



# Latino-Latina Heritage Month

## 9/15/18 to 10/15/18



Information from the CRB Cultural Responsiveness Committee...

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- In 2016, the Latino population is 57million, 18% of the US population.
- People of Mexican origin account for about two-thirds of the nation's Latino population.
- The Latino population in Oregon is growing and reached a total of 473,729 people in 2014.
- In June 2018, 1,218 Latino children entered foster care in Oregon for at least 1 day.



## Articles & Information

In order to develop the CRB's cultural responsiveness, the CRB Cultural Responsiveness Committee will provide a variety of information throughout the next year during various heritage days/weeks/months. Feel free to read these resources and record your hours as training! For further information or if you have ideas, contact John Nichols at [john.a.nichols@ojd.state.or.us](mailto:john.a.nichols@ojd.state.or.us).

### ❖ Latinos in Oregon: Trends and Opportunities in a Changing State

Here is an excellent report on the Latino population in Oregon with a Community Profiles of Hermiston and Woodburn as examples of this thriving and growing community.

Click: [Trends](#)

### ❖ Mental Health Service Disparities of Latino Oregonians

Individual and systemic barriers for Latinos and ways to improve mental health services are discussed. Very timely for parents in the child welfare system...

Click: [Disparities](#)

### ❖ Unaccompanied Immigrant Children

This issue is evolving constantly. However, here is an Information Card that gives some options for children and ABA Information on Immigration in Child Welfare.

Click: [Information](#)

Click: [Immigrants in Child Welfare](#)

### TIPS ON WORKING WITH INTERPRETERS:

- Ask interpreters at the start if they have any suggestions...
- Most interpret simultaneously, so go slow, but do not wait.
- One person talks at a time!!!
- Let interpreters stop you if they need further information.
- Avoid colloquialisms and acronyms.
- Always thank the interpreters!

### Is it "Hispanic" or "Latino/a"??

The answer is Yes. However, some people have individual preference, and some reject both terms. Hispanic is a term created by the Census Bureau and refers to people who share the common language that is Spanish. Latino/a refers to people living in the U.S. whose heritage is from Latin America. Learn more: **Which is it, Hispanic or Latino?**