

Background



112,000+ Latino immigrants live in Philadelphia (including citizens from Puerto Rico)¹



Philadelphia Latinos have²:

- Highest rate of **new HIV diagnoses** and reported **mental health diagnoses**
- 2nd highest rate of **binge drinking** and **opioid-related mortality**



Substance use, HIV, domestic violence and mental health form a **syndemic** among U.S. Latino immigrants³.



Latino immigrant **ability to access resources** is important for addressing the syndemic³.



Access (or “resource sufficiency”) has **four domains**⁴:

Accessibility

- Location
- Ease of travel

Adequacy

- Linguistic & cultural appropriateness
- Affordability

Availability

- # of services compared to # of people

Quality

- Effective
- Meets professional guidelines

Objective

The Latino Immigrant Network of Services (LINKS) study aims to **characterize the services available in Philadelphia for Latino immigrants to address HIV, mental health, domestic violence and substance use**, as understood by key informants at organizations currently providing services to Latino immigrants.

Methods

Roster development

Identification of Latino-serving Philadelphia organizations (N = 43)

Recruitment

Outreach to supervisors or service providers at agencies on roster

Participation

Completion of an online Qualtrics survey

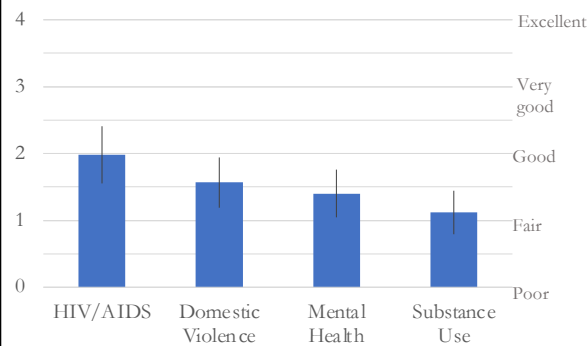
Analysis

Sufficiency scores calculated by averaging perceptions on a scale from 0 (worst) to 4 (best)

Results

Preliminary results from 31 respondents (70% of target sample)

Sufficiency Scores



Domain-Specific Sufficiency Scores

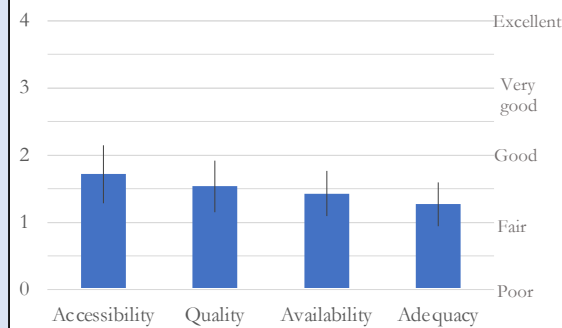


Table 1. Sufficiency Score by if the Respondent Organization Provides Services in the Syndemic Area

	Provides services N (Mean Score)	Does <i>not</i> provide services N (Mean Score)	Total Respondents	p-value
Domestic Violence	9 (2.1)	19 (1.3)	28	0.04
Substance Use	8 (1.5)	16 (0.9)	24	0.08
Mental Health	10 (1.7)	20 (1.3)	30	0.26
HIV	4 (2.3)	14 (1.9)	18	0.49

Conclusions



Organization employees report that Philadelphia resources are mostly **not sufficient** for Latino immigrants



Priority should be on increasing access to **substance use** and **mental health** services



Low availability and adequacy sub-scores indicate that Philadelphia needs **more linguistic and culturally appropriate services**



Next steps: leveraging these results for **future grant funding**, working with service providers to identify opportunities for **future collaborations** (e.g. co-located services) and partnerships