

2015 OCHLA Annual Report

Dear Friends,

In 2015, our office worked diligently to meet our key mandates, which are to build the capacity of Latino-serving organizations, to advise the Governor and legislators on issues impacting Latinos, and to connect Latino-serving organizations across Ohio.

As a result of partnerships and collaborations this past year, we have been able to increase understanding, cultural competence, and communication throughout state government and the private sector. Ohio's Hispanic-serving organizations continue to demonstrate increased levels of sophistication and growth, and are engaging with us to find innovative ways to remain sustainable. Our conversations on education and health are now shifting from an approach focused on disparities, to finding ways to increase the quality of life and educational attainment for Hispanic Ohioans. In the area of economic development, we are working with and in support of Ohio's Hispanic Chambers of Commerce to promote entrepreneurship and increase Latino participation in the MBE/EDGE programs.

Staying connected with the community is crucial, which is why our team traveled thousands of miles to be part of 231 community meetings and engagements last year. Through social media, webinars and live streaming, we were able to stay connected and welcome into our networks new partners in Canton, Akron, Youngstown, and Painesville, among others.

We look forward to working with you in 2016. Please stay connected and let us know how we can be of support. Thank you!

The Ohio Latino Affairs Team

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