

# LHC Monthly Town Hall

## Finding Ways Forward

April 2, 2026

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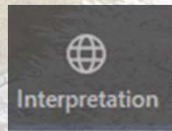
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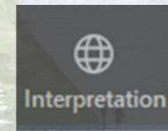
## How Today's Meeting Works

- Simultaneous interpretation available
  - Choose your preferred language (English/Spanish) when you join the meeting.
- We will pause for discussion, Q&A
- Share events or announcements in the chat



## Cómo funciona esta reunión

- Traducción simultánea disponible
  - Seleccione su idioma (Español/Inglés) cuando se une a la reunión
- Tendremos espacio para conversación, preguntas y respuestas
- Comparta anuncios en el chat



# Today's Agenda / Agenda Para Hoy

1. Welcome, Rreview of LHC events
2. Invited speakers
  - Abriendo Caminos, CCTC
    - Alondra Garza, Edith Lopez
  - Pa'Lante Fellowship, ChildrenFirst
    - Bill Higgins, Diana Gonzalez, Xiomara Santiago
3. Community discussion
4. Resources & announcements

# LHC Directory

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First name, last name	Email address	Brief description
Maria M Rivas	maria.rivas0058@gmail.com	I am a leader in my community. I work and live in Kensington Area for 25 years. I am a Certific
Juan Siguenza	js5557@drexel.edu	I work as a data analyst for Center for family services. I manage a couple of databases and rep
Lis Santamaria	lis.santamaria@ftxcs.com	I am a Clinical Coordinator and Program Manager. I work for the agency Family Therapy and C
Jessy Foster	jessica@pahealthaccess.org	I work with PA Health Access Network (PHAN). We have a free helpline to help people navigat
Teresa Méndez-Quigley	Teresa@UpliftPhilly.org	
Greg, Seaney-Ariano	Gregory.Seaney@phila.gov	Manager in the City of Philadelphia's Department of Public Health, Division of HIV Health
Melissa Ramos	melissa.ramos@phila.gov	I am a Puerto Rican, born and raised right here in Philadelphia. I joined the Philadelphia Depar

## Directory process:

1. Submit your contact information using [this form](#) to be listed in the Directory.
2. LHC staff will upload new contacts weekly.
3. LHC staff will follow up with instructions on how to set up your Directory login and access instructions.
4. Login and view directory on the [Crisol/LHC Website](#)

## Proceso del directorio:

1. Envíe su información de contacto utilizando [este formulario](#) para ser incluido en el directorio.
2. El personal de LHC subirá los nuevos contactos cada semana.
3. El personal de LHC se pondrá en contacto con usted para enviarle las instrucciones sobre cómo configurar su acceso al directorio.
4. Inicie sesión y consulte el directorio en [el sitio web de Crisol/LHC](#).

## Review of recent meetings

### February Townhall

- State of the community after a year of Immigration policy change
- Presentations from community, city, consular, and advocacy groups

### March townhall

- Health Impacts of Immigration Enforcement
- Presentations from clinicians in pediatric and community practice, Organizing among healthcare workers

### April townhall (today)

- Finding ways forward
- Focusing on opportunities to address youth mental health, highlight and develop community leadership

## Abriendo Caminos

### **Alondra Garza & Edith Lopez**

*CCTC's Abriendo Caminos program provides behavioral health services that are tailored to the Mexican and Central American community and meant to address the challenges that arise from recent emigration.*

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# Children's Crisis Treatment Center:

## Abriendo Caminos

## Introduction

Edith Lopez, MA  
Division Director of Community Based Services

Alondra Garza, MA  
Team Leader Abriendo Caminos/TAMAA

# Abriendo Caminos

- Target Community
- Social and Economic Context
- Key Challenges

## Program Services

- Care Coordination
- Community Integration
  - Collaborations/Partnerships

## Implications for Service Providers

- Increased need for trauma-informed care and culturally tailored outreach
- Educate families about their rights and available protections
- Partner with legal, educational, and community-based advocacy organizations
- Create safe spaces for community trust and resilience

## Additional Services for Undocumented Families

- Outpatient Therapy
- Trauma Services
- Family-Based Therapy

# Questions

# Pa'lante Fellowship

**William Huggins, Diana Gonzalez, Xiomara Santiago**

*The Pa'lante Fellowship focuses on an 'Action Agenda' that will bring the recommendations of the Pa'Lante - State of Hispanic Children Report into implementation efforts with various organizations and communities across the City. The Fellowship includes leadership development, community engagement, and sustained advocacy efforts*



**PA'LANTE: SUPPORTING  
HISPANIC CHILDREN**



## Pa' Lante Report

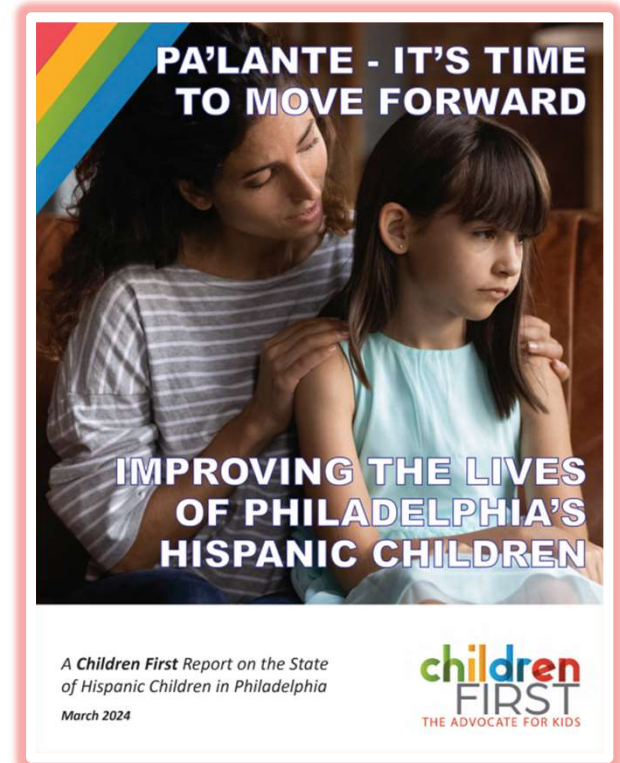
In March of 2024, Children First released a report named "Pa' Lante – State of Hispanic Children", which highlighted **how** Hispanic children are navigating the inequities, hostilities, and lack of care from the systems and institutions charged with creating a fair environment for all children to excel.



# Pa' Lante Report

We are revitalizing a process focused on bringing the recommendations and learnings of the report into a place of action.

We are seeking input from all those who have a stake in the future of Hispanic Children.



# Pa' Lante Report: Recommendations

In total, there are eight recommendations across three focus areas:  
Early Childhood, K-12 Education, Public Health.

## Early Childhood

**Expanding Child Care  
and Pre-K**

**Bilingual Child Care**

## K-12 Education

**Classroom Policies**

**Monolingual Parents**

**Tutoring**

**Educator Pipeline**

**Career Learning**

## Health Care

**Comprehensive  
Insurance**

# Our Process

Winter 2025 –  
Spring 2026



**Phase I: Focused Engagement**

- 1.1 Exploration Session
- 1.2 Community Fellowship
- 1.3 Stakeholder Interviews
- 1.4 Community Conversations
- 1.5 Stakeholder Survey
- 1.6 Initial Agenda Report

Spring 2026 -  
Summer 2026



**Phase II: Collaborative Action Agenda**

- 2.1 Retreat - Agenda Formation
- 2.2 Feedback Sessions
- 2.1 Retreat - Translation to Action
- 2.3 Retreat - Final Agenda Finalization

Fall 2026



**Phase III: Launch and Activation**

- 3.1 Final Agenda Documentation and Tool Creation
- 3.2 Launch Event

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- 25 Individuals with a blend of professional and lived experience advising on project work.
  - Shadowing interviews, group dialogue, etc.
- Ensuring the process is authentic
- Providing unique insights

# Next Steps

- Continuing Phase I work of Focused Engagement (interviews, community conversations, etc.)
- Begin planning for Phase II.

***Join us!***

***You can reach out to [palante@childrenfirstpa.org](mailto:palante@childrenfirstpa.org).***

# Discussion



# Resources and Announcements / Recursos y Anuncios

# Thank You Everyone / Gracias

Share your resources, events, announcements with the Latino Health Collective:

 [@ProgramaCrisol](https://www.instagram.com/ProgramaCrisol)

 [Programa Crisol](https://www.facebook.com/ProgramaCrisol)

 [LHC@drexel.edu](mailto:LHC@drexel.edu)

Next meeting/Próxima reunión:  
Thursday, May 7, 2026

Zoom ID: 843 5791 0406

<https://drexel.zoom.us/j/84357910406>

For more information:

<https://www.crisolcontigo.com>

Or email us: [lhc@drexel.edu](mailto:lhc@drexel.edu)



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