



Eleventh Annual Binational Health Week

October 1-16, 2011

Binational Health Week (BHW) is one of the largest mobilization efforts of federal and state government agencies, community-based organizations, and volunteers in the Americas to improve the health and well-being of the underserved Latino population living in the United States and Canada. It encompasses an annual weeklong series of health promotion and health education activities that include workshops, insurance referrals, vaccinations and medical screenings.

BHW fosters community solidarity by bringing together existing resources and thousands of volunteers working together for a common goal. The events are coordinated by the networks forged among agencies and community organizations with the purpose of reaching out to the most disadvantaged and vulnerable people, especially those without medical coverage.

BHW main partners include the Secretariats of Health and Foreign Affairs of Mexico, and the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru, as well as the Institute for Mexicans Abroad, the Mexican Social Security Institute, the National Secretariat for Migrants, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Departments of Public Health, The California Endowment, the California HealthCare Foundation, the Council of Mexican Federations in North America, and the Health Initiative of the Americas, a program of the University of California, Berkeley, School of Public Health.

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This year, the eleventh BHW will take place **October 1-16, 2011** in at least 40 U.S. states and 3 Canadian provinces, with the participation of the consular networks of Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Colombia, Bolivia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador and Peru. Additionally, during BHW national campaigns will be implemented to promote awareness among the underserved Latino community. The inaugural event and Policy Forum on Migration and Health will be held on October 3-4 in San Antonio Texas.

Results from Binational Health Week 2010

Last year, the events took place from October 4-15, 2010. An estimated 3,973 activities were held benefiting 734,657 people, not to mention the millions of people who received health information through the press from the 510 media reviews of the event. The organization of the event involved the participation of 10,133 agencies and 15,877 volunteers, which were led by 150 consulates working together with 178 planning committees. Also, five national campaigns were implemented with the aim of increasing the Latino population's awareness of: H1N1 and Preparing for Public Health Emergencies, Prevention of Addictions, Nutrition, Stroke Awareness, and Living Green. The inaugural event and Policy Forum on Migration and Health took place on October 4-5 in Guanajuato, Mexico and was attended by 800 participants. The closing event took place on October 14 in Sacramento, California.

Growth of Binational Health Week in the United States: 2001—2010

<i>Year</i>	<i>Countries</i>	<i>U.S. States/ Canada</i>	<i>California Counties</i>	<i>Activities</i>	<i>People Reached</i>	<i>Participating Agencies</i>	<i>Participating Consulates</i>
2001	3	1	7	98	18,720	115	4
2010	9	40/3	46	3,973	734,657	10,133	150