The Hispanic Health Coalition of Georgia (HHCGA) is Georgia’s only statewide organization that focuses on Latino/Hispanic health. Based in Atlanta, HHCGA is a nonprofit membership organization comprised of both health-related and non-health centered organizations and professionals.

Together with its members, HHCGA identifies needs and service gaps leading to health disparities for Georgia Hispanics and offers direct community services as well as supportive activities to help its members improve the health wellbeing of Georgia Latinos. Services focus on community health promotion, education, health advocacy, and building capacity for high quality, culturally sensitive, and linguistically appropriate health care and prevention services that lead to better health outcomes. Additionally, HHCGA supports its members by coordinating communication and services among health care professionals, promoting outreach activities, and disseminating research.

The Facts
Georgia Latinos face significant disparities related to health care. Consider these statistics:

- Of Georgia’s total Latino population of 850,000, 41% lack health insurance, higher than any other group in the state.  
- Approximately 50% of Georgia’s Latinos report that they do not regularly receive annual physical exam or visit their doctors regularly. 
- Health professionals in Georgia report high rates of diabetes, sexually transmitted infections, obesity, unintentional injuries, and mental health issues among Hispanics. 
- Hispanics face numerous barriers attempting to access the health care system, including structural, institutional, and cultural obstacles, such as a statewide lack of culturally competent services. 
- Two major environmental issues have further affected Georgia Hispanics’ access to healthcare: a) high unemployment due to the recession and the resulting loss of financial resources; and b) a series of restrictive immigration laws deterring immigrants from seeking or continuing treatment.

1 2010 U.S. Census  
3 Ibid.  
4 Ibid.
HHCGA: What We Do
Promoting Health in Georgia’s Latino Communities
Through its health promoters initiative, HHCGA trains lay health educators who serve as a bridge between community members and health care services.

Building Capacity Among Health Professionals
HHCGA informs individuals and agencies on current health disparities and ways to reduce these disparities. As part of its efforts, HHCGA offers skills development services to organizations who desire to provide high quality, culturally and linguistically appropriate services.

Informing Policy
As a leading voice in Georgia on Latino health issues, HHCGA works with key decision makers to develop policies that lead to better health outcomes for Latinos, benefiting all Georgians.

Disseminating Research
Through its Latino Health Summit and other activities, HHCGA disseminates relevant research concerning Latino health. In addition, HHCGA participates in research projects in conjunction with national organizations and Georgia universities.

Connecting Health Professionals
Through membership, HHCGA offers health related as well as other individuals and organizations opportunities to coordinate services in an effort to eliminate health disparities among Georgia’s Latinos.

Uniting For Action
Statewide workgroups meet regularly and work together to implement the Latino Health Action Plan, a three-year plan to address critical issues and improve access to healthcare for Latinos in Georgia.

To learn more, visit Hispanic Health Coalition of Georgia’s website at www.hhcga.org. Discover more about what HHCGA is doing in the community. Read our latest newsletter. Become a member. Find out how you can support HHCGA’s efforts and become part of this movement which will improve the future for all Georgians.