



Tenth Annual Binational Health Week *October 2-15, 2010*

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 through the extensive mobilization of existing resources and the organization of volunteers working together for a common goal. The events are coordinated by networks forged among agencies and community organizations with the purpose of reaching out 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 Foreign Affairs Ministries 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, 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.

Binational Health Week 2010

This year, the Tenth BHW will take place **October 2-15, 2010** in 40 states in the U.S. and 3 provinces in Canada, with the participation of the consular networks in the United States of Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru. Additionally, during BHW five national campaigns will be implemented to promote awareness among the underserved Latino community: Prevention of Addictions and Gang Involvement among Adolescents, Oral Health, Obesity and Diabetes, Disabilities and Autism Awareness, and Access to Health Care. The inaugural event and Policy Forum on Migration and Health will be held on October 4-5 in Guanajuato, Mexico. The closing event will take place in Sacramento, California (date to be confirmed).

Results from Binational Health Week 2009

Last year, the events took place from October 3-15, 2009. An estimated 5,082 activities were held benefiting 765,901 people, involving the participation of 10,875 agencies and 17,044 volunteers led by 140 consulates working together with 174 planning committees. In addition, millions of people received education on health issues through the media. 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 5-6 in Santa Fe, Nuevo Mexico and 300 participants from 6 countries attended the event.

Growth of Binational Health Week in the United States: 2001—2009

<i>Year</i>	<i>Countries</i>	<i>States</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
2009	9	38	46	5,082	765,901	10,875	140