ADVANCING OHIO'S LATINO POPULATION for 32 years
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WHO WE ARE

Mission
To improve the wellbeing and quality of life of all Latinos through advocacy, education, training and access to quality services.

Vision
Creating collaborative partnerships in order to promote general awareness, including social, educational and economic advancement of Ohio’s Latino population.

Our Leadership Team
The Board of Directors and Executive team are both made up of 100% Latino/Hispanic community members.

Board of Directors
Julia Arbini-Carbonell, President
Hugo Beltran, Chairman
Cecilia Castillo, Vice-Chair
Luis C. Villarroel, Attorney
Josefina Angulo, Community Member
Jaclyn Rohaly, Community Member
Jose Luis Mas, Attorney at Law (Emeritus)

Executive Team
Josue Vicente, Executive Director
Sarah Brown, Program Officer
Jose Avila, Program Coordinator - Education, Technology, & Workforce Development
Jennifer Vazquez Lopez, Program Coordinator - Human & Civil Rights
The year of 2022 was one of resiliency. I am proud of our milestones throughout the last 32 years of services, confident in our strategy, and humbly inspired by our extraordinary staff and supporters.

Although times have changed, our mission has remained the same in improving the well-being and quality of life of all Latinos.

The COVID-19 pandemic has continued to marginalize Ohio’s Latino communities, and yet, we have remained at the frontlines through our advocacy in holding systems accountable to provide accessible, culturally-responsive linguistically-appropriate services that prioritize Latino community safety and health.

Together, we provided innovative and sustainable solutions as a result from our increased technology capacity-building in the communities; increased diverse leadership and workforce capacity; and increased access to economic advancement of our communities. Together, we served 81,704 individuals with quality services from 22 nationalities.

These results demonstrate the meaningful impact that our work creates for Ohio’s Latino communities. We are grateful for yet another year of ground-breaking successes only made possible through our staff, partners, volunteers, supporters, and the very families we serve.

There is still work to be done, and together we know it is possible. ¡Sí se puede!

In gratitude and service,

JULIA ARBINI-CARBONELL
PRESIDENT & CEO
OUR HIGHLIGHTS

FIRST MURAL AT OHCO

OHCO honored the artwork of "Despertando del sueño americano" (Waking from the American Dream), a Latino Mural Project in collaboration with muralist, Ariel Peguero, as one of the first Latino heritage artworks in Columbus at the Ohio Hispanic Coalition’s Main Office location.

DEPARTMENT RE-STRUCTURE

OHCO re-structured its departments and programs to best respond to the emergent needs in Ohio's Latino communities through the following departments:

1. EDUCATION, TECHNOLOGY, & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
2. HUMAN & CIVIL RIGHTS
3. INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
4. ARTS, CULTURE, & HUMANITIES
5. CIVIC ENGAGEMENT
6. ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY
12,152 Followers

9,922 Followers
1,958 Followers
272 Followers

Social Media Engagement

Male 32.3%
Female 67.7%

Top Countries:
1. United States
2. Mexico
3. Puerto Rico
4. El Salvador
5. Dominican Republic

Top Cities:
1. Columbus, OH
2. Cleveland, OH
3. Whitehall, OH
4. Cincinnati, OH
5. Dublin, OH
OHCO's Niños en Acción (Children in Action) academic enrichment initiative was founded in 2002 to advance Latino/Hispanic students in grades K-12 through bilingual/bi-cultural reading and math advancement, social/emotional development, and STEM-centered activities in a culturally-fitting environment.

The initiative has expanded to include Afterschool Program and Summer Enrichment Camp. Enrichment activities include tutoring, mentorship, science fair, debate & elections, science museum, architecture workshop, 3-D printing, music therapy, Latino country showcase, jujitsu, lacrosse, soccer, college readiness, and more.

Programs served 337 students and 250 families, impacting low-income, limited English proficient, immigrant, Latino/Hispanic communities in Franklin County.

337 Students Enrolled
17 Nationalities Represented
Participant Impact
Angelica, Niños en Acción Participant

Angelica, a 7-year-old girl, and her family moved to the U.S. from Ecuador in 2021. She was an exceptional student who had completed 1st grade before coming to the U.S. She was excited and a little scared with all the new changes of learning a new language in a new country.

While attempting to enroll to 2nd grade in her new Ohio school, she was placed in 1st grade again after receiving low scores on her English language proficiency exam. After starting 1st grade again, Angelica did not receive the necessary language assistance and was failing all her classes that were only in English. She felt isolated and depressed as she had little motivation to go to school.

Desperate, Angelica’s mother contacted the Ohio Hispanic Coalition’s Niños en Accion programs and enrolled Angelica to the Summer Enrichment Camp and Afterschool Program. Through the program’s academic enrichment services, Angelica practiced daily her English reading and writing with individualized support; made lasting friendships with other Latino students that supported her integration into her new home; and found a safe and welcoming environment where she felt she belonged and gained the motivation to succeed.

Angelica is back on track as she improved by two grade levels in English Reading & Writing during the program and is now attending 3rd grade with other students her age during the 2022-2023 school year!

95.2% of the students demonstrated growth in social/emotional learning.
84.2% of students demonstrated improvement in math according to their grade level.
83.3% of students demonstrated improvement in reading according to their grade level.

14,619 MEALS SERVED
Latinos in Finance, a statewide, 8-week training workforce development program to prepare bilingual job-seekers for customer-facing roles in banks and credit unions. OHCO provided financial education and professional development to empower 56 participants with access to quality jobs for the economic advancement among Ohio's Latino communities.

56 Participants Graduated
12 Participants Received Job Placement

$28,000 Provided in Career Advancement Stipends

Juventud en Acción (Youth in Action) a youth leadership group serves youth ages 14-18 years old through leadership development and peer-led alcohol and drug prevention training to address challenges faced by Latino youth including alcohol and drug abuse, mental health, communication skills, leadership, and self-identity.

Program inducted 10 youth leaders. Youth held weekly meetings, enhanced critical thinking and problem-solving skills, conducted research, analyzed data, developed presentations, facilitated groups, and conducted peer-to-peer outreach to 122 youth through programming and events.
La Paternidad Consciente (Conscious Parenting) program hosted 32 fathers during Fatherhood Awareness Month in June. Fathers engaged with the 70-hour bilingual parenting curriculum including: What it Means to Be a Man; Showing and Handling Feelings; Co-Parenting; Work-Family Balance; Managing Money; Children’s Growth; Men’s Health; and Getting Involved among the 35 topics that were discussed.

Chicas Empoderadas (Empowered Girls) Summit hosted 47 youth joined with their mothers for a 4-hour conference event focused on Latina girl empowerment, mother and daughter bonding, and family unity. Summit included hands-on, relationship-building activities such as face painting, bracelet-making, trivia, Latina empowerment keynote speech, and new clothes.
The Soy Latina (I am Latina) Victim Services Program serves to empower victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, family violence, dating violence, human trafficking, and stalking through trauma-informed, client-centered, culturally and linguistically-appropriate direct services.

Promotoras Specialists serve as bilingual/bi-cultural victim advocates, educators, and caseworkers to ensure each victim has access to every legal, medical, and social service available and overcome barriers experienced by Latino/Hispanic individuals.

The program provided 860 empowerment services to 307 victims with case management, medical/legal advocacy, support groups, referrals, and emotional support to prevent and end violence.

860 Services Provided
307 Victims Served
55,874 Individuals Reached
121 Primary Victims Served

Empodrande Mujeres Community Empowerment Group

The program hosted 35 participants through the Empoderando Mujeres (empowering women) community group to empower Latinas in the prevention of violence. The group utilizes culturally-responsive healing methods such as mediation with essential oils, positive affirmations, manaulidades (crafts), self-defense, and other methods as practical tools for individuals to use.

'Sana, Sana, Tizana,' a safe and open conversation over tea, was conducted at the start of each session that promoted healing through discussion of topics including domestic violence, sexual assault, healthy coping mechanisms, mental health, and more to address and prevent violence.
Survivor Impact
Carolina, Soy Latina Survivor

‘IF IT WASN’T FOR THE SOY LATINA PROGRAM, I DON’T KNOW WHERE I WOULD BE TODAY. I AM NOW THE WOMAN I’VE ALWAYS WANTED TO BE.’

Carolina, a 34 year old woman from Costa Rica, came to the U.S. with promises of a better life. While being married to a U.S. citizen, she suffered emotional, physical, and financial abuse for over a year. She was manipulated into believing she had no rights and had no knowledge of how the justice system works, so she never reported or spoke to anyone about the abuse she experienced.

She took the first step and connected with the Ohio Hispanic Coalition’s Soy Latina team. Through the empowerment services, she was granted a civil protection order for 5 years, submitted an immigration visa application, found a job, and relocated to be in a safe and healthy home. She is now living on her own and building her credit score, which was something she never believed she could do.

Carolina continues to focus on herself and her healing journey using the tools and cultural healing methods she has learned through the Soy Latina program and is now motivated to empower other victims with her story.

186
Secondary Victims Served
14
Nationalities Represented:

- Mexico
- El Salvador
- Venezuela
- Honduras
- Guatemala
- Dominican Republic
- Puerto Rico
- United States
- Ecuador
- Costa Rica
- Peru
- Brazil
- Colombia
- Sierra Leone

International Women’s Day
Wear Purple in March: Soy Latina team joined international movement to uplift and honor women’s voices and achievements.

Sexual Assault Awareness Month
SAAM Conference: Program Officer presented on Practical and Aspirational Tools to Serve Culturally-Specific Survivors as a panelist.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month
DVAM Awareness Campaign: Reached 23,344 individuals through the Hablemos sobre esto, or “let’s talk about it,” domestic violence campaign.

National Symposium on Sexual Assault in Communities of Color
First out-of-state conference since COVID-19: team members collaborated with over 25 culturally-specific sexual assault programs sharing cross-cultural barriers, solutions, and healing methods.
OHCO's longest-running program since 1998, Promotores de Salud, or Community Health Workers, are bilingual/bi-cultural community members trained to provide holistic, quality care through interpretation, systems education and navigation, and provide access to additional resources for patients to provide holistic, quality care.

In partnership with PrimaryOne Health, Spanish and Somali-speaking Promotores de Salud continued to serve over **80,400 patients** in-person and addressed barriers in language, immigration status, financial hardship, and racial disparities that many immigrant patients faced in accessing healthcare.

MORE THAN

**80,400** Patients Served
The Interpretation & Translation Services program provided professionally trained interpreters available 24/7/365 for on-site interpretation for local health centers, attorney meetings, immigration appointments, schools, mental health service providers and other local social service providers.

The program successfully expanded its services to provide interpretations via videoconferencing through Zoom, Google Meet, Microsoft Teams, and more and provided **291 services in 17 languages.**

**291** Interpretation & Translation Services Provided

**17 Languages Available:**

- Spanish
- Arabic
- Amharic
- Ewe
- Togo
- Kiswahili
- Somali
- Nepali
- Ga
- Fante
- Pidgin
- Twi
- Portuguese
- French
- Fulani
- Wolof
- Tigrinya
The 2022 Hispanic Heritage Month events hosted over 10,157 individuals in partnership with the Columbus Crew, celebrating Latino heritage inclusive of both Columbus and Latino communities.

The events welcomed the first new Latino heritage artwork to the city; hosted the first soccer youth tournament at the OHCO’s newly installed soccer pop-court; engaged in health and sport-related initiatives; promoted Latino youth teamwork and leadership; celebrated diversity of Latino countries among families; and honored the Latino community’s contributions to the fabric of Ohio’s rich communities.

10,157 INDIVIDUALS REACHED

Mural Unveiling

OHCO unveiled artwork of "Despertando del sueño americano" (Waking from the American Dream) with muralist, Ariel Peguero.

The mural incorporated concepts of family unity, immigration, and historical hardships Latinos have and are currently facing living in the U.S. Amidst the struggles, the art reflects on the shared goal of 'life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness.'

The mural is 28-feet-tall and 15-feet in length for 420 square feet in canvas at the Ohio Hispanic Coalition’s Main Office location at 1535 Bethel Road.
**Youth Soccer Tournament**

Ohio Hispanic Coalition’s Niños en Acción (Kids in Action): Afterschool Program hosted a Soccer Youth Tournament with over 12 teams with 70 participants across all three sites at the newly installed soccer pop-up court, or ‘futbolito,’ in collaboration with the Columbus Crew and Over Under Initiative.

The event incorporated mascots, swag bags, and fan band to cheer on soccer players, and meals for Latino participants and families; and Championship trophy for the winning team.

The event hosted 110 participants and community members in celebrating Latino heritage through sports.

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**Las Pilas Dark Mexican Lager RE-LAUNCH**

OHCO included the exclusive, second annual launch of Las Pilas Dark Mexican Lager with Plantains established in 2021, in collaboration with Land-Grant Brewing Company.

Las Pilas concept came from the Latino motivational phrase in Spanish ‘ponte las pilas’ or ‘put in batteries.’ The beer incorporates plantains, commonly referred to as a ‘Latino potato’ for its versatility and high utilization among Latino America. Designed with artist Ariel Peguero, the art honors Latino advancement in STEM careers through the display of the ‘potato lightbulb’ science experiment, but using a plantain in place of a potato.

The beer was sold throughout Hispanic Heritage Month at the Land-Grant Brewing Company Taproom and the Columbus Crew stadium’s Hispanic Heritage Celebration Match as a portion of proceeds were donated to the agency to increase Latino visibility and continue its mission.
FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

*Based on Fiscal Year 2021

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Special Gracias to Our Funders

- ADAMH Board of Franklin County
- Columbus City Council
- Columbus Recreation and Parks Department
- Franklin County Board of Commissioners
- Franklin County Children Services
- Franklin County Department of Job & Family Services
- Franklin County Office of Justice & Policy Programs
- Franklin County Public Health
- Governor’s Office of Faith-Based Community Initiatives
- Harry C Moores Foundation
- Honda of America Foundation
- LSS CHOICES for Domestic Violence
- Office of the Ohio Attorney General
- Ohio Art Council
- Ohio Commission on Fatherhood
- Ohio Commission on Minority Health
- Ohio Department of Health
- Ohio Department of Natural Resources: Division of Wildlife
- Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services
- The Jeffrey Company
- U.S. Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women
- UnidosUS
- Youth to Youth
Special Gracias to Our Top Supporters!

- Columbus Crew
- Fifth Third Bank
- JPMorgan Chase & Co.
- Justice Design Lab
- Land-Grant Brewing Company
- Medline

1,108 Volunteer Hours Served

And all the dedicated parents and community members!

OUR VOLUNTEERS
OUR PARTNERS & AMIGOS

ADAMH Board of Franklin County
Adult Advocacy Centers
Advocating Opportunity
American Heart Association
AmeriHealth Caritas Ohio
Apeg Design Co.
ASHA Ray of Hope
Asian American Community Services
Big Lots
Buckeye Health Plan
Capital University Law School - Family Advocacy Clinic
CareSource
Carlos Cuts PR
CASA
CD Dance Company
Centennial High School
Central Ohio Music Therapy
Children Hunger Alliance
City of Columbus - Department of Neighborhoods
Columbus Blue Jackets
Columbus City Attorney’s Office
Columbus City Council
Columbus Crew
Columbus Police Department
Columbus Public Health
Columbus Recreation and Parks Department
Columbus Symphony Orchestra
Columbus Zoo & Aquarium
Coordinated Approach to Childhood
COSI
CRIS
Deaf World Against Violence Everywhere
Directions for Youth & Families
Dos Hermanos
Environment Management, Inc.
ETSS
Fifth Third Bank
Franklin County Board of Commissioners
Franklin County Children Services
Franklin County Department of Job & Family Services
Franklin County Municipal Court
Franklin County Office of Justice & Policy Programs
Franklin County Prosecuting Attorney
Franklin County Public Health
Franklin County Sheriff’s Office - Warrants & Extraditions
Future Ready DESSA System
George H.W. Bush Vamos A Pescar
Girls Scouts of Ohio
Governor’s Office of Faith-Based Community Initiatives
Gracehaven
Harry C Moores Foundation
Health Care Access Now
Health Impact Ohio
Healthy LifeStars
Heinzlerling Community
Honda of America Foundation
Iglesia Hispana St. Mark’s
JPMorgan Chase & Co.
Justice Design Lab
Kendra Scott
Land-Grant Brewing Company
Latina Style Inc.
Latino Student Association
League of United Latin American Citizens
Legal Aid Society of Columbus
La Guardia 96
LSS CHOICES for Domestic Violence
LSS Food Pantry
Manner Law Firm, LLC
Medline
Mid Ohio Food Collective
Morgan Stanley
Mount Carmel’s Crime and Trauma Assistance Program
National Fatherhood Initiative
National Organization of Sisters of Color Ending Sexual Assault
National Parents Union
Nationwide Children’s Hospital
Never Accept Bullying North Community Counseling Centers
Office of the Ohio Attorney General
Ohio Art Council
Ohio Commission on Fatherhood
Ohio Commission on Minority Health
Ohio Crime Victim Justice Center
Ohio Department of Education
Ohio Department of Health
Ohio Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services
Ohio Department of Natural Resources: Division of Wildlife
Ohio Domestic Violence Network
Ohio Nature Education
Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services
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OSU Star trauma
Over Under Initiative
Park National Bank
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Tech Corp
The Breathing Association
The Center of Family Safety & Healing
The Columbus Foundation
The Interview Institute
The Jeffrey Company
The Ohio State University - College of Public Health
The Ohio State University - Knowlton School
The Ohio State University - Spanish & Portuguese Department
Therapy Dog Alliance
Tim Hortons
Turning Point
U.S. Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women
Uber
UnidosUS
United Way of Central Ohio
Urban Express
Urban Lacrosse
US Bank
US Together
V.A.T
Warby Parker
Yellow Cab of Columbus
YMCA of Central Ohio
Youth to Youth
Zumba with Guadalupe
OUR LOCATIONS

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1535 Bethel Road
Floor 2
Columbus, OH 43220

Cultural & Education Center – East Site
220 W Johnstown Road
Gahanna, OH 43230

Cultural & Education Center – West Site
35200 Sullivant Avenue
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Main Office
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THE OHIO HISPANIC COALITION
WOULD LIKE TO SAY

Thank you!

IN MAKING THIS YEAR A SUCCESSFUL ONE.
LATINOS SERVING LATINOS

Since 1990