

# Recognizing the Latino Community on Eastern Long Island:

*Creating Community Awareness of Unmet Needs*

*Presented by*

The Committee for Hispanic Children & Families, Inc.

**Friday, November 14, 2003**

Southampton College • Duke Auditorium • Southampton, NY

Bringing together Latino leaders, government organizations, elected officials, business leaders, service providers, and other sectors that interact with the growing Latino immigrant population to create awareness of the obstacles Latinos face on the Eastern End of Long Island.

The Committee for Hispanic Children & Families, Inc.  
140 West 22nd Street  
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New York, NY 10011



# Conference Program

Friday, November 14, 2003 · 8:00 am to 5:30 pm · Southampton College · Duke Auditorium

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- 8:00–8:30     **Registration and Continental Breakfast**
- 8:30 – 9:00     **Welcoming Remarks**  
**Elba Montalvo**, Executive Director, The Committee for Hispanic Children and Families, Inc.  
**Charles Schumer**, U.S. Senator (*invited*)  
**Tim Bishop**, U.S. Congress, 1<sup>st</sup> District  
**Charles Hitchcock**, Dean of Southampton College  
**Natalie Abatemarco**, Director of National Initiatives, Citibank
- 9:00 – 9:30     **Keynote Address: Local and National Challenges Facing Latino Communities**  
**Cecilia Muñoz**, Vice President of Policy, National Council of La Raza
- 9:30 – 10:30     **Panel of Local Leadership**  
The panel will bring together members of local organizations to discuss their initiatives to protect and promote the rights of Latinos throughout Eastern Long Island.  
**Moderator: Joseph Semidei**    **Panelists: Katherine Hartnett • Jacqui Candemir • Sister Margaret Smyth**
- 10:30 – 11:30     **Panel of Institutional Leadership**  
The panel will include representatives of local governmental and educational institutions to discuss what their respective institutions are doing to address the needs of new emerging populations on Eastern Long Island.  
**Moderator: Linda Lehrer**    **Panelists: Edna Steck • Linda Bruno**
- 11:30 – 12:30     **Panel of Resources/Foundations**  
The panel will consist of foundations and agencies that provide support, pool resources, and sustain programs that meet the needs of the area.  
**Moderator: Suzy Sonenberg**    **Panelists: Willie B. Edlow, Jr. • Eduardo Cusicanqui**
- 12:30 – 1:30     **Lunch**
- 1:45 – 4:55     **Afternoon Workshop (Double Session)**  
**Community Organizing as a Tool for Social Change**  
Community organizing principles and practices that could benefit the Latino community on the East End will be discussed and explored in two sequential workshops dedicated to this important topic.  
**Moderator: Joseph Semidei**    **Panelist : Ana Garcia-Ashley**
- 1:45 – 3:15     **Early Afternoon Workshop**  
**Law Enforcement and the Latino Community**  
Panelists will discuss how to identify acts of bias crime, what law enforcement officials are doing to reduce acts of bias crime, and how to develop a strong support system between police officers and the Latino community.  
**Moderator: Carolyn Peabody**    **Panelists: Detective Robert Reeks • Victor Rizzo • Inspector Kenneth Rau**
- Health Disparities**  
The workshop will discuss serious health disparities that exist for Latinos on Eastern Long Island and present the innovative works of people attempting to improve the well-being of the Latinos community.  
**Moderator: Susan Dodson**    **Panelists: Dr. Marlene Wust-Smith • Carlos Decena**  
**Innovative Idea Speakers: Nelson S. Andino • John K. Oppenheimer • James O'Barr**
- 3:25 – 4:55     **Late Afternoon Workshop**  
**Education and Workforce Development**  
This workshop will examine how Latinos are faring in the educational system. It will also present ways to improve educational outcomes for Latino students as well as ways to best prepare Latinos entering today's workforce.  
**Moderator: Joaquin Méndez**    **Panelists: Dr. Julio González Martínez • Jorge Hinojosa • Dr. Carola Suarez-Orozco**
- Housing: A Critical Need for Latinos**  
This workshop will explore issues around affordable housing and housing opportunities for Latino immigrants on the East End of Long Island.  
**Moderator: Michelle DiBenedetto**    **Panelists: Jim Mongo • Ed Hernandez**
- 5:05 – 5:30     **Closing Remarks • Joseph Semidei**

*Cocktail Reception Following Conference*

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**\$25 early registration, \$35 at the door.**

Fee includes continental breakfast, comprehensive panels and workshops, lunch and a Cocktail Reception immediately following the conference.

**Make checks payable to CHCF, Inc.**

Individuals attending the conference must complete a registration form.

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**\*\*REGISTRATION FORMS MUST BE MAILED, FAXED, OR EMAILED BY FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2003\*\***

- For more information regarding the conference or directions to Southampton College, please visit our website at [www.chcfinc.org](http://www.chcfinc.org) and click on **Special Events**.
- **The Committee for Hispanic Children and Families** is a registered 501C3 nonprofit, nonpartisan organization.
- The conference venue (Southampton College) meets the guidelines of the **Americans with Disability Act**.

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## **Registration Form:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address : \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

- Yes, I will attend the conference on Friday, November 14, 2003
- Yes, I will attend the conference on Friday, November 14, 2003 and the cocktail reception following the conference
- No, I will be unable to attend the conference.



**The Committee for Hispanic Children & Families, Inc.** was founded in 1982 to be a voice for the Latino community at the city, state and national levels, and to design programs that address the needs of Latino families. Based in New York City, CHCF has developed programs in critical areas of need, providing information, advocacy and services to the Latino community as well as working with new immigrant populations. Moreover, CHCF has developed institutions to enhance the civic and social infrastructure of the Latino community.

**NCLR: The National Council of La Raza** is a private, nonprofit, nonpartisan, tax-exempt organization established in 1968 to reduce poverty and discrimination, and improve life opportunities for Hispanic Americans. NCLR is the country's largest constituency-based national Hispanic organization in the U.S., with an affiliate network of more than 300 Hispanic community-based organizations.

**The North Fork Spanish Apostolate** is an agency that acts as a voice for those immigrants who cannot always speak for themselves. We assist with issues of law, immigration, health, education, and more. It is our goal to build strong communities.

**SoLA: Latin American Outreach Center, Inc.** is a non-profit community-based organization servicing the Latin American immigrant population on the South Fork of Long Island. SoLA provides Educational Services, Leadership Development, and Community Organizing Training.

**OLA: Organización Latino Americana** is a not-for-profit Latino advocacy group existing to unify and to integrate the voice, values, and goals of all Latino people of the South Fork of Long Island. OLA wishes to promote the economic, cultural, political, social, and educational talents of the Latino population on the South Fork of Long Island. To this end, OLA will strive to meet the many challenges facing the Latino community on the East End and assist and assimilate all Latino people into our community fabric.

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