

# Social Justice Through Public Health

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The Rutgers Center for Latino Arts and Culture  
(CLAC)

Applied Field Experience

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# Agenda

The Center for Latino Arts and Culture Mission, Vision, & History

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# Mission

The Center for Latino Arts and Culture is a student-centered, inclusive community where students can better integrate experiential, academic and service learning about Latinx/a/o arts and culture in order to becoming strong leaders and responsible global citizens.

# Vision

The Center works to create a welcoming, supportive environment that values intersectionality and social justice. We advocate for the well-being of our students and work to create effective access to University services and resources. Through intentional collaboration with academic and student affairs units, the Center works to enhance Latinx student recruitment, retention and successful graduation at Rutgers University.

# History

- Established in 1992 by a committee of Latino faculty, staff, and students from Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
- The Center is under the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs
- Founding director from 1992-2002 was Isabel Nazario
- Since 2005, the Center has been directed by Dr. Carlos Fernandez
- Main founding is provided by Rutgers
- Additional grants
  - Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation
  - NJ state Council on the Humanities
  - NJ State Council on the Arts
  - Mid-Atlantic Arts Foundation
  - Merrill Lynch, and Merck
  - Johnson & Johnson

# Community Partners

New Brunswick Domestic  
violence Awareness  
Coalition

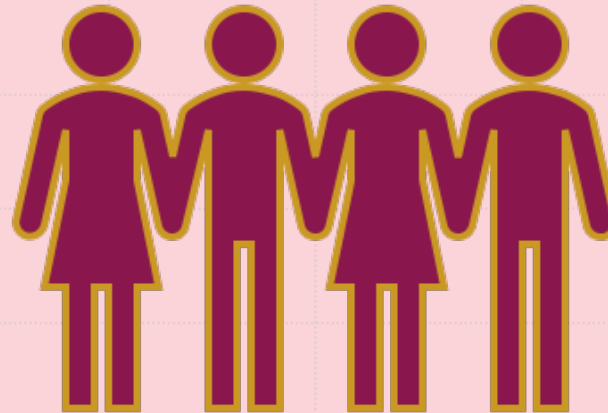
Puerto Rican Action Board  
Incorporated

Lazos America Unida

Dress for Success

Latino Leadership  
Alliance of New Jersey

Robert Wood Johnson  
University Hospital





# Engagement to Community

- *Rutgers Students*
- *Programs*
  - ESCALERA Internship
  - Alternative Spring Break in Dominican Republic
  - Manifestaciones Retreat
- *Events*
  - Pa'Lante Graduation Ceremony
  - Rutgers Giving Day

# Engagement to the Community

- *New Brunswick Residents/local area*
- *Advocate for the community*
  - Unions
  - The Lincoln Annex Elementary School
- *Programs*
  - Artists Mentoring Against Racism, Drugs and Violence (AMARD&V): Healing through the Arts Summer Program
  - Culture hosted events with Lazos Unidos that engage residents and students



# Public Health Intern

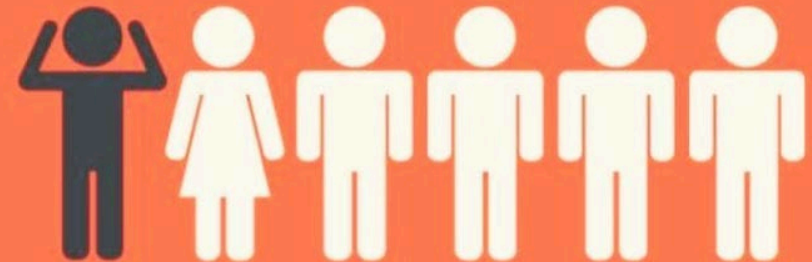
- Collaborates on projects such as
  - National Aid Awareness Day
  - Semester Wellness Program
- COVID-19 regulations

IN RECOGNITION OF  
NATIONAL LATINO AIDS AWARENESS DAY

**FREE & CONFIDENTIAL  
HIV & STI TESTING**

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9  
1:00PM-7:00PM, LIVINGSTON STUDENT CENTER, MPR  
BRING STUDENT ID FIRST COME...FIRST SERVED  
SPONSORED BY HEALTH OUTREACH PROMOTION & EDUCATION

**1 IN 6 LATINOS  
LIVING WITH HIV ARE UNAWARE  
THEY HAVE IT**



Latinos who are unaware cannot take advantage of HIV treatment and may unknowingly transmit HIV to others.





# Final Remarks

- Working for the CLAC will give me the chance to help other Latinx students become better leaders
- Working with an organization that holds a diverse set of partners in the New Brunswick community
- Experience with the CLAC will help me navigate how I want to apply my concentration after graduation



# Thank you

Questions?