



Latino Memphis' beginning dates back to 1995. A group of community leaders gathered at, what was then, The Community Forum to address the lack of an organization dedicated to supporting the growing Hispanic community by connecting them to the existing resources in the larger community. They understood the value of diversity and collective impact in order to influence change. In its beginning 25 years ago, and as it still is today, the founders' focus was on connecting and accessing health, education, and justice. In essence, they acted as the bridge between the non-English speaking Hispanic community and the Greater Memphis community. As time went on, the program took a life of its own and a new organization began, Latino Memphis Conexion, or as it is known today, Latino Memphis, Inc.

Mission

Assist Latinos in the Greater Memphis area by connecting, collaborating and advocating for health, education, and justice.

Vision

Envision a future in which every Latino in the Memphis metropolitan area has the opportunity and resources to become an engaged and active member of the larger community.

Their Work

Latino Memphis seeks to ensure that Latinos are on a path to improved health and self-sufficiency.

- For many Latinos living in Memphis, Latino Memphis is the first step in their pursuit of a better life for themselves and their families. For others, they are the only place they can turn to for assistance with health, education, and other basic services.
- The majority of their clients are in extremely vulnerable situations and many who visit El Centro lack sufficient documentation and English language proficiency to access available services, and do not have the knowledge to reach out to alternative resources.
- The majority of their clients are women between the ages of 30-50, with 2-3 children, an equivalent of a middle school education and little to no English skills. Latino Memphis works to bridge this gap and make meaningful services available to the community.
- Over 80,000 Latino Memphians currently live in Memphis, Latino Memphis as the primary provider of services to this community, they have dedicated to the idea that every Latino Memphian should have the opportunity and resources to become an engaged and active participant in making the city great. This means providing educational and career advancement opportunities, connecting clients to needed services, ensuring families are safe, and encouraging engagement between and among people of all backgrounds and ethnicities.

Latino Memphis offers services through key **8 programmatic areas**:

- **El Centro**
 - Access to information & referral services
- **Derechos**
 - Immigrant Rights Defense Center offering legal immigration services
- **Justicia**
 - Civil legal services
- **Senderos**
 - Workforce Development
- **Puentes**
 - Services to unaccompanied minors and support for victims of trafficking
- **Conectate**
 - Bridging the digital divide
- **Tu Voz**
 - Advocacy engagement and partnerships
- **Tu Salud**
 - Community Health

How to contact them?

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