

Policy Workshops, Meetings & Events QUICK REFERENCE SCHEDULE

**All events will take place at the Los Angeles Convention Center, unless otherwise noted*

Saturday, July 8

**NCLR/NALEO/COFEM
 U.S. Citizenship Application
 Assistance Workshop
 10:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.
 Room 515AB**

Best Practices in the Remittance Market

**10:30 a.m.-Noon
 Room 505**

This workshop will outline how to choose a remittance transfer provider when sending money to family and friends abroad. Panelists will include experts who will share information on the diversity of options in the market and describe the characteristics behind the remittance process.

Comprehensive Immigration Reform in 2006

**10:30 a.m.-Noon
 Room 502A**

Immigration reform has become the hot topic of debate in Washington, DC and around the country. Competing calls for dealing with our nation's undocumented population include toughened immigration enforcement on one side and a path to citizenship on the other. In this workshop, a panel of experts will discuss the latest information on the status of immigration reform in Congress, the politics surrounding immigration and the upcoming elections, and prospects for the future.

Town Hall Meet & Greet (Policy)

**3:00-3:30 p.m.
 Concourse Hall 151
 (By Invitation Only)**

Town Hall

**Toward Immigration Reform and Beyond:
 Latinos and Labor Unions Working
 Together**

Lead Sponsor: Service Employees International Union (SEIU)

3:30-5:00 p.m.

Concourse Hall 152

The immigration debate has done a great deal to build new partnerships between Latinos and labor unions. Meet the union leaders who transformed a labor movement that wasn't ready to take a pro-immigrant position into a major force for comprehensive immigration reform. Learn how NCLR and other Latino leaders are engaging with the labor movement to accomplish immigration reform as a step toward a broader agenda for low-wage workers, and find out how you can connect to key campaigns to support Latino workers and energize your community to make change happen.

Moderator:

Cecilia Muñoz, Vice President, NCLR Office of Research, Advocacy, and Legislation

Panelists:

John Wilhelm, President, UNITE HERE!
 Eliseo Medina, International Executive Vice President, Service Employees International Union
 Maria Elena Durazo, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Los Angeles County Federation of Labor
 Arturo Rodriguez, President, United Farm Workers of America
 Irasema Garza, Director of Women's Rights, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO

Sunday, July 9

Legislative Update

9:00-10:30 a.m.

Room 502A

Participants will hear directly from NCLR's advocacy staff about the organization's policy and advocacy efforts as they relate to current issues. NCLR's team of public policy analysts will provide up-to-date information about the legislative issues that are likely to have a real impact – positive or negative – on Latino communities.

(Sunday, July 9 Continued)

Gang Focus Group
Noon-6:00 p.m.
Room 514
(By Invitation Only)

Monday, July 10

**Latino Juvenile Justice Network:
An Opportunity for Reform**
8:30-10:00 a.m.
Room 518

Throughout the U.S., Latino youth are targeted for severe punishment at the hands of the juvenile justice system and in every stage of the system, including police stops, arrest, detention, waiver to adult criminal court, and sentencing. This workshop will draw upon the only existing data on Latino youth in the juvenile justice system to describe the contributing factors for disparate treatment and disproportionate representation.

**High School English Language
Learners: A Primary Concern**
8:30-10:00 a.m.
Room 502A

High schools face unique challenges in serving English language learner (ELL) students. Within a short period of time, high schools must ensure that recently-arrived immigrant and ELL high school students become proficient in English, meet academic benchmarks, and graduate with a high school diploma. In this workshop, participants will gain a thorough understanding of the issues related to high school ELLs, as well as some initial steps that policy-makers and practitioners can take to better serve such students.

**Reshaping the Financial Planning
Industry**
9:00-11:00 a.m.
Room 514
(By Invitation Only)

**Closing the Nutrition Gap for Latino
Children**

3:30-5:00 p.m.
Room 501AB

Latino children face alarmingly high rates of hunger and obesity, conditions which stem from poor nutrition and will play a major role in their future well-being. Children's lack of access to a nutritious diet can lead to declines in school performance and behavioral problems and is often the precursor to chronic illness such as diabetes and heart disease, ultimately hindering life opportunities. This workshop will explore the recent nutrition trends among Latino children, identifying root causes of hunger and obesity and the impact of food insecurity on society. Panelists will also identify strategic initiatives that communities can engage in at local and national levels to help promote policies that improve nutrition outcomes for Latinos.

Tuesday, July 11

**Media Advocacy Update: Working to
Change the Image of Latinos in America**
8:30-10:00 a.m.
Room 502A

This panel will discuss critical issues facing the National Latino Media Council (NLMC), an advocacy organization committed to influencing and acting as watchdog on telecommunications policy on a corporate and government level. Panelists will also address the success of actions that improved hiring of Latinos in front of and behind the camera at CBS, NBC, ABC, and Fox, including Network Report Cards; Nielsen Media Research and the impact of audience counting systems; and legislation and other advocacy measures taken at the state and federal government level.

**Community Empowerment Through
Electoral Mobilization: Strategies for
Community-Based Organizations (CBOs)**
8:30-10:00 a.m.
Room 505

In 2004, an unprecedented number of Latinos went to the voting booth. Data suggest that at least 7.5 million Latinos voted in 2004 – a startling 27% increase since 2000. However, even this remarkable turnout is far lower than if voter registration and turnout gaps between Latinos and other groups were reduced. This workshop will discuss the key role of CBOs and service providers in building a strong Latino presence in the political process and related policy debates.

(Tuesday, July 11 Continued)

Borders and Barriers: A Snapshot of Border Families and a Policy Agenda for Brighter Futures

8:30-10:00 a.m.

Attendees will be introduced to the KIDS COUNT Initiative as a tool for state and local advocacy and community change. This session will include a discussion on demographic, socioeconomic, education, and health issues based on the most recent statistical findings regarding the well-being of children and youth who live near the U.S./Mexico border. Additionally, the session will present ways that advocates, community-based organizations, and policy-makers can use data to improve the lives of children and youth in their communities.

**The Center for American Progress
NCLR Affiliate Budget Roundtable**

9:00-10:30 a.m.

Room 513

(By Invitation Only)

Advocating for Community Change

10:30 a.m.-Noon

Room 504

Ever wondered how you could get involved in the policy process in your state? Want to learn how you can use the energy of the recent marches and rallies to continue advocating for change in your community? Local groups and state advocates working in the areas of health, education, and immigrant rights will discuss strategies for getting engaged in policy-making at the state and local levels. Come to this session to learn more about the tools of effective advocacy.

**The Preschool for All Movement:
An Update on Federal and State Activities
10:30 a.m.-Noon**

Room 502B

Research has consistently shown that access to high-quality preschool programs has a positive impact on the school careers of children, particularly those from low-income households. This workshop will provide information on the benefits of high-quality preschool programs and the efforts of states to implement universal preschool. In addition, a panel of experts will examine the implications of the preschool movement for Latino children and their families.

**Latino Credit Card Use: Documenting
Personal Stories and Consumer
Complaints**

1:30-3:30 p.m.

Room 514

(By Invitation Only)

