Bridging the Gap: Addressing Immigrant Health Through Community-initiated Screening Events

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What Is the Purpose of this Study/Review?

• The purpose is to describe a community–academic partnership to provide accessible preventive health services to a Latino immigrant population in the rural Mountain West

What Is the Problem?

• Recent growth in the immigrant population has led to widening disparities and unmet medical needs due to a lack of access to care for Spanish-speaking immigrants

What Are the Findings?

• Working with a community advisory board, we designed a series of health screening events to engage the community, collect prevalence data on chronic disease rates, and provide preventive health care to an underserved population

Who Should Care Most?

• Researchers and public health workers can pool resources to provide relevant, culturally responsive, community-engaged care to those traditionally left out of planning care

Recommendations for Action

• Engage the local community to determine their needs and proposed solutions; work collaboratively to create interventions that provide care and further the involvement of the community.