



Dear Collaborators,

As we reflect on the past five years, we want to share a message of gratitude to everyone who has contributed to our work in increasing wellness among our Latino communities. To the members of the MHTTC, ATTC, PTTC Network, and our MHTTC task force, thank you for all the regional collaborations and area-focused efforts. To the SMI Advisor, thank you for making us part of H/L-specific collaborations. To SAMHSA GPOs, RAs, and Officers, thank you for your confidence in our work and experience with Latino communities. To our Advisory Board and consultants throughout the US, thank you for sharing your expertise with our audience and your continued support.

Last, we want to express our gratitude to all Latino communities who have welcomed us and shared their experiences with us; this work would not be possible without you. We look forward to continued collaboration to improve behavioral health equity among Latinos at the Hispanic and Latino Behavioral Health Center of Excellence (H/L BH CoE).

The H/L BH CoE, funded by SAMHSA, **begins its technical assistance, training, and related support services for providers serving Hispanic and Latino populations, on October 1, 2023.** If you would like to **contact us to request our no-cost services, send an email to hlbhcoe@uccaribe.edu.** Our website is under construction.

In addition, I want to share our first activity celebrating the current Hispanic Heritage Month. Here is the video of our participation in the NBC News discussing why Hispanic/Latino Men are less likely to seek Mental Health Services:

<https://fb.watch/nlxgT72D0i/?mibextid=qC1gEa>

Stay tuned for future information about the H/L BH CoE.

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