This brochure was created by the Latino Success Initiative of Better Together, a non-profit organization in Central Oregon committed to long-term student success from birth through adulthood. Our Latino Success Initiative brings together a variety of programs, schools (K-12 and higher education), organizations and community members to make sure that our Latino youth, adults and families in Central Oregon have the support and greater access to services that will allow them to thrive!

This brochure will be updated each year to provide our community with current information on education, health and other programs and services in the region.

See this brochure online at: bettertogethercentraloregon.org

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This brochure is a resource for our Latino families in Central Oregon. It contains important information about various education, health and other services that are available at little or no cost to Latino youth and adults.
Education

La Clase
Are you a Latino parent of an elementary-aged student? Do you want your child to learn to read and write in their native language (Spanish)? Latino mothers teach this year-long class after-school once a week at Lynch Elementary and Vern Patrick Elementary in Redmond (and it will be expanding to other schools Fall 2016). Find out how you and your child can participate and benefit from this unique class!
Contact: Lynch ES, 541-923-4876 or Vern Patrick ES, 541-923-4830

Juntos
We support middle and high school students and their families in learning about high school graduation requirements, different college options, the college admission process, scholarships, and how to be successful in a college setting. Classes are currently offered once a week for 6 weeks at Madras HS, Culver HS, Redmond HS, Ridgeview HS, Sisters HS & MS, Crook County HS & MS, and Obsidian MS (and more locations coming Fall 2016).
Contact: Jennifer Oppenlander, 541-550-4100

¡AVANZA!
Are you a Latino high school student who wants to create a promising future for yourself and your family? ¡AVANZA! is a 10 week college credit class that teaches skills in leadership and communication and promotes college preparation and cultural pride. Classes are offered at high schools in Crook, Deschutes and Jefferson Counties.
Contact: Christy Walker, cwalker2@cocc.edu or www.cocc.edu/multicultural/avanza/

Education (cont.)

Ganas
Are you a Latino high school student who wants to experience life as a college student? Come and stay at COCC (Bend campus) for a 4 day/3 night summer experience and participate in workshops that focus on college preparation, leadership skills, and cultural understanding. Students from grades 10-12 are eligible to participate. In summer 2015, participants came from Bend, La Pine, Madras, Gilchrist, Sisters, Redmond, Ridgeview, Culver, and Crook County high schools.
Contact: Christy Walker, cwalker2@cocc.edu or www.cocc.edu/multicultural/avanza/

Plaza Comunitaria
Would you like to finish your basic education in Spanish or prepare yourself for the GED exam? Do you want to improve your speaking, reading and writing skills in English? We currently offer these resources with child care and tutoring for children 3 years old or older. Visit us at Bear Creek ES in Bend and Redmond HS in Redmond.
Contact: Geraldine Casimiro, 541-693-5672

Family University
Come join us for beginning to advanced English conversation classes, computer classes, and GED prep classes to improve your math and literacy skills as we help you prepare for a GED in English or Spanish. Classes are held 2 days a week at Westside School in Madras. Child care is provided.
Contact: Nancy DeAnda, 541-460-2824

Education (cont.)

COCC Latino Program Scholarship
This scholarship is awarded to students enrolling at or attending COCC who need help paying for school. Students must participate in the Latino Program and have 3 COCC credits or have completed coursework in a college preparation course.
Contact: Evelia Sandoval, esandoval@cocc.edu
https://www.cocc.edu/multicultural/latino/scholarship-listings/

Health

Volunteers in Medicine
Do you need a doctor? Volunteers in Medicine may be able to help. We take care of people who don't have medical insurance. If you are over 18 and have a low income, please call us. Our clinic is located in Bend near St Charles Hospital.
Contact: 541-330-9001 or info@vim-cascades.org

Cuídate
Cuídate means take care of yourself, and that is what this program will teach you to do. Participating in this program will teach you skills to prevent teen pregnancy, HIV and other sexually transmitted infections. 13-18 year olds in Central Oregon can participate.
Contact: Emily Wievel, 541-322-7619

LiFT - Linking Families and Teens
We offer a program for 9th-10th graders and their parents to come together to share values, build connections, and talk about healthy relationships and sexual health.
Contact: Liliana Cabrera, 541-317-8896 x-2932