Re-imagining our Work on Latino Males in Education: Past, Present, & Future

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Focus on our Past
From Starr County to UT-Austin professor

La Grulla, 1975

Associate Professor, 2013
Reflecting on our Research

Challenges  Inequity

Research  Practice
Focus on our Present
Our Latino student generation GROWS

MAPPING LATINO POPULATION PATTERNS

An original analysis conducted by the EPE Research Center reveals considerable variation in the percentage of young Latinos living in different regions of the United States. While 23 percent of children nationwide are Latino, higher concentrations of Latino youths are found in the Southwest and along the West Coast. New Mexico has the highest proportion of Latino youths, at 58 percent, followed by California, at 51 percent.

Percent of Children Under 18 Who Are Latino

Enrollment rates of 18- to 24-year-olds in degree-granting institutions (1968 – 2011)
Fall 2011 Hispanic student enrollment in degree-granting institutions by state

- California: 890,272
- Texas: 498,127
- Florida: 257,389
- New York: 186,320
- Arizona: 136,931
Educational attainment of the Hispanic adult population by gender (2011)
Focus on our Future
We need to CHANGE!

Change how we talk about the issues

Change how we think about the issue

Change to make a difference
### Change how we talk about the issue

#### Deficit Narratives
- Male “Crisis”
- “Endangered” Species
- Culturally “damaged”
- “missing” or “vanishing” males
- Need to be saved
- Deviant behavior
- Pathology of Black/Latino males

#### Positive Narratives
- Positive attitudes
- Driven to succeed
- Committed to learning
- Career focused
- Eager to learn
- Passionate about their ideas
- Boundless energy
Change how we think about the issue

What is the most critical barrier for Latino males to achieve educational success?

How can we help Latino males succeed?

How can you make a difference in a Latino males academic life?
Focus on our partnerships
Partnerships to make a difference: Texas Education Consortium for Male Student Success
Investing to make a difference: Partners
Three components for improving Latino males success

**CONVICTION**
- To help our Latino male students academically succeed

**COMMITMENT**
- To engage with our Latino male students in authentic ways

**COURAGE**
- To create innovative programs and policies
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