Latino Health Symposium
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What We Do
Title 17 §1276: Basic Services

(a) Public health data collection and analysis
(b) Health education programs
(c) Communicable disease control
(d) Maternal and child health services
(e) Environmental health and sanitation services
(f) Public health laboratory services
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(j) Occupational health services
(k) Family planning services
(l) Public health nursing services
How We Do It

• Data: population health assessment, birth, morbidity/mortality, evaluation of programs and services
• Programs and interventions: chronic disease, injury prevention, substance abuse prevention and control, environmental health, acute communicable disease
• Clinics: TB, STD, immunization
• Community partnerships: regional health offices
• Policy: BOS, school districts, educate legislators
How We Prioritize

• Achieving health equity for all in LA County
  ▪ Almost half of LA County population is Latino
  ▪ Latinos experience inequities in health outcomes and opportunities to achieve optimal health

• Responding to emerging public health issues and community needs
  ▪ Environmental health disasters in communities with high concentrations of Latinos (Exide)
Specific Departmental Priority Areas

- Violence prevention
  - Homicide 2\textsuperscript{nd} leading cause of premature death for Latinos
  - County Office of Violence Prevention and Domestic Violence Council
- Substance use prevention and treatment
  - Drug overdose 5\textsuperscript{th} leading cause of premature death for Latinos
- Homelessness
  - Latinos make up 35\% of County homeless population
- Adverse birth outcomes: low birthweight, infant mortality
- Sexually transmitted infections
DPH Opportunities and Challenges

- **Opportunities**
  - Content expertise in multiple areas of health
  - Access to local data not available to others
  - Timely knowledge of emerging health issues
  - Strong community partnerships and established presence
  - Potential for large impacts across LA County

- **Challenges**
  - Limited research expertise
  - Limited resources to allocate for research
Areas for Collaboration and Impact

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Residents Living in Poverty by Race/Ethnicity, LA County, 2017

Life Expectancy by Race/Ethnicity, LA County, 2017

LA County: 82.4
Asian: 86.6
Latino: 84.2
White: 81.6
Black: 76.3

Source: California Department of Public Health's Death Statistical Master File, 2017 (provisional). Los Angeles County-linked file (linkd17_10162018.sas7bdat) assembled by Office of Health Assessment and Epidemiology, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health.
Infant Mortality by Race/Ethnicity, LA County, 1996 to 2016

Source: California Department of Public Health, Death Statistical Files, 1996-2016
Specific Areas for Collaboration

• Areas in which Latinos are doing well
  ▪ What are the assets and resources?
  ▪ Similarities and differences from other racial/ethnic groups. Why?
  ▪ Similarities or differences from national data. Why?
  ▪ What can be translated to other populations in LA County?

• Examine the impact of discrimination on Latino health outcomes
  ▪ Los Angeles County Health Survey data
  ▪ Similarities and differences from other groups. Why?
THANK YOU!

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