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Pervasive Health Ailments of the Hispanic Community of Fort Wayne

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## Motivation
- Fulfill a need, change lives
- Identified a community based on areas of study

## Background
- Proportion of Hispanic population of Indiana showed largest increase
- Allen County Hispanic population 4.18%
- Median household income $32,454
- Health Triad
- Physician/Patient Relationship

## Preliminary Research
Health Professionals of Allen County
- Allen County Health Department
- IPFW Biological Anthropology Department

## Extended Research
- Health Vision
- Focus Groups

## Project Description
- Big picture, then narrow focus
- Interaction w/ Hispanic women impacted by diabetes and obesity
  - What would help manage diabetes/obesity
    - Methodology: interaction
      - focus groups and/or surveys / interviews
  - Fair/celebration
    - Support women’s health as a whole
    - Encourage disease management
    - Partnership with local clinics/organizations
      - Data from focus group

## Objectives
- Develop understanding of emotional status of Hispanic women with disease
- Develop understanding of how to better manage disease
- Give community something tangible Celebration/Fair:
  - Support women’s health as a whole
  - Encourage disease management
- Translate Informational Materials
  - Diabetes, Obesity, & disease management
- Create Partnerships:
  - Center for Nonviolence
  - Crime Victim Care of Allen County
- Assess impact of work
  - Questions before and after focus group work to evaluate progress

## Timeline
- **[1st week of April]**
  - Contact centers
  - Obtain consent
- **[2nd week of April]**
  - Develop questions
  - Recruitment procedure (April 15th-30th)
- **[1st weeks in June – end of August]**
  - Begin holding Focus groups
- **[TBA]**
  - Celebration/Conference
- **[March 2014]**
  - Attend ICC conference to present work
- **[Spring 2014]**
  - Complete & submit article to Service Learning/Spanish Language Journal ("España")

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