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## ***Announcing El Programa Hispano Católico, the coalition's first Prevention Through Liberation grantee***

The Oregon Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence, in collaboration with the Oregon Health Authority, is pleased to announce that **El Programa Hispano Católico – Project UNICA** has been selected as the first-ever recipient of *Prevention Through Liberation* grant funding, effective October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018!

Societal and cultural forms of oppression magnify risk factors for sexual violence, resulting in markedly higher victimization rates within historically marginalized communities. Many mainstream prevention efforts across the nation utilize valuable yet limited models that often fall short of identifying and addressing systemic oppression as a root cause of sexual violence. In an effort to close this gap, the Oregon Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence's *Prevention Through Liberation* project builds upon proven prevention principles while addressing sexual violence at its deepest roots by supporting culturally-specific interventions and activities.

*Our culturally-specific prevention program, Prevencion de Asalto Sexual (PAS) [...] focuses on positive aspects of Latino/cultural identities, integrates cultural values, and strives to dismantle the stereotypes that are sometimes found in mainstream anti-violence programs. The program honors the intersectionality of people's identities and experiences. Gender-based violence and sexism are discussed within the context of racism, xenophobia, and colonialism.*

*Prevention Through Liberation*-funded programs will receive support in developing well-informed theoretical frameworks, implementing promising prevention practices, and adopting robust evaluation methods. These capacity-building activities and resources will support grantees as they continue to grow their prevention efforts into the future. The coalition will make many of these resources available to all [coalition member programs](#), as part of our efforts to increase sexual violence prevention capacity throughout Oregon.

Again, we congratulate El Programa Hispano Católico – Project UNICA and thank all the programs that submitted grant applications.

## ***About the Oregon Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence***

Founded in 1978, the Oregon Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to ending domestic and sexual violence through community awareness, specialized consultation, training, and public policy efforts.

The Oregon Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence believes in the right of all persons to live their lives without fear, abuse, oppression and violence. We appreciate the diversity made possible by race, ethnicity, gender identity, ancestry, place of origin, color, citizenship, religion/spirituality, sexual orientation, age, marital status, family status, political affiliation and ability.

We engage in an ongoing process of analysis that sees all systems of oppression as interrelated and work to challenge the power structures that legitimize them and perpetuate injustices. We educate about the impact of the various oppressions. We examine and improve practices, policies and protocols, on an ongoing basis, to ensure compliance with this statement and encourage and enable member programs in their equity and inclusion efforts.

For more information about the Oregon Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, or to make a tax-deductible donation, visit <https://www.ocadsv.org>.

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