**INTRODUCTION**

- 1/3 of U.S. women are victims of intimate-partner violence (IPV), with men being the major perpetrators.
- Latina immigrants have increased vulnerability due to reluctance in using formal services, such as healthcare or legal systems.
- Current interventions focus on remediating men who have already perpetrated (batterer’s treatment).
- There is a need for culturally-relevant primary IPV prevention models that address unique risk factors for Latino men.
- Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) impact future risk of violence victimization and perpetration.
- **Proyecto A.L.M.A** fills this gap in the Latino community.

**SPECIFIC AIM**

- To develop and evaluate a culturally competent and linguistically appropriate intervention to engage Latino male primary Spanish speakers in reframing healthy relationship forming, healthy gender identity construction and ally-ship for gender-based violence victims with goals of preventing future violence.
- To incorporate Latino youth in workshops.

**METHODS**

- 10 biweekly workshops surrounding various culturally-specific and violence prevention themes aimed at encouraging self-reflection, healthy emotional expression, and ally-ship were conducted on Tuesday’s and Thursday’s at UMOS Latina Resource Center and other community centers.
- 3 sessions (one newly developed) were integrated with both adults (>18 years old) and youth (>13 years old) bilingually.

**AMENDING RISK FACTORS**

- Traditional gender roles (Machismo, Marianismo)
  - Focusing on positives (strength, courage, responsibility) vs. negatives (aggression, male dominance, infidelity)
  - Emotional suppression
  - Acculturation stress, substance abuse

**RECRUITMENT**

- Community centers, clients referred, churches, schools
- Events (sports, cultural celebrations i.e. Mexican Fiesta)
- Incentives (completion certificates, food, refreshments)

**RESULTS**

- **N=23**
- Men who participated in the sessions were able to name culturally competent community resources available to serve victims of IPV and were provided guidance in drafting safety plans.

**DISCUSSION & CONCLUSIONS**

- Engaging men in multiple settings is critical for community engagement and violence prevention.
- Utilizing male facilitators created a comfortable environment for more openly expressing their thoughts and emotions.
- Adult participants appreciated the incorporation of sessions with youth and with community organizations (such as police department collaborators).

**QUOTES**

- “I realized that violence prevention does not have to literally mean going out into the street and directly intervening in situations, there are different ways to do it depending on your personality such as the conversations with adolescents we did which I thought was a great way to do it.” (Translated)

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