Internal Hispanic Alliance

Mission
The Hispanic Alliance fosters collaboration and connectivity among people, resources and culture to build thriving communities.

Vision
We envision a vibrant and inclusive community where everyone has access to opportunities for success and prosperity.

Timeline
2004-2008: Networking developed and collaborations created
October 2008: Federal immigration raid at Columbia Farms
2009: ACCH, community-wide humanitarian response to crisis
March 2010: 501c(3) status is granted by IRS
2011: Grants from Community and Gilbreath Foundation
2012: Rebranding from ACCH to Hispanic Alliance
2012: United Way’s support leads to First Executive Director
2013: United Way expands its investment to support Community Engagement & Strategy Manager position
2015: Hollingsworth Funds expand to Operations and Outreach Manager position
2015-2016: New Strategic Plan, diversification of Assets, development of models
2017: Administrative and Project Assistant position is added to staff

Composition
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Network and Volunteers
It unites the largest collaborative network of agencies and individuals building communication and sharing information through online platforms.

Monthly networking meetings bring together about 40 organizations per month. Since 2004, over 200 organizations and 3,000 individuals have participated.

Over 200 individuals collaborate in HA’s Community Teams and implement initiatives to address access gaps in areas of: legal, health, education and legal stability.

Since 2014, 300 volunteers have provided over 3,400 hours of service for HA.

Community Teams
The Hispanic Alliance facilitates multi-sector collaborative partnerships in order to address complex issues at a systemic level in four priority areas: Education, Financial Stability, Health, and Access to Legal Services. Our Community Teams are the pillars of our organization and effective engines for social transformation.

Programs and Initiatives

ACCESS TO EDUCATION

WHY IT MATTERS
As students of higher education, we understand the transformative power of an education. Everyone deserves the opportunities that an education can provide, and the Hispanic Alliance seeks to increase that access.

COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT
This extensive survey asked questions related to all four of our areas of focus. We hope to use the data to better understand the needs of the Hispanic community in Greenville, and serve through programming and initiatives.

BARRIERS TO EDUCATION
Through our education team initiatives, we learned that major barriers to higher education include citizenship status, cost, academic preparation, and a lack of understanding of the higher education and financial aid application systems.

DACA and DREAM Act

Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals
DACA has allowed young, undocumented immigrants to study, work, pay taxes, and have a driver’s license. This program has faced a lot of uncertainty in the past year, but the Hispanic Alliance has responded by continuing to prioritize students. DACA was enacted in June 2012, rescinded in September 2017, and reinstated in January 2018.

INITIATIVES - EDU EVENTS
College Application Workshop
DACA Renewal Workshop
Lunch & Learns
College Fair

ADVOCACY

SOME RELEVANT STATISTICS ARE PROVIDED BELOW:

- Upon being granted DACA status, recipients’ wages increased by an average of 45%
- If passed, the DREAM Act would create 1.4 million job by 2030
- 72% of the top 25 Fortune 500 companies employ DACA recipients
- 82% of Americans support an approach in which DREAMers stay in the U.S.

If congress passes the DREAM Act. Such reform would increases the GDP $1.2 trillion over 10 years.

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