



Soluciones ~ Ongoing Support Services Plan

to the Honorable members of the Ohio Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs

Based upon feedback from participants of the Soluciones Roundtable of 28 January 2006 and from members of the Education Campaign Symposia Advisory Committee (ECSAC), the director is pleased to provide this Ongoing Support Services Plan, developed by Lynna Martinez, Acting Program Director of the Organizations Development Center, and by the Executive Director of the Ohio Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs (OCHLA). Please see ECSAC & Soluciones Roundtable Report - submitted & approved 10 February 2006, for additional background and information.

This Ongoing Support Services Plan (OSSP) will provide guidance by articulating the one-year vision of the Education Campaign of OCHLA, identifying the critical next steps for Soluciones Local & Statewide Roundtables, and defining the scope of coordination, support, and services to be provided by OCHLA during the next year. This OSSP plan is directed to and a resource for:

Group	Description
Local Roundtable Groups	The geographically defined groups of participants at the Soluciones Roundtable of 28 January 2006. These are Northeast, Northwest, South & West, and Central & Southeast Ohio.
ECSAC committee	The steering committee largely comprised of individuals and departments from The Ohio State University, the Ohio Department of Education, and OCHLA staff & interns
Other Education Campaign Partners	Key legislators, policy-makers, administrators, parents, community leaders, and the Office of the Governor

One-Year Vision ~ Education Campaign

The one-year vision for the Education Campaign is that the Local Roundtable Groups will:

- meet at the local level on a regular basis
- promote the identified solutions to improving the state of Latino education in their communities
- work in partnership with parents, community leaders, educators, administrators, policymakers, and elected officials
- build greater awareness of the academic achievement gap
- and identify and recruit more participants in the spirit of collaboration

with the guidance and support of the Ohio Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs. In March 2007, OCHLA and the Education Campaign partners will organize the statewide Soluciones summit to reconvene the Local Roundtable Groups, evaluate the progress made, and discuss ongoing strategies.

Scope of Support from OCHLA

The goal of OCHLA is not to drive a top-down model of centralized leadership, giving orders to Local Roundtable Groups. In line with the statutory mandates of the commission, OCHLA seeks to foster a grass-roots up, distributed leadership model by providing the initial organizing event and impetus, encouraging



local organizing and advocacy, and providing the necessary centralized coordination and support to the Local Roundtable Groups.

In order to help accomplish the vision of the Education Campaign via distributed leadership, OCHLA will provide the following services to the Local Roundtable Groups:

- Monthly e-mail updates from OCHLA
- Organizing models for Groups to use
- Templates for Monthly Reports to OCHLA
- Quarterly mailing from OCHLA
- Information hub of reports, studies, documentation, etc. via Soluciones website
- Sample proposals for local school districts
- Press releases and media relationships across Ohio
- OCHLA-led leadership training
- Presentations by OCHLA Director for meetings with school boards, superintendents, and local legislators and elected officials
- Organize a Legislative Visit Day in Columbus
- Discounted group-rates for facilitation services by Herrera & Associates

Critical Next Steps

For the Local Roundtable Groups, the ECSAC and OCHLA propose the following next steps for sustaining the work begun at the Soluciones Roundtable summit of January 28.

- Identify and select a local Latino community organization to serve as a host and a central meeting point for the Local Roundtable Group (e.g. LEON in Central Ohio, Adelante in Northwest Ohio, HOLA in Northeast Ohio, Latino Roundtable Organization in Southwest Ohio, etc.)
- Select two to three Local Roundtable Group Coordinators to serve as a point of contact for OCHLA and coordinate Group meetings
- Conduct a first meeting and establish a regular meeting calendar (e.g. monthly Group meetings)
- Submit monthly reports to OCHLA
- Participate in local leadership training
- Plan for and conduct a formal meeting and presentation with local school superintendents and school boards
- Plan for and conduct formal meetings and presentations with local legislators and other elected officials
- Develop specific proposals for consideration and adoption by local school districts
- Participate in a Legislative Visit Day in Columbus
- Check-in regularly with OCHLA and the Soluciones website www.osu.edu/soluciones
- Invite additional individuals to participate with the Local Roundtable Group

At the Statewide level, the ECSAC will begin planning and raising funds for the 2007 Soluciones Roundtable summit, which is scheduled to be held in March 2007.

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