Overview and Objectives

CHISPA is a national network of science museums and afterschool programs affiliated with ASPIRA and National Council of La Raza (NCLR), working together to build stronger communities and increase the engagement of Hispanic children and their families with science and local science resources. The project period is October 2013 through September 2017.

Objectives include:
- Build organizational capacity of partner museums and NCLR and ASPIRA afterschool program staff to implement CHISPA in their afterschool programs.
- Strengthen linkages between science museums and Hispanic-serving community-based organizations (CBOs) in their communities to increase participation of families of Latino background in museum events and activities.
- Contribute to the informal science education field a better understanding of how collaborations between museums and CBOs can be employed to engage more Latino families in science education.
- Increase student and family engagement in STEM (science, technology, engineering, math).

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Guiding Evaluation Questions

- In what ways and to what extent does the project build organizational capacity of partners? (Objective 1.0)
- In what ways and to what extent does CHISPA strengthen linkages between science museums and Hispanic-serving CBOs? (Objective 2.0)
- What is the evidence that the project contributes to the informal science education field? (Objective 3.0)
- In what ways and to what extent does the project increase student and family engagement in STEM? (objective 4.0)