


# Navigating Policy Shifts: Sustaining Services for Latino Communities





## Puentes de Salud

Charitable organization founded in 2008

Centered on community voice

Individuals who are uninsured

All staff are bilingual (Spanish language)

All services are free or low cost

# Mission

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The mission of Puentes de Salud is two-fold:  
First, to partner with local Latinx immigrant communities to build long-term prosperity by addressing immediate education, health, and social service needs.

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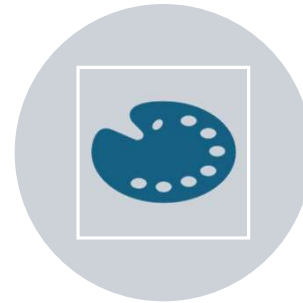
Second, to create a responsible learning environment for future generations of artists, advocates, educators, and healthcare providers to examine social justice and structural violence and to explore their impacts on the social determinants of health within a marginalized community.

# What Does Puentes Do?

We offer two main divisions of care:



HEALTH INCLUSIVE OF WELLNESS SERVICES:  
MEDICAL, DENTAL, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, CASE  
MANAGEMENT, FOOD ACCESS AND  
NUTRITIONAL EDUCATION



EDUCATION INCLUSIVE OF ART  
PROGRAMMING: K-12 AFTERSCHOOL  
PROGRAMMING AND COMMUNITY ARTS  
PROJECTS/WORKSHOPS

# Training the Next Generation



In our health programs, while providing direct care to the community, we train aspiring medical professionals in a culturally competent community health approaches.



In our education programs, while providing direct support to children and families, we train aspiring educational professionals in culturally competent educational approaches.



Students receive credit for their time volunteering at Puentes.



Volunteer opportunities are available in each of our programs.

# Puentes 2024

11,000 people served

421 volunteers

5 Promotoras Principales: 6,734  
hours of health education

94,247 pounds of food distributed

Full time team of 13 people, 6 part  
time staff, 20 contracted staff

PUENTES DE SALUD



# ¡CONOCE TUS DERECHOS!

Lunes 25 de Noviembre de 5:30pm-6:30pm

En Puentes de Salud 1700 South St (esquina con la calle 17)

¡Muy buenas tardes!

**Acompáñanos en nuestro primer evento "Conoce tus Derechos."**

Esta presentación será impartida en español por el abogado y director de servicios legales de la organización HIAS PA, Philippe Weisz. Ven y entérate de cómo protegerte y proteger a tu familia durante las redadas migratorias.

## **Cuáles son tus derechos si:**

- Migración llega a tu casa
- Si migración llega al lugar donde trabajas
- Si te interrogan
- Si te detienen en un lugar público o en la calle
- Si te arrestan

## **También se hablará acerca de:**

- Cuáles documentos/papeles es importante que tengas.
- Como hacer planes con tu familia y compañeras y compañeros de trabajo.
- Estos son algunos de los temas de los cuales el abogado Weisz te estará informando.
- Y, contestará a tus preguntas.

Information Gathering and Trainings

Thank you again to:

**HIAS**

**Mexican Consulate**

**New Sanctuary Movement**

**Juntos**

# DECIDE





# Recommitments

- We value community voice
- We value truth
- We value compassion
- We value respect

**We recommitted to remaining open and onsite as much as possible.**

# Aligning and Evaluating

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- Policies
- Consulting
- Security
- Space



"In the midst of chaos there is always opportunity"-Sun Tzu

How do you know your allies are your allies?

- Actions vs. Speech
- Information Sharing

Boundaries

- Policies
- Protective Practices

# Thinking outside of the box



Strategies



Partnerships

# Intentional Joy and Wellness!



# Where does that leave us?



Goal focused and committed



Partner focused and committed



Adapting and Scenario planning



Staying up to date with news from trusted sources



Ensuring we have wellness programs for staff and community members



Training the next generation of leaders, providing resources and services to our communities

Questions?  
Concerns?

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Clinic, Behavioral Health, Case Management and Food  
Pharmacy Hours: M,W: 12:30-8:00pm, Th: 10:30-3:00pm. You  
can call to schedule an appointment for the clinic.

Dental Clinic: M-F 9:00am-3:00pm. Appointments for dental  
must be made in person.

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