

- ***Increase local dental providers:*** Participants believed that residents could be healthier if there was a local dental provider that offered routine and specialty dental care.
- ***Increase access to healthcare insurance:*** Participants believed that the access residents have to healthcare is linked to the affordability of under/uninsured healthcare and/or access to affordable health insurance. Participants believed that residents would be healthier if there was universal health insurance.
- ***Increase the provision of pediatric lab work:*** Participants are accustomed to children receiving lab work when they are seen in the emergency department. Participants believed that pediatric lab screening is needed to ensure that children are properly diagnosed.

HEALTHY BEHAVIORS:

Latino residents perceived that healthy behaviors in their communities are limited in the areas of diet, physical activity and individual choices.

Perceived Contributing Factors:

- Participants believed that residents are not always eating a healthy diet.
- Participants were under the impression that residents are not always getting enough physical activity.
- Participants gave the impression that residents may not be as healthy as they could be.

Mitigating Resources:

Latino residents did not identify any existing resources in their communities that they felt could improve the practice of healthy behavior.

Group Suggestions/Recommendations:

Latino residents offered the following as a possible solution to help improve the practice of healthy behavior in their communities:

- ***Improve diet and exercise:*** Participants felt that residents may not always be eating the healthiest diet and or getting enough physical activity. Participants believed that residents could be healthier if they would eat a healthier diet and increase their level of physical activity.

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE:

Latino residents perceived that the infrastructure of their communities was limited in the areas of transportation, availability of employment and working conditions.

