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Unofficial

Informal Presentation Minutes

Tuesday, May 14, 2024 – 11:00 AM

Present: Nicole L. Hendrickson, Kirkland Carden, Ben Ku, Jasper Watkins III, Matthew Holtkamp

1. Community Services

Latin American Association

Latin American Association Chief Executive Officer Santiago Marquez and Chief Operating Officer Eli Velez provided the Board with an overview of strategic priorities, wrap-around services and future goals and needs. No official action taken.



Latin American
Association

Igniting

Economic Mobility in our
communities



Growth of the U.S. Latino population

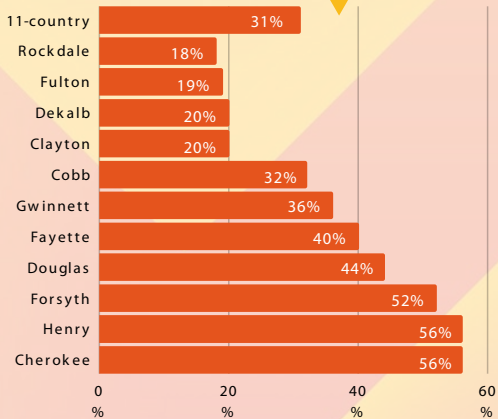


Latinos in Georgia

1,124,750 in 2020, a 32% increase from 2010, compared to 8.5% growth for non-Latinos (U.S. Census Bureau).



HISPANIC POPULATION GROWTH ACROSS METRO ATLANTA COUNTIES, 2010-2020



Who we are / What makes us unique



The largest organization dedicated to serving the needs of Georgia's Latino population.



Expanded from its original location on Buford Highway to Gwinnett County and northwest Georgia.



Has earned the trust and respect of the people we serve.



Has created a much-needed sense of community.



Established in 1972.



Offers a variety of services that empower Latinos to attain self-sufficiency.



Is connected to the community-at-large.



Serves nearly 40,000 individuals annually.



Our Strategic Priorities

EMPOWERING LATINOS ON THEIR JOURNEY OF ECONOMIC MOBILITY

HOUSEHOLD
STABILITY &
WELL-BEING



Advance community wellbeing and resilience through supportive interventions

Women's
Empowerment



Build, grow, and strengthen community links to develop an ecosystem of education and support for women development and entrepreneurship

WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT &
JOB PLACEMENT



Increase workforce development opportunities for individuals throughout Georgia

FINANCIAL STABILITY
& DEVELOPMENT



Drive growth, financial sustainability, and development through a diverse funding strategy

OPERATIONAL
EXCELLENCE,
SYSTEMS & DATA



Strengthen operational excellence and organizational sustainability leveraging processes, data, and technology



Where does the LAA
fit into all of this?

Coordinated Entry System Functions

Common Intake

- Utilization of common intake forms to reduce duplicative efforts and reduce re-traumatization of clients

Standardized Assessment

- Standardized Assessment to measure Vulnerability to determine prioritization of referrals

Direct Referrals

- Ability to utilize a live bed inventory to make warm referrals to partner agencies



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Coordinated Entry System Functions

Operational Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00am – 5:00pm

Physical Location: Norcross Assessment Center - 5320

Jimmy Carter Blvd, Norcross, GA 30093

Clients access system via online application, phone,
or in-person walk-in at Assessment Center

Daily Activities

Client Intake

Standardized Assessments

Housing Referrals and Planning

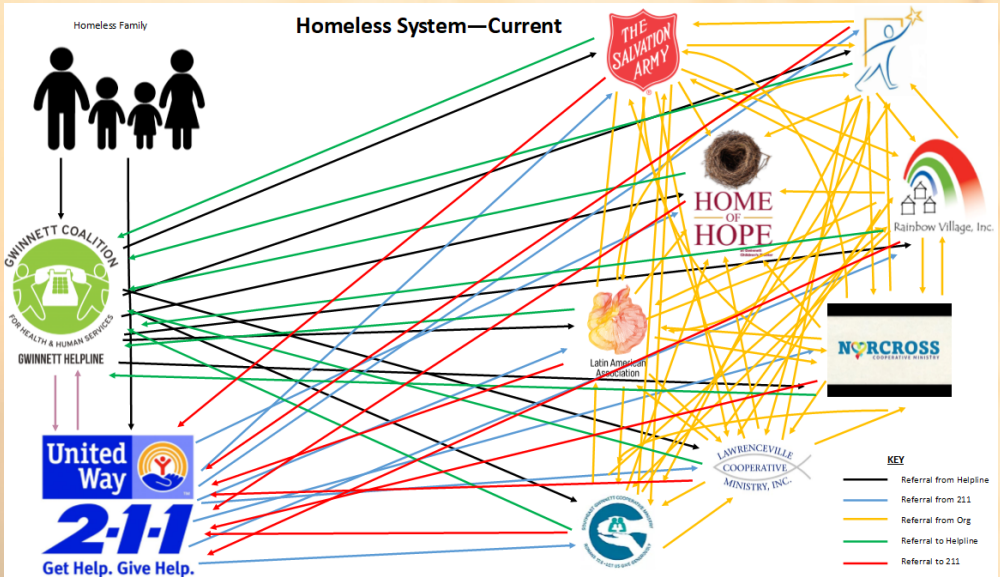
Partner Outreach

Direct Referrals

Wrap-around services



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Shelter

- *20 Bed Facility for Single Women and Women with Children
- *Up to 90 days in program
- *Referrals to Community Resources
- *Three meals per day, plus snacks
- *On-site laundry and shower facilities
- *Case management
- *Wrap-around services



Where does the LAA
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Operational Overview - Shelter

- Operational Hours: Monday-Sunday 6:00pm – 7:00am
- Physical Location: 5320 Jimmy Carter Blvd, Norcross, GA 30093
- Residents are placed into shelter through CES Housing Navigators
- Daily Activities
- New Resident Intake
- Resident Case Management
- Meal Preparation and Service
- Shelter Cleaning and Laundry
- Wrap-around services



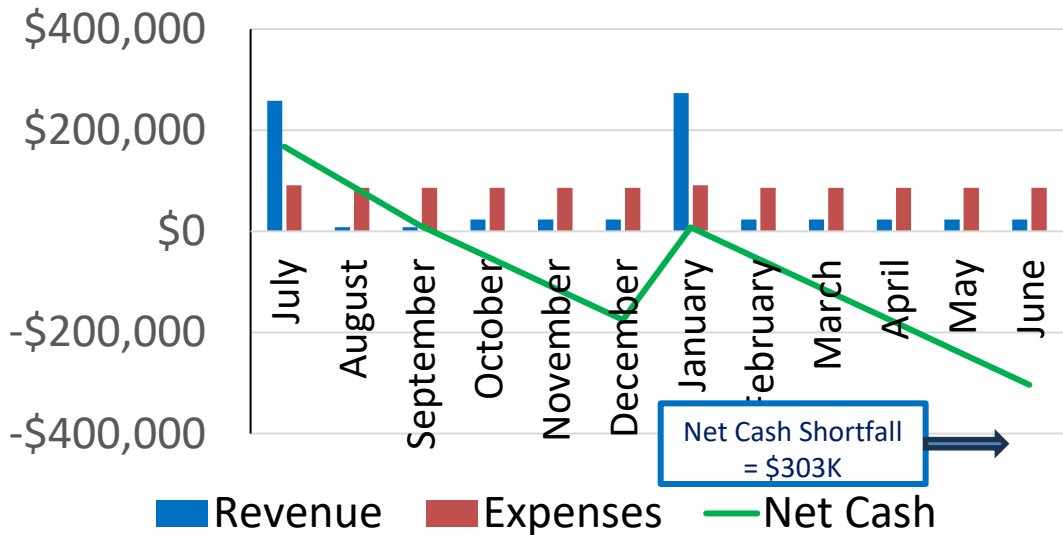
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LAA-wrap-around services

- Public Benefits enrollment and advocacy
- Family Support Services- Food Pantry, Homeless prevention
- Economic Development Initiatives (workforce)
- Health Prevention Initiatives
- Victim of Violence- Case management and Immigration
- Family well-being referrals via Unite US system
- Aging and Disability information and referral
- Experience using coordinated entry and HMIS system
- Bilingual and Bicultural Team



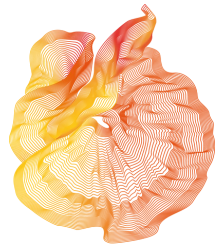
Gwinnett Project Cash Flow Analysis



Thanks

Santiago Marquez-CEO

Eli Velez-COO



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