

# Centro SOL Annual Report 2024

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# **Executive Summary**

Centro SOL's work in 2024 reflected the strength of community partnerships and the power of culturally responsive care.

We reached thousands of families through direct outreach, expanded access to mental health and clinical services, trained the next generation of bilingual professionals, and strengthened our role in advocacy and systems change.

Our initiatives focused on immigrant Latino families in the Baltimore area and beyond—addressing key areas including mental health, chronic disease prevention, parenting, and workforce development.

This year's highlights reflect not just numbers, but stories of resilience, collaboration, and hope.

In this report, we show main projects, highlights, and next steps for our work as we embark into new initiatives, while continuing our vision to a better health for our communities.



#### Letter from the Directors

Dear friends and partners,

As we reflect on 2024, we are reminded of the collective impact we can achieve when community members, healthcare professionals, educators, and advocates come together. At Centro SOL, our mission remains focused on advancing equity in health and opportunity for Latino communities in Baltimore and beyond.

This year, we expanded our reach through creative outreach strategies, innovative research partnerships, and deeper community involvement. From empowering youth through education programs to supporting families navigating the healthcare system, our team and partners have shown that culturally responsive care makes a difference.

We are proud of the accomplishments detailed in this report—and more importantly, grateful for your support. Thank you for walking this path with us.

Warmly,

Dr. Sarah Polk and Dr. Kathleen Page

Co-Directors, Centro SOL



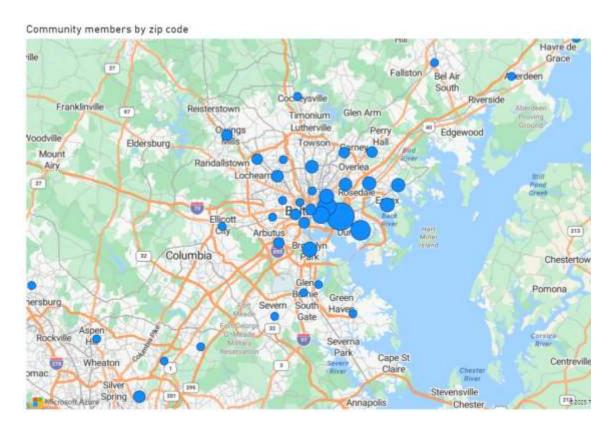
# Centro SOL's Broad Community Outreach

# **Community Events**

In 2024, Centro SOL connected with over 2,900 families at 29 community events across Baltimore City and County—providing direct support to more than 1,800 of them. These gatherings were essential for sharing trusted information and offering real-time help to our community.

# **Phone Line Support**

Our bilingual phone line served over 230 individuals this year, with calls coming from 71 different zip codes. Nearly 40% of these callers sought help accessing health or mental health services. The highest call volumes came from Southeast Baltimore and neighboring Dundalk (zip codes 21224, 21222, 21205, and 21231), highlighting the ongoing need in these areas.



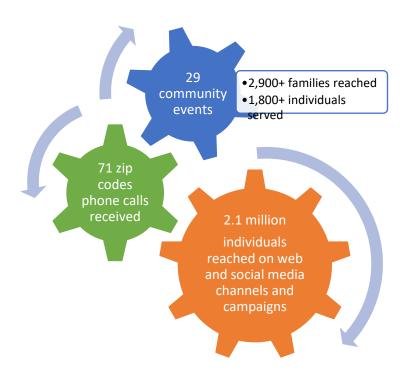
# **Online Resource Hub**

To complement our in-person and phone outreach, we continued expanding our online resources. Our website now offers a comprehensive hub of community services, health



education, and public health content—including topics like parenting, mental health, and immigration support.

Thanks to community-informed SEO strategies and relevant, accessible content, our website reached over 200,000 views per month in 2024.



# Promoting Clinical Innovations and Community Health

Centro SOL delivers health education and wellness programs that respond to the real needs of our community. Our initiatives focus on both prevention and care—addressing mental health, physical wellness, and social determinants of health. Every program is informed by evidence and guided by the lived experiences of the Latino community in Baltimore.

# Community Mental Health

# **Testimonios: A Support Space for Mental Health**

Testimonios is a virtual support group for uninsured Latino adults experiencing stress and related symptoms. Led by licensed social workers and therapists, the program offers a safe, welcoming space in Spanish—free of charge.





The group has successfully created a safe space for participants to express their emotions, leading to increased self-awareness and overall mental health improvement.

#### Key Highlights (2024):

- More than 120 active participants (out of 540 registered since launch).
- Weekly one-hour sessions, averaging 8–10 attendees each.
- 50 sessions delivered in 2024.
- Tailored outreach strategies (calls, texts, blog stories, social media) helped make access culturally relevant and equitable.

#### **Participant Snapshot:**

- 32 regular attendees
- 8 men (ages 32–66, avg. 42)
- 24 women (ages 22–69, avg. 41)

#### **Radiante: Mindfulness-Based Emotional Wellness**

Radiante is a four-session, live online program based on Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT). It introduces participants to mindfulness, breathing techniques, emotional regulation, and healthy communication.

- 49 women registered in 2024
- Average of 11 participants per session



Sessions include take-home tools like mindfulness recordings and practice exercises



# Fortalece tu Bienestar: Depression Awareness Campaign

Launched in 2021, this culturally tailored public education campaign helps reduce stigma around depression and encourages help-seeking.

#### 2024 Highlights:

- 11 new articles published and distributed in Mundo Latino newspaper and on Centro SOL's blog and social media
- Topics addressed:
  - Postpartum depression among young mothers
  - Depression and alcohol use in men
  - Mental health among caregivers and LGBTQ+ individuals
- 5,000 printed copies distributed in Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Anne Arundel,
   Howard, Carroll, Montgomery, and Prince George's Counties
- 48,000 individual clicks on social media content each month

#### **Parenting Workshops**

Centro SOL runs the only open-access Spanish-language parenting group in the Baltimore metro area. This unique program supports immigrant parents navigating bicultural child-rearing challenges. Sessions promote positive parenting practices and build parent-child bonds—particularly during adolescence.

#### **Key Features:**

• 45–47 sessions delivered in 2024 (weekly except during holidays)



- Average of 10 participants per session
- Open enrollment: parents can join any time they feel the need
- Sessions are virtual, reducing barriers to participation
- Topics reflect the concerns of participants and include bicultural parenting, discipline, and emotional connection

#### **Participant Demographics:**

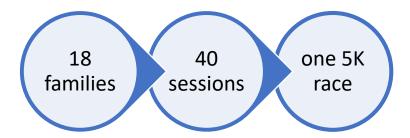
- Families from Mexico, Honduras, Guatemala, Ecuador, and El Salvador
- Zip codes include: 21205, 21211, 21220, 21221, 21222, 21224, and 21231
- Referrals from courts, pediatricians, and community word-of-mouth

# Community Physical Health

# Embajadores de Salud

Embajadores de Salud is a heart health and lifestyle education program based on *Your Heart, Your Life*, an NIH-approved curriculum tailored for Latino communities. Sessions include presentations, hands-on workshops, and physical activities—all designed to meet participants where they are.

The program is led by a community health worker who began as a participant in 2015 and now serves as the lead facilitator.



# Advocating for Diversifying the Workforce and Education

At Centro SOL, we believe in creating pathways to higher education and professional success for Latino youth and community members. From high school mentoring to graduate-level



engagement, our programs provide bilingual students and aspiring professionals with the support and exposure they need to pursue careers in healthcare, research, and community leadership.

# Summer Scholars Program

Now in its 10th year, the Summer Scholars program provides bilingual high school students with hands-on experience in healthcare and public health. Students explore career paths in medicine, research, and allied health while developing research and presentation skills.



# 2024 Highlights:

- Youth-led research projects on pressing community health issues
- Workshops focused on college readiness and professional development
- Closing ceremony where students presented evidence-based solutions to a live audience





# Youth Mentoring Program

Offered during the school year, our Youth Mentoring Program pairs high school students from underrepresented Latinx communities with volunteer mentors. Mentors meet 2–4 times per month with students to:

- Support academic and personal growth
- Teach coping skills
- Explore research concepts and career planning

# College and Graduate Student Engagement

Centro SOL works with undergraduate and graduate students at Johns Hopkins and other local institutions to deepen their involvement in Latino health equity work. Through volunteering, research, and community engagement, students gain practical experience while supporting our mission.

#### 2024 Stats:

- 60+ volunteers contributed over 400 hours to Centro SOL programs
- 350+ individuals remain connected through our volunteer network
- Program participants often become peer mentors or community health workers

Fun Fact: Many of our volunteers go on to lead their own projects or return as staff.



## **Conference Presentations**

Centro SOL researchers and clinicians shared our work nationally and internationally in 2024:

- International Society of Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity (ISBNPA):
   Dr. Sarah Polk presented findings on diet and physical activity measures among Latino immigrant families in community-based obesity programs.
- Pediatric Academic Societies (PAS):

Dr. Lisa DeCamp shared the feasibility of community-based weight management interventions for Latino children.

- Colorado Pragmatic Research in Health Conference (COPRH-Con):
   Dr. DeCamp again highlighted outcomes from community-based child health interventions.
- American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP):
  - Dr. Kiara Alvarez presented on PALOMA, a parent-focused suicide prevention intervention for Latinx youth, emphasizing the role of culturally rooted strategies and parent–child communication.



# Promoting Innovative Research Practices Based on Community

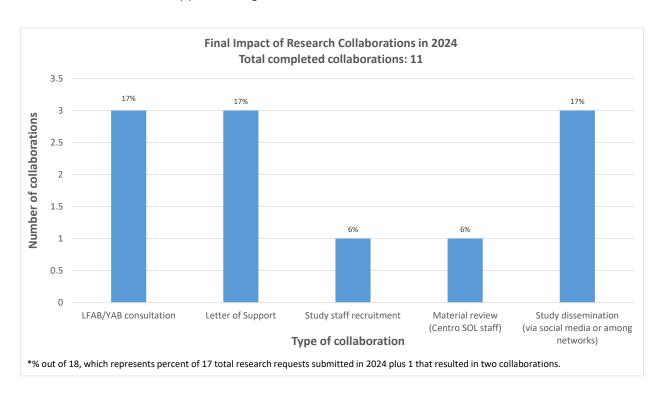
# Participation

Centro SOL is committed to ensuring that research is not only about communities, but created with them. Our research initiatives center cultural relevance, community leadership, and equitable access. We support researchers working with Latino populations and create opportunities for families to shape how health studies are designed and shared.

# **<u>Culturally Responsive Research Consultation Services</u>**

We offer tailored support to researchers working with Latino participants, particularly those with limited English proficiency. Our team provides:

- Study planning and design guidance
- Review of recruitment and outreach materials
- Culturally informed strategies for community engagement
- Dissemination support through Centro SOL's trusted networks

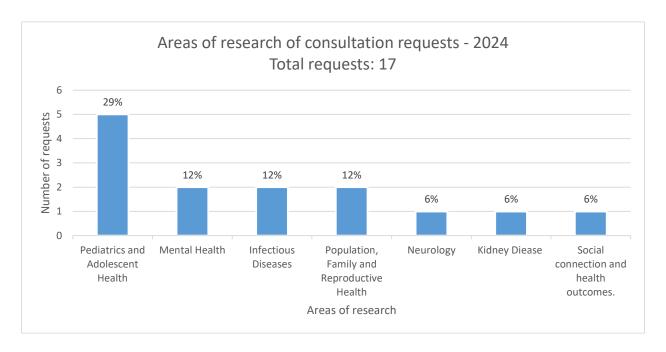


#### 2024 Highlights:

- 17 research consultation requests received
- 41% focused on pediatric or mental health topics

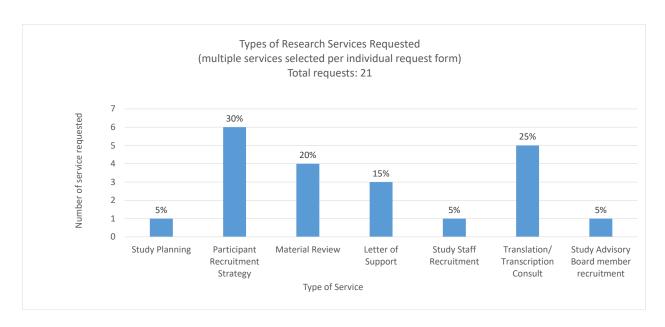


- 65% led to deeper collaboration (e.g., advisory board input, letters of support)
- Topics ranged from youth mental health to reproductive health and domestic violence



### **Top Services Provided:**

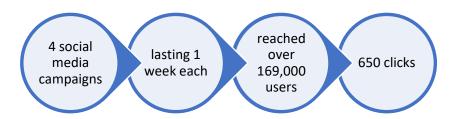
- Participant recruitment strategy
- Material and message review



#### **Community Reach:**



- Four social media campaigns were approved and shared across Facebook, Messenger, and Instagram
- Total online reach exceeded campaign expectations



#### Bienestar y Avances: Community Research Dissemination Event

Our 2nd annual Spanish-language research showcase was held on September 26, 2024, at the A. Hoen & Co. Building in Baltimore. The event brought together:

- Community members who previously participated in studies
- Researchers and public health professionals
- · Local leaders and partner organizations

Attendees rotated through small group stations highlighting individual research projects. These interactive discussions gave participants space to ask questions and offer input on how studies can better reflect and respond to real-life experiences.

#### Why it Matters:

This event underscores the value of lived experience in shaping research that truly serves our community.

#### **Success Stories: Community-Driven Research**

Here are a few examples of how our advisory boards influenced health research in 2024:

- LFAB (Latino Family Advisory Board) helped researchers develop blood draw protocols for young children in a parenting study and reviewed hospital discharge materials using pictograms.
- LFAB and YAB provided input on contraceptive needs screening language for pediatric clinics.



 We supported NIH-funded projects like CEAL, CONNECT, and Building Trust in Science to promote Latino inclusion in clinical trials through culturally appropriate recruitment, material review, and focus groups.

#### Child & Adolescent Health

Centro SOL continues to address child health disparities by collaborating directly with families and communities. Our programs focus on culturally informed, practical strategies that promote healthy behaviors and long-term well-being.

#### **Community Active and Healthy Families (AHF)**

# **Combating Childhood Obesity with Family-Centered Solutions**

AHF is a culturally tailored, Spanish-language weight management program designed for Latino children and their families. Based on behavioral theory and community feedback, the program takes place in trusted, accessible community spaces.

#### **Program Structure:**

- 8 in-person sessions (1.5 hours each) focused on healthy eating, physical activity, and family engagement
- Delivered entirely in Spanish
- Includes food prep demos and group activities
- 4 follow-up coaching calls between sessions to reinforce learning

#### **Operational Improvements (2024):**



- All sessions now hosted at Salem United Methodist Church, streamlining logistics
- Storage and activity space consolidated, reducing prep time
- Transportation and volunteer coordination improved
- Healthy recipe handouts redesigned in collaboration with Cornell University public health students—now more visually engaging, literacy-appropriate, and budget-conscious

#### Research & Impact:



- Pilot study (2023) conducted with Colorado Children's Hospital; findings presented at PAS, ISBNPA, and COPRH-Con in 2024
- R01 grant in development to scale and evaluate long-term outcomes

#### **Pilot Study Results:**

- 93 participants
- 48.3% of children showed a decrease in %BMIp95
- Average post-program %BMIp95 was 120.84
- High parent satisfaction with program feasibility and content

#### Program Reach (2024):

- 124 parent/child dyads participated in Baltimore
- Preliminary data suggest that BMI increased at a slower rate for participants compared to non-participants
- Ongoing analysis with the Biostatistics, Epidemiology, and Data Management (BEAD)
   Core using robust statistical models



#### **Adolescent Mental Health**

#### PALOMA: Partnering with Parents of Adolescent Latinos on Mental Health Assistance

PALOMA is a culturally adapted intervention that supports Latinx parents whose children are experiencing suicidal ideation or self-injury. The program is designed to improve communication, reduce isolation, and offer practical tools for parents, all in Spanish and supported by trained community health workers (CHWs).

#### **How It Works:**



- Pediatricians at four Baltimore clinics refer families of youth (ages 12–18) experiencing suicidal thoughts or behaviors
- Parents receive 5 one-on-one phone sessions with a trained CHW
- Sessions cover safety planning, emotional support, and connection to resources
- CHWs also help address social needs such as food access or housing referrals
- The child may participate in surveys but does not interact with the CHW

#### **What Makes PALOMA Unique:**

- Designed specifically for Spanish-speaking immigrant parents
- Complements—not replaces—clinical mental health treatment
- Builds trust through culturally aligned, community-rooted support
- Developed in close collaboration with a Parent Advisory Board

#### 2024 Outcomes:

- Launched May 1, 2024
- 94% of referred parents (34 out of 37) attended at least one session
- Early feedback is promising:

"We talk a lot more now. I ask questions, and sometimes they don't answer... but sometimes they talk a lot!"

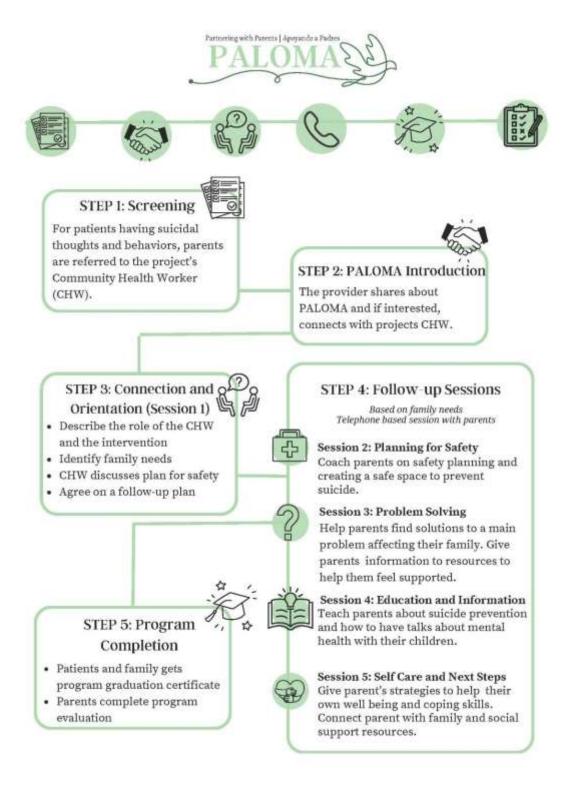
"The support, the way they prepare you, the safety plans—things you didn't even realize were risks."

Pilot continues through March 2025, with plans to expand pending funding

#### **Partnerships & Community Engagement:**

- Clinical sites: Yard 56 Clinic, East Baltimore Medical Center, Harriett Lane Clinic, Esperanza Center
- Mental health resource connections throughout Baltimore
- Parent Advisory Board met in May, October, and December to:
  - Review materials and videos
  - Role-play training exercises with CHWs
  - Prioritize topics for suicide prevention messaging





#### Adult Mental Health

Centro SOL continues to expand mental health care access for Latino adults through culturally and linguistically tailored interventions. These efforts aim to reduce stigma, strengthen coping



skills, and improve overall well-being—especially for those without insurance or consistent access to care.

# <u>Strong Minds – Mentes Fuertes</u>

#### **Psychoeducation for Adults with Depression**

Strong Minds is a group-based intervention adapted from Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) for Spanish-speaking adults experiencing moderate depression. Delivered by trained community health workers (CHWs), the program empowers participants to take control of their mental health.

#### **Core Goals:**

- Improve understanding of depression and its treatment
- Teach practical coping skills and strategies for thought regulation
- Develop personalized self-care plans

#### 2024 Highlights:

- Training adapted to better equip CHWs with limited mental health backgrounds
- Updated data collection tools using technology i.e. REDCap
- 2 CHWs trained and delivering sessions
- 20 participants completed the program; 4 additional participants are currently active
- All participants were women (ages 20–51; average age: 41)

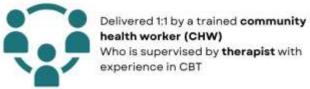
#### **Post-Program Engagement:**

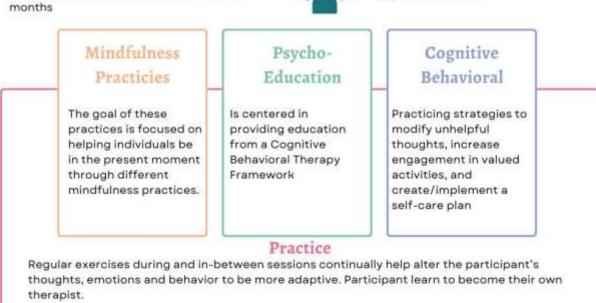
Graduates were invited to join other Centro SOL mental health programs, including
 *Testimonios* and *Radiante*, to continue their healing journey in community.



# Psychoeducational Intervention adapted from Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) for adults with moderate depression

- Ten 1-hour psychoeducational sessions adapted from Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
- Delivered via Zoom
- Intervention must be completed within 6 months





# Mothers & Babies (MB)

#### **Preventing Postpartum Depression in Latina Mothers**

Mothers & Babies (MB) is a nationally recognized, evidence-based intervention designed to prevent postpartum depression among at-risk women. Built on CBT and attachment theory, MB was originally developed for Latina women and includes tools for mood regulation and strengthening social support.





#### **Virtual Group Adaptation (MB-VG):**

In collaboration with Northwestern University, Centro SOL adapted MB for virtual group delivery. This 10-session version includes:

- Spanish-language sessions led by CHWs
- Pediatricians joining at the end of each session to discuss child development and nutrition
- Referrals to food resources through Hopkins Community Connection (HCC)

# **Ongoing Research:**

- A randomized clinical trial launched in 2023 to evaluate the virtual program's impact
- Participants: Spanish-speaking pregnant women and new mothers (child ≤9 months)
- Recruited from Judy Centers (early learning hubs) across Maryland
- Participants randomly assigned to receive immediate or delayed intervention

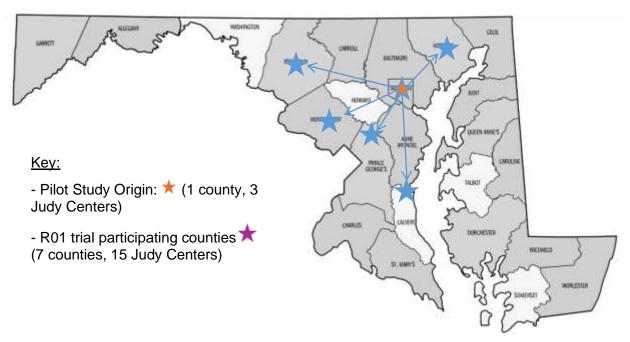
#### 2024 Highlights:

- 6 public school districts approved the study: Baltimore City, Calvert, Frederick, Harford, Montgomery, and Prince George's Counties
- 169 women referred from 15+ Judy Centers
- 114 enrolled and randomized
- 43% have completed their 6-month assessments
- 22 Judy Center staff and CHWs trained to deliver MB-VG
- 7 groups completed; more are in progress

#### **Key Partners:**

- Northwestern University (curriculum adaptation)
- Judy Center Early Learning Hubs (referrals)
- Hopkins Community Connection (resource support)
- Funded by the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD)





# Building Collaboration and Promoting Equitable Systems Change

Centro SOL works across sectors—legal, medical, public health, and community-based organizations—to address the structural factors that shape the health of Latino immigrants. In 2024, we strengthened partnerships that bridge gaps in care, expand rights education, and elevate community voices in advocacy efforts.

# Medical-Legal Partnership at Yard 56

#### **Bringing Legal Services into Clinical Care**

In May 2024, Centro SOL launched a groundbreaking collaboration modeled after the Terra Firma approach, bringing together pediatricians, psychologists, and immigration attorneys to provide holistic care for unaccompanied immigrant children.

#### **Partners Include:**

- Providers at Yard 56 Pediatric Clinic
- Trauma-informed psychologists
- Pro bono immigration lawyers

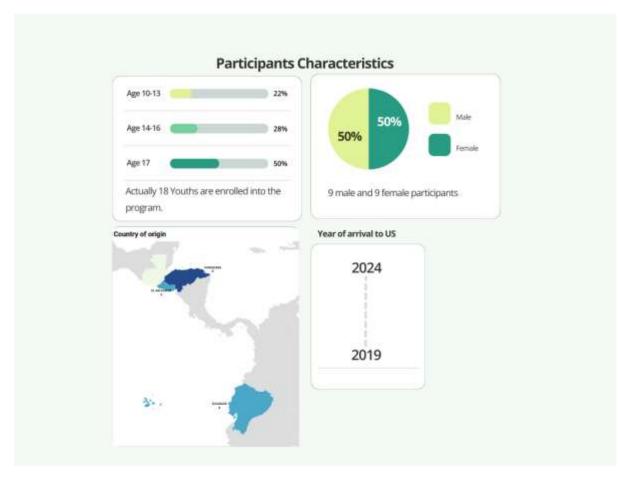




# 2024 Highlights:

- Screened 348+ youth who met criteria as unaccompanied children
- Provided legal consultations and referrals to mental health care (e.g., Global Refuge)
- Organized "Know Your Rights" forums and mental health resource events for families
- Began offering monthly mentoring sessions for youth
- Convened monthly interdisciplinary team meetings to coordinate care





#### **Lessons Learned:**

- Strong partnerships are foundational
- Programs must adapt to shifting immigration trends, family dynamics, and transportation barriers
- Flexibility and responsiveness to community needs are critical to success

# Advocacy Workgroup

# **Shaping Policy to Advance Health Equity**

Since 2015, the Advocacy Workgroup has brought together healthcare providers, policy experts, and public health leaders to improve health equity for Latinos at the local, state, and national levels. Chaired by Dr. Sarah Polk, the workgroup is open to new members and meets regularly to take collective action.

#### 2024 Highlights:



- Submitted formal comments urging Johns Hopkins Public Safety to adopt equitable, immigrant-inclusive policing practices
- Welcomed new partners including Kennedy Krieger Institute (language access) and EcoMadres (environmental justice in Curtis Bay)
- Supported Maryland legislation (HB 568) to recognize May 8 as Community Health Worker (CHW) Appreciation Day
  - Convened a strategic planning meeting (Nov. 20) with local policymakers to prepare for immigrant rights advocacy in advance of the 2025 presidential transition
- Members included representatives from:
  - Baltimore City Council (Zeke Cohen, Odette Ramos, Mark Parker)
  - Maryland House of Delegates (Robbyn Lewis)
  - CASA (immigrant rights organization)

#### Latino Family Advisory Board (LFAB)

#### **Families Guiding Better Health Services**

LFAB (El Consejo de Familias Latinas) is a trusted advisory group composed of Spanishspeaking parents who share lived experiences to inform research, policy, and clinical improvements at Johns Hopkins and beyond.

#### What LFAB Does:

- Advises researchers on study design, materials, and outreach
- Provides input on quality improvement projects across Hopkins Medicine
- Acts as a bridge between medical teams and the community

Co-chaired by Dr. Sarah Polk and Isabel Fernandez Abaunza, LFAB continues to be a vital force in building more equitable and responsive health systems.

Learn more: <u>Latino Family Advisory Board https://jhcentrosol.org/who-we-are/our-boards/latino-family-advisory-board/</u>





#### 2024 Highlights

- 9 members
- 4 countries (Mexico, El Salvador, Guatemala, Ecuador)
- 9 meetings providing recommendations for clinical improvement and research projects including:
  - 5 research consultations to inform a project on patient communication, another one on engagement of families in mental health research, a project on research materials review for childhood liver disease.
- The team was represented at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) during the Short Course on Multilingual Approaches to Research Studies (MARS). Clinicians at CHOP had the opportunity to learn from the work of LFAB over the years.

#### Youth Advisory Board (YAB)

#### Youth Voices in Research and Advocacy

YAB gives Latinx youth a platform to explore how identity, immigration, and resilience shape health. Relaunched in 2023, the board is led by faculty co-chairs Dr. Keith Martin and Dr. Sarah Polk, with support from undergraduate coordinators at Johns Hopkins.

#### YAB's Focus:

- Supporting youth-led advocacy and research
- Creating space for cultural exploration and leadership
- Building intergenerational connections between researchers and community youth

Learn more: Youth Advisory Board





# 2024 Highlights:

- 12 members ages 14-18 (including 8 youth who identify as Latinx)
- 8 meetings focused on the Youth Participatory Action research framework including introduction to research, research methods, research for equity, and research ethics.





#### Latino Health Conference

Since 2015, the Latino Health Conference has convened hundreds of healthcare professionals, community leaders, and advocates to discuss pressing public health issues affecting Latino immigrants in Maryland.

# 2025 Conference: Caminando Juntos: Strengthening Networks of Support to Keep Families Safe and Healthy

On May 9, 2025, Centro SOL hosted its annual Latine Health Conference, *Caminando Juntos: Strengthening Networks of Support to Keep Families Safe and Healthy*, at the Creative Alliance Education Center in Baltimore. This signature event brought together over 100 scholars, healthcare professionals, community organizers, government leaders, and immigrant advocates for a morning of reflection and strategic planning. The conference was co-sponsored by the Johns Hopkins Urban Health Institute and the HEAL Refugee Health and Asylum Collaborative, with additional support from the Maryland Information Network.

Against the backdrop of shifting immigration policy, increasing enforcement threats, and persistent disparities in access to care, *Caminando Juntos* centered a call for collective action. The gathering focused on how institutions and communities can co-create safer environments for immigrant families to live, learn, and thrive with dignity.

#### **Keynote & Panel Highlights**

The morning opened with a powerful keynote address by **Dr. Lara Jirmanus**, a Harvard-affiliated physician and advocate whose work integrates healthcare, legal solidarity, and grassroots organizing. Dr. Jirmanus shared insights from her experience with the Health and Law Immigrant Solidarity Network (HLISN) in Boston, urging attendees to embrace models that center patient protection, frontline empowerment, and data minimization to avoid unintended harm.

The keynote was followed by a panel discussion moderated by **Dr. Sarah Polk**, pediatrician and co-director of Centro SOL. Panelists included:

- Beth Blauer, J.D., Vice Provost for Public Sector Innovation, Johns Hopkins University
- Catalina Rodriguez Lima, M.A., Director, Baltimore Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs (MIMA)
- Edith Hinson, Co-Director, Detained Adult Program, Amica Center for Immigrant Rights



Each speaker offered insights into how institutions—public and private—can foster trust and improve responsiveness to immigrant communities. The discussion emphasized collaboration across sectors, systems-level innovation, and the necessity of grounding policy in lived experience.



#### **Roundtable Discussions: A Collective Vision for Action**

The final and most participatory portion of the morning invited attendees to engage in small, facilitated roundtable discussions, each centered on a key objective that emerged from the evolving needs of immigrant families and the frontline professionals who serve them. Participants were asked to share ideas, challenges, and potential pathways forward.





#### Awards and Publications

#### **Awards**

- Josefa Nuñez Mayor's Hispanic Heritage Volunteer Award 2024
- Dr. Kiara Álvarez & Monica Guerrero Vázquez Mid-Year Award from the Bloomberg
   American Health Initiative to use participatory research in the evaluation of a mental
   health support group.

#### **Publications**

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#### **Poster Presentations (2024)**

- Baltimore Immigration Summit The Medical-Legal Partnership Voices and Dreams of Latine youth in Baltimore
- Pediatric Academic Societies (PAS) Community-based weight management for Latino children
- International Society of Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity (ISBNPA) –
   Family diet and physical activity measures



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#### **Government & Civic Partners**

- Baltimore City Public Schools
- Maryland Legislative Latino Caucus
- Mayor's Office of Immigrant and Multicultural Affairs
- National Institutes of Health
- YouthWorks

#### **Faith-Based Organizations**

- Baltimore Hebrew Congregation
- Breath of God Lutheran Church
- Our Lady of Pompei Church
- Sacred Heart Church
- Salem Methodist Church

#### **Academic Institutions**

- Anne Arundel Community College
- Boston University
- Towson University
- University of Colorado / Children's Hospital Colorado
- University of Maryland (College Park and School of Social Work)

- Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center
- Bloomberg School of Public Health
- Johns Hopkins School of Nursing
- Johns Hopkins Summer Jobs Program
- The Brancati Center
- Center for Adolescent Health
- Center for Health Equity
- Institute for Clinical and Translational Research
- Urban Health Institute

#### **Community & Cultural Organizations**

- Baltimore Family Alliance
- Baltimore Museum of Art
- Creative Alliance
- Enoch Pratt Free Library
- Esperanza Center
- Global Refuge
- Public Justice Center
- Terra Firma National

# **Johns Hopkins Affiliates**



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