HEALTH INSURANCE

Despite high workforce participation, Latinos are less likely to be offered coverage through their employer.

Nearly 1 in 4 Latinos are uninsured, compared to 6.5% percent of the total state population.

LANGUAGE IS A BARRIER FOR THOSE NOT FLUENT IN ENGLISH

Number of people that speak English less than "very well".

Language barriers put patient health at risk.

There needs to be a push for bilingual personnel with ongoing education that assures Limited English Proficient Minnesotans that they will receive the best medical treatment as well as interpretation.

There are racial disparities in optimal diabetes care in Minnesota as a result of lack of proper health insurance, language barriers, and food insecurity.

The adolescent pregnancy and obesity rates vary across racial and ethnic groups in the state.

52.2% Latina vs. 9.8% White

55.7% Latino vs. 27.5% White

THE STRATEGIES TO ELIMINATE THESE AND OTHER DISPARITIES MUST FOCUS ON ACCESS TO OPPORTUNITY AND COMBATING POVERTY, STRUCTURAL RACISM, AND UNEQUAL ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE.