal initiative granting work permits and reprieve from the threat of deportation for certain undocumented immigrants. The LCR covered the program's eligibility requirements, its application process and the benefits available for successful applicants. The report also featured demographic profiles of DACA applicants nationwide as well as DACA applicants living in Ohio.

This LCR focused primarily, however, on the intersection of DACA and Ohio law in two highly visible areas – driver's licenses and in-state tuition at state colleges and universities. These sections of the reports explained the legal scheme in Ohio and analyzed its application to the new class of young immigrant Ohioans that DACA created.

Major Policy Initiatives

The Ohio Latino Affairs Commission was active on three major policy initiatives in 2013:

1. Securing a much-needed appropriations increase in the biennial budget
2. Implications of the federal Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program in Ohio
3. Securing recognition from Ohio's government of the military service of Ohio Latinos in the 65th Infantry Regiment.

The Public Policy Center worked with the state Office of Budget and Management, OCHLA's executive personnel, the Department of Administrative Services and the office of Governor Kasich to draft, request and ultimately secure a moderate appropriations increase of \$53,000 in fiscal year 2014 and an \$67,000 in fiscal year 2015. In all, 26 community leaders and organizations testified on behalf of OCHLA's budget and highlighted the Commission's role, value and the need for the state's investment in its rapidly-growing Hispanic community.

The Public Policy Center worked with community leaders, Ohio agencies and institutions and Ohio policy-makers regarding the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program. Two key state benefits were secured for the thousands of young Ohioans approved for Deferred Action – driver's licenses and in-state tuition at Ohio's public institutions of higher learning.

Last, the agency again worked with community leaders to build momentum in Ohio for a pending effort in the U.S. Congress to recognize the contributions of the U.S. Army's 65th Infantry Regiment – nicknamed **the Borinqueneers**. The 65th is the only segregated Hispanic – primarily Puerto Rican - military unit in U.S. history, and it served with distinction in World War I, World War II and the Korean War. By working with community leaders, the PPC is implementing a strategy to bring Ohio's 18 delegates to Congress on the bills as cosponsors.

The PPC arranged meetings for Ohio Hispanics with congressional district offices, drafted and issued letters to each member of Ohio's Congressional delegation, launched an online marketing campaign for the initiative and helped to coordinate advocates around the state working toward this goal.

The Center was also instrumental in securing proclamations recognizing the 65th from municipalities like Lorain and Columbus, and worked with the OCHLA Board of Commissioners to pass a resolution calling on Ohio's congressional delegation to support this issue. By the end of December, 10 of Ohio's delegation had signed on to support the measure. Finally, the PPC engaged a bipartisan group of legislators in both chambers of the Ohio General Assembly to draft and introduce a joint resolution honoring the sacrifice and contributions of the 65th Infantry. These companion resolutions will be introduced in 2014, and OCHLA will continue to advocate for this issue in 2014.

Creating sustained legislative engagement

Policy depth of action increased by following a broader range of bills and engaging legislators on a broader range of topics, as well as becoming a more consistent fixture at the Statehouse. This initiative allows the



PPC to more faithfully and consistently fulfill its “advise” mandate, demonstrate to legislators the breadth of policy matters in which Ohio Latinos are interested and make the PPC more responsive in navigating Ohio’s political process to assert the interests of Ohio Hispanics.

The Public Policy Center closely monitored the progress of 95 pieces of legislation, and expanded the breadth of legislative topics monitored to better reflect the changing political priorities of Ohio’s dynamic Hispanic population. The Public Policy Officer attended 25 committee hearings on bills legislating in the policy realms above and 33 meetings with legislators on discrete policy issues, besides dozens of meetings and phone calls with legislative staffers.

POLICY REALMS OF LEGISLATION TRACKED IN 2013

Adoption	Immigration
Assault weapons	Medicaid expansion
Biennial budget	Medicinal and recreational marijuana
Bullying	Municipal tax laws
Collective bargaining	Redistricting reform
College tuition	School funding
Discrimination	School safety
Election reform	Unemployment benefits
Fracking	Wage equity
Healthcare navigator licensure	Worker’s compensation

Assisting State Government in Serving Ohio Hispanics

The Public Policy Center at the Ohio Latino Affairs Commission continue to concentrate with state agencies and institutions to improve their outreach and services to Hispanic Ohioans. In 2013 that engagement most frequently revolved around the administration of benefits to Ohio’s population of DACA-approved young immigrants, though the PPC also made strides in creating partnerships and coalitions with a wide variety of state agencies and public institutions.

Extending state benefits to DACA recipients

By early 2013 the first applicants approved for DACA-status in Ohio faced difficulties accessing Ohio government services and met uncertainties regarding their eligibility for a few key state benefits. The Public Policy Center responded to requests by constituents who were navigating Ohio government channels, many for the first time, as they worked to secure two critical benefits for young Ohioans that had been approved for DACA – driver’s licenses and in-state tuition at Ohio colleges and universities.

Initially, confusion reigned as DACA-approved young people began seeking state benefits. Applicants approved for Deferred Action receive two-year work permits as well as social security numbers from the federal government. Community advocates reached out to the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles to create a consistent policy that would grant driver’s licenses to DACA-recipients. The Public Policy Center provided expertise, contacts and information to the Governor’s office, the General Assembly, the Bureau of Motor Vehicles and Department of Public Safety, and met with those agencies to explain the issue and to help arrive at an expedient resolution. In late March, the Bureau of Motor Vehicles announced that all Ohio branches would grant special non-renewable licenses to DACA recipients upon completion of a further cross check of immigration databases.

<u>State Agencies and Institutions Consulted</u> <u>Implementation of DACA Benefits</u>	
<p><i>Columbus State Community College</i> <i>The Ohio State University</i> <i>Wright State University</i> <i>Sinclair Community College</i> <i>Owens Community College</i> <i>Bowling Green State University</i> <i>The University of Toledo</i></p>	<p><i>Rhodes State College</i> <i>Terra State Community College</i> <i>Office of Governor Kasich</i> <i>Attorney General Mike DeWine</i> <i>Ohio Board of Regents</i> <i>Ohio Association of Community Colleges</i> <i>Inter-University Council of Ohio</i></p>

Furthermore, it became evident that Ohio law provided for **in-state tuition for DACA recipients**, yet Ohio’s public colleges and universities were not implementing these rates. The Ohio Latino Affairs Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution calling on Ohio agencies and schools to adhere to state and federal law and admit DACA students at in-state tuition rates. Universities, community organizers, the Governor’s Office, Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine, and the Ohio Board of Regents worked to effectively implement this change. In late July, Board of Regents Chancellor Carey announced that all Ohio public colleges and universities could begin charging DACA-recipients – so long as they otherwise qualified as in-state residents – in-state tuition at Ohio colleges and universities. This change made college - and, therefore, significant social mobility - a possibility for more than 2,291 young Ohioans.

Enhancing Relationships, Collaboration and Opportunities



Minority Health Senate Hearing – Budget Support & Interpreting. From left to Right: Dr. Joan Mawasha, Comm. Liaison Lair Marin-Marcum, Senator Charleta Tavares, Constituents., Senator Edna Brown and Minority Health Ex. Director Angela Dawson

The number of state, federal agencies and commissions that contacted our offices also increased considerably to request additional support, resources and databases in assisting Hispanic constituents. Some of these comprise the Attorney General’s Office, ODJFS, Department of Health, Federal Department of Labor, Department of Public Safety, the Minority Health Commission, the Racing Commission, etc.

In addition our team regularly provides translation and interpretation support to government entities, including agencies, boards, the state switchboard operators and other commissions.

Grants

Adelante Inc., Toledo Summer Program “Con Ganas” (Will to Succeed)

The commission granted \$500.00 funding to “Con Ganas” (Will to Succeed) Summer Program in Toledo. Ganas afterschool program assists K-8th grade students by teaching skills that build resiliency against risk factors and early signs of substance abuse, emotional distress, and low academic achievement



Utilizing evidence-based practices, the Life Skills prevention model focuses on in-depth life skills training where students learn how to make healthy decisions, resolve conflicts, build communication and social skills helping them to make positive friendships. Students learn leadership skills, coping tools to deal with anxiety and anger, and techniques to increase self-confidence. The program serves an average of 60 children every summer.

Grants secured to expand health initiatives



- **Minority Health Month Grant. Amount \$2,500**

The goal of this grant is to fund two workshops that will focus on (1) Preventing and Addressing Domestic Violence Among Ohio Latinos and (2) Fighting Substance Abuse Among Ohio Latinos. Both events will take place in cooperation with established expert organizations on the subject matter and will focus on Latino experts and serving organizations that deal with these problems on a regular basis.

- **Latino Health Summit and Decrease of Health Disparities. Amount \$5,000**

The grant will fund regional meetings to discuss health disparities, provide tools, training and information that will culminate with the 2014 Statewide Latino Health Summit. It will also include conversations on the implementation of the Affordable Care Act and its impact on the Latino community, as well as access to state health services.



**Ohio Commission On
Minority Health**

Highlighting Hispanics in Ohio The Governor's Distinguished Hispanic Ohioan Awards



The annual Distinguished Hispanic Ohioans Award secures appropriate recognition of the accomplishments of Hispanics in Ohio. The 2013 annual gala, "DHO" was executed in partnership with the non-profit Latino Empowerment Organization Network "LEON". under the theme: "UNIDOS" (TOGETHER). The 2013 keynote speaker Donna Alvarado gave a magnificent speech that motivated the participants and inspired the community to continue relentlessly with their work on "Unidos".

The Distinguished Hispanic Ohioan honor was awarded to seven Latino leaders representing six areas of Ohio: Columbus, Toledo, Lorain, Dayton, Cincinnati and Cleveland. Three Nuestra Familia awards were given to non-Latino leaders and organizations that contributed significantly to the betterment of the community.

The highlight of the event was the three bestowed Latino Military Service of Distinction awards. One of these military awards was given to Sgt. Louis Torres, an exceptional young fallen hero that gave his life to our nation by sacrificing his life while providing security for his fellow soldiers in a combat patrol in Afghanistan. Family members received this honor on his behalf.



DISTINGUISHED HISPANIC OHIOAN AWARDS GALA 2013



Ohio Latino Affairs Commission LEON

Transforming our communities is a joint effort — and we cannot do it alone. The "Nuestra Familia" [Our Family] and "Alma de la Comunidad" (Soul of the Community) Awards recognize individuals and/or organizations who have performed service of exceptional benefit to the Latino community in Ohio. They have earned our respect, admiration and friendship.

We applaud your dedication and service!

Together, We Are Strong!

Special Recognition



Michael B. Colbert, Director
Ohio Department of Job and Family Services



Richard Herman
Nuestra Familia Awardee



Lois Poo Rust
Nuestra Familia Awardee



Maritza Motino
Alma de la Comunidad Awardee

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Nuestra Familia Awardee

Type of Award	2013
Distinguished Hispanic Ohioan	7
Nuestra Familia	3
Latino Military Service of Distinction	3
Total Gala Attendance	215

HONOR, SERVICE AND COMMUNITY

Military Service of Distinction Awards

Presented to Hispanic men and women who are serving or have served in our nation's military, and who continue their service through community involvement.



SGT. Luis Torres
US Army (Fallen Hero)



RFLMN Manuel Caro
US Marine Corps, (Retired)



SGT. Henry Guzman
US Army, (Retired)



Benito Lucio



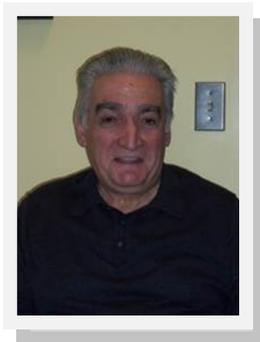
Nancy Mendez



Israel Antonio Barrios



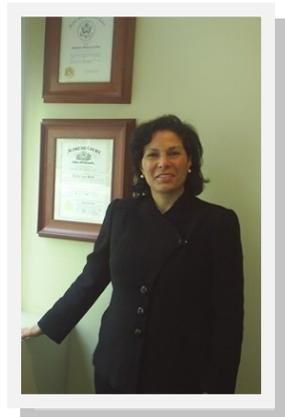
Chief Luis Santiago



Victor Garcia



Angel Arroyo



Marilyn Zayas-Davis

The Hispanic Blood Drive Campaign

Celebration and Service

The Ohio Latino Affairs Commission joined efforts with community leaders and the American Red Cross to launch the first Hispanic Blood Drive Campaign during Hispanic Heritage Month. As a result of the initial campaign, blood was collected to serve 345 lives.

All types of blood are important, but O-negative blood is especially valued. It is the universal red blood cell, which means a patient of any blood type can receive type O-negative red blood in an emergency situation. Due to the diversity of its uses, type O blood is routinely in short supply and in high demand by hospitals.



In addition to the many cultural events that take place during this time, National Hispanic Heritage Month can also serve as a reminder of the importance of Hispanic blood donation and its impact on the community. The goal of the initiative is to educate, donate and increase the availability of blood resources, as well as to bring forth information on disaster and emergency preparedness to our communities.



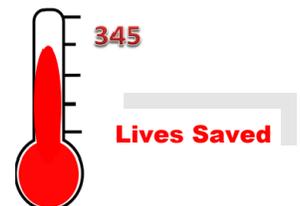
Henry Guzman speaks to Festival Latino Columbus participant about the Blood Drive Campaign. (Photo Courtesy of Telemundo Columbus.)

Our Partners:

- American Red Cross
- Adelante Inc, Toledo
- Convencion Hispana, Cleveland
- DLA Enterprise Servicing, Columbus
- Empleos & Employment, Columbus
- Hispanic Roundtable, Cleveland
- League of United Latin American Citizens
- Molina Healthcare
- Ohio Hispanic Coalition, Columbus
- Ohio State University, Latino Student Association
- O.C.C.H.A., Youngstown
- Sofia Quintero Arts & Cultural Center, Toledo
- Telemundo, Columbus

Why Hispanics?

1. Fastest growing demographic in the United States
2. Unique ability to help others through blood donation
3. Hispanics have a higher number of type O blood types than other populations
4. Almost 60 percent of Hispanic Americans have type O blood



Building Tomorrow's Leaders



Our leadership and mentoring program is successfully growing and providing opportunities for dedicated college students and individuals working directly on closely selected OCHLA's projects. Interns obtain an in depth exposure and knowledge ; they are able to fulfill school requirements, gain substantial professional experience, and participate in the implementation of our programs.

The intern volunteer program is a great experience and résumé-builder not only to obtain better jobs, but also to apply for graduate school. We are confident this program is creating leaders with diversity and inclusion awareness that will be better prepared individuals in the workforce.

Hello Everyone,

We wanted to say thank you again to you all so much for having us as interns this semester. It really was an amazing learning experience for us Kenyon students to get off campus and connect with the larger Ohio community.

We cannot express to you how much we appreciate all of your hard work and dedication. I think this semester taught all of us students that big things can come from a small office if the right people are leading the way.

We learned so much from you all this, but most importantly we saw your dedication and passion to the cause and it was very inspiring to us all.

Thank you for your time, patience and guidance over the last few months. We are forever grateful and we look forward to hearing about the big things that OCHLA will accomplish in the future.

Our warmest regards to you all,

The Kenyon College Interns.

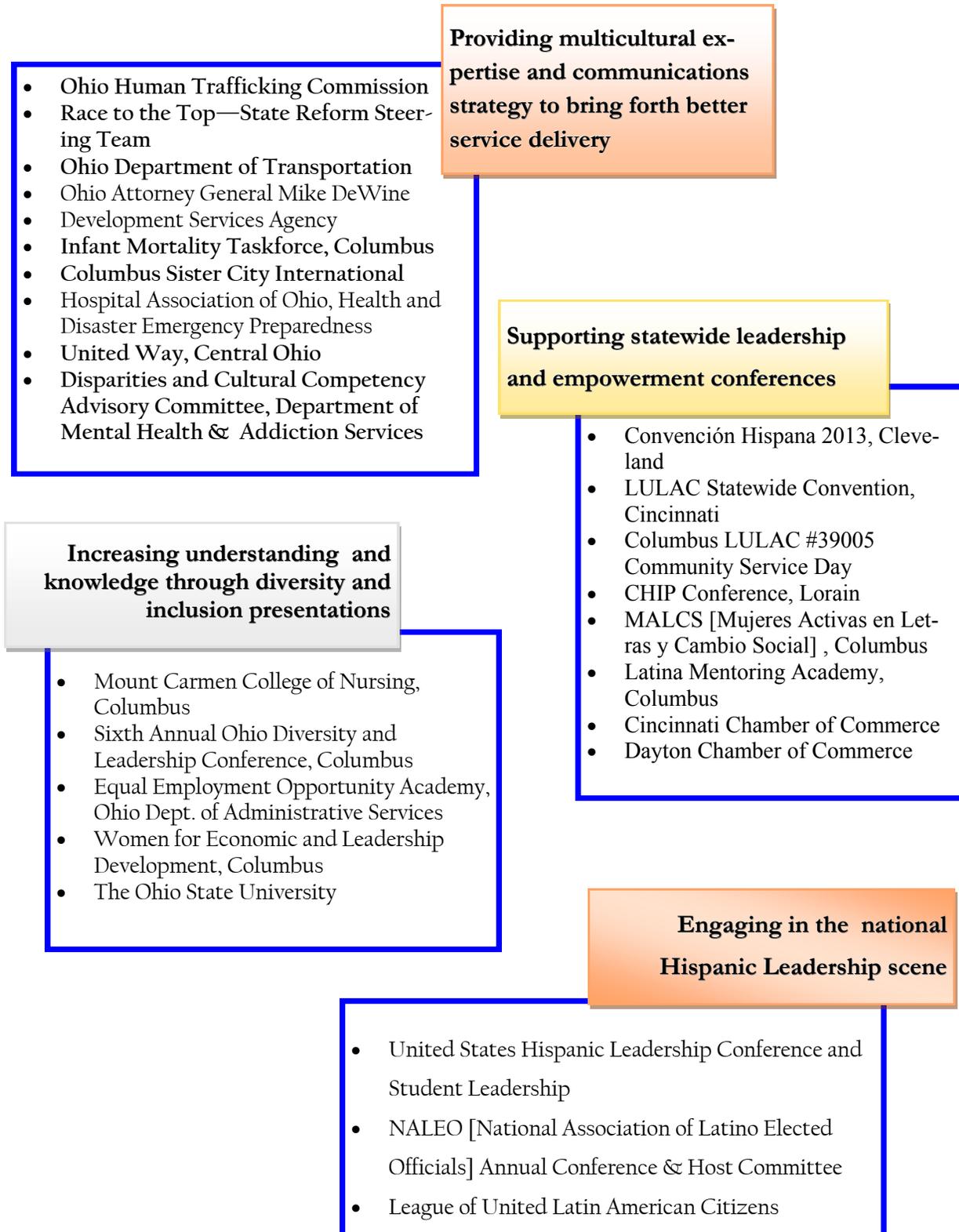
- Number of Volunteer Hours Worked : 977 hours
- Value: of Volunteer Hours \$22,070
- Volunteers who completed a Bachelors or Graduate degree: 18

Past Participants: Where Are They Now?

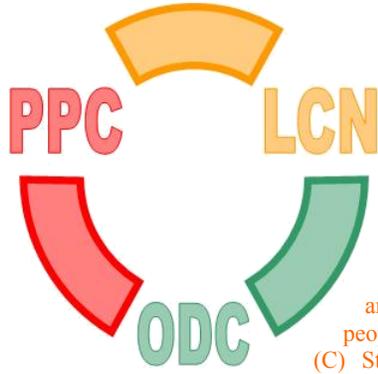
- Ohio House of Representatives, Communications
- Ohio State University, CIO Office
- The Ohio Development Services Agency, Paid Internship
- U.S. Peace Corps, Guatemala
- Ohio House of Representatives, Paige
- Private Sector, Advertisement Agency Pongonis
- Medical School East Coast
- Spain, Alcala de Henares Universidad, Teaching Program
- St. Vincent Family Center, Community Program
- Ohio State University – Doctorate & Masters Higher Education
- ESL Teacher in Madrid, Spain
Hispanic Community Liaison, Girls Scouts of Central Ohio
- LULAC-OHIO, Secretary
- L.E.O.N. ,Vice President
- Latina Mentoring Academy, Project Manager
- Ms. Latina Ohio, Participated in U.S.A. Ms. Latina
- Law Student at Capital University Law School



Capacity Building: A Force Multiplier



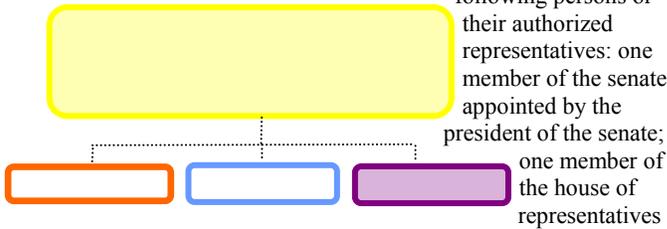
§ 121.32. Duties of commission.
The commission on Hispanic-Latino affairs shall:



- (A) Gather and disseminate information and conduct hearings, conferences, investigations, and special studies on problems and programs concerning Spanish-speaking people;
- (B) Secure appropriate recognition of the accomplishments and contributions of Spanish-speaking people to this state;
- (C) Stimulate public awareness of the problems of Spanish-speaking people by conducting a program of public education;

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- (D) Develop, coordinate, and assist other public and private organizations that serve Spanish-speaking people, including the conducting of training programs for community leadership and service project staff;
- (E) Advise the governor, general assembly, and state departments and agencies of the nature, magnitude, and priorities of the problems of Spanish-speaking people;
- (F) Advise the governor, general assembly, and state departments and agencies on, and assist in the development and implementation of, comprehensive and coordinated policies, programs, and procedures focusing on the special problems and needs of Spanish-speaking people, especially in the fields of education, employment, energy, health, housing, welfare, and recreation;
- (G) Propose new programs concerning Spanish-speaking people to public and private agencies and evaluate for such agencies existing programs or prospective legislation concerning Spanish-speaking people;
- (H) Review and approve grants to be made from federal, state, or private funds which are administered or subcontracted by the office of Spanish-speaking affairs;
- (I) Review and approve the annual report prepared by the office of Spanish-speaking affairs;
- (J) Create an interagency council consisting of



following persons or their authorized representatives: one member of the senate appointed by the president of the senate; one member of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives; the directors of administrative services, agriculture, education, development, health, highway safety, job and family services, liquor control, mental health, mental retardation and developmental disabilities, natural resources, rehabilitation and correction, youth services, transportation, environmental protection, and

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§ 121.33. Office of Hispanic-Latino affairs created; powers and duties.

budget and management; the chairperson of the Ohio civil rights commission, the administrators of the bureau of workers' compensation and the rehabilitation services commission, and an additional member of the governor's cabinet appointed by the governor. The commission on Hispanic-Latino affairs, by rule, may designate other state officers or their representatives to be members of the council. The director of the commission shall be the chairperson of the council.

The interagency council shall provide and coordinate the exchange of information relative to the needs of Spanish-speaking people and promote the delivery of state services to such people. The council shall meet at the call of the chairperson.

The office of Hispanic-Latino affairs is hereby created. The office shall be accountable to the commission on Hispanic-Latino affairs. The chief administrator of the office shall be the director of Hispanic-Latino affairs, who shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the commission.

The director, with the approval of the commission, shall appoint such employees as are necessary to carry out the duties of the office. The employees shall serve at the pleasure of the director.

The office shall compile and provide information to the commission about, and advise it on, solutions to the problems of Spanish-speaking people. The office shall execute the tasks assigned to it by the commission which shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- (A) Serve as a clearinghouse to review and comment on all proposals to meet the needs of Spanish-speaking people that are submitted to it by public and private agencies;
- (B) Apply for and accept grants and gifts from governmental and private sources to be administered by the office or subcontracted to local agencies;
- (C) Monitor and evaluate all programs subcontracted to local agencies by the commission;
- (D) Endeavor to assure that Spanish-speaking people have access to decision-making bodies in all state and local governmental departments and agencies;
- (E) Submit a full written annual report of its activities, accomplishments, and recommendations to the commission;
- (F) Establish advisory committees on special subjects as needed to facilitate and maximize community participation in the operation of the commission. The committees shall be composed of persons representing community organizations and charitable institutions, public officials, and such other persons as the office determines.
- (G) Establish with state and local governments and private business and industry relationships that promote and assure equal opportunity for Spanish-speaking people in government, education, and employment.

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