

## LATINO ORGANIZATIONS

### **CHisPA - Center for Hispanic Policy & Advocacy**

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The Center for Hispanic Policy and Advocacy (CHisPA) is a bilingual Latino community-based non-profit organization located in Providence, Rhode Island. It is dedicated to improving the quality of life for Latinos by providing a variety of programs and services. CHisPA's goal is to empower Latino families and individuals to achieve their full potential as productive members of the Rhode Island community.

**Health Education and Disease Prevention - Promotores de Salud/Health Promoters** are a vital part of the organization's work in support of decreasing health disparities amongst minority populations.

**Voca:** Assists survivors of domestic violence through **Ayudame** (Help Me). This program provides comprehensive direct services and education to Latino survivors of crime and in particular newly arrived immigrants whom are limited or non-English speaking.

### **Progreso Latino**

626 Broad Street

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<http://progresolatino.ning.com/>

Progreso Latino has a mandate to help the Latino and immigrant communities achieve greater self-sufficiency and self-determination.

Wellness Center at Progreso Latino is the largest bilingual, multicultural, empowerment community-based agency in the state of Rhode Island. The mission of the Wellness Center is to eliminate the disparity in access to health services that exists between the Latino community and the general population, and to provide the Latino community with information and education on topics such as HIV prevention, cancer awareness, diabetes,

nutrition, cardiovascular disease, domestic violence, women's health issues, substance abuse and many others.

**Project Hope / Projecto Esperanza - Pawtucket**

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**Project Hope / Projecto Esperanza - Central Falls**

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Project Hope is open 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Partners with the parishes of the Blackstone Valley for outreach and direct assistance to low-income families. Services offered include:

Assistance with basic needs such as food, rent, prescriptions  
Access to the Keep the Heat On assistance program  
Immigration information, assistance and representation.  
Applications for the Cabrini Fund child care scholarship program  
Preparation of income taxes for low-income individuals and families is available from January through April.

For whom is this program appropriate? Anyone in need.

Is this program available in multiple languages? Yes: English and Spanish.

Is there an application process? Yes, for some programs.

Is there a fee? There are some fees required by the Department of Immigration. Fees are based on the individual's income and payment plans are available. Other fees may apply for certain programs.

**Quisqueya in Action, Inc.**

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Quisqueya in Action, Inc., is a nonprofit organization founded in 1987, in the city of Providence by an energetic group of Dominican youth. Determined to make a difference, Quisqueya in Action held several meetings to create a vision for this organization and to ensure young people in Providence and the State of Rhode Island an option for community involvement. The meetings resulted in the origin of the Dominican Festival of Rhode Island.

Today, the organization is extremely proud to celebrate 19 years of exposing the community and specifically its young people with the splendor of history of the Dominica Republic.

### **Mission Statement**

College Awareness and Preparation Program of RI ~ CAPP-RI (Quisqueya in Action)

CAPP-RI will promote the access of Latino students and inner city youth to higher education by improving the information, awareness and the preparedness of students, while in high schools; and to develop a program that will demystify the application process, financing and transition for students that are first generation college applicants. Additionally, provide information and guidance to their parents to ensure student success.

### **Program Goals:**

- To increase the number of Rhode Island Latino students entering institutions of higher education and post graduate programs.
- To create an information and support center where students and their families can find support and assistance to access higher education.
- To provide culturally competent and linguistically appropriate support for families wanting to access college information.
- To partner with secondary schools, higher education institutions, organization, and other community based and student groups to facilitate the process of applying to college and remove barriers to access.

## **College Planning Center of RI/Latino College Access Coalition Providence Office**

Elmwood Community Center

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### **Hours**

Monday through Friday from 9am to 4pm

### **What is the Latino College Access Coalition?**

A partnership of community organizations where Latino students and parents can find expert advice on college planning, financial aid & financial literacy.

A resource model that provides a community based environment of Confianza, which in Spanish means “Trust, comfort, and level of familiarity and knowledge that bespeaks confidence.”

An extension of the free program of the [College Planning Center of RI](#) which has been providing college planning services for over 10 years.

What LCAC provides:

- Provided FAFSA assistance in Spanish
- Offered SAT prep classes to interested high school students
- Provided one-on-one counseling at our partner agencies
- Provided tutoring on high school subjects
- Applied for grants