

# Hispanic/Latino Affairs –FY 2008-2009

**BRAVO!!!**

The Hispanic/Latino Affairs Institute has accomplished many tasks during this past fiscal year. These services were provided to over 50 state agencies, non-profit organizations and businesses. Among the many tasks provided were:

**Technical Assistance      Cultural Competency Workshops**  
**Trainings      Information and Referral      Research**



**EDUCATION**-The Commission collaborated with the SC Department of Education in disseminating an Education Survey developed by CMA. Surveys were sent to all ESOL teachers across the state. This survey tool provides us with information such as Hispanic growth rate, number of bilingual staff, availability of resources and information not currently collected by the SC Department of Education. This survey tool helps us in looking at ways to reduce educational gaps within the Hispanic community.

**IMPACT**  
Findings report will be sent to ESOL teachers and serve as a tool for school districts to evaluate the needs of the growing Hispanic population.



## HEALTH

The SC Commission for Minority Affairs has been instrumental in helping move the Good Samaritan Clinic in the expansion of medical services and service area. The Commission initially helped the clinic in obtaining a 501(c) (3) status to currently assisting the clinic in grant writing with an outcome of 100% success funding rate. The Commission assisted with three grants of which all were funded.

**IMPACT: Served approximately 500 uninsured free of charge and provided medical care. The Clinic expanded their service area to West Columbia.**



**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**-The Commission for Minority Affairs continues to participate in State scheduled exercises and in the event of State activation of the SEOC. The Commission assisted in the translation of the *Earthquake Guide* from English to Spanish.



## United States Council on Latino Affairs

The SC Commission for Minority Affairs signed a National *Memorandum of Agreement* to be part of the – United States Council on Latino Affairs. The United States Council on Latino Affairs committee allows us to collaborate, and establish a partnership to look at ways to improve the plight of Hispanics/Latinos across the Nation and within our State.

## LEGISLATION

**SC Illegal Immigration Reform Act**-In the past year, the Commission has assisted immigrant callers as well as other callers with information on the legislation. Although the Commission was not funded to provide the Hotline, we have used our limited resources to make referrals and assist callers in obtaining information that they may need.



**WEBSITE**-Information on South Carolina's Hispanic population is now available on our website. Resource information is available to professionals as well as to the Hispanic Community.