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Project Description

The overall goal of this project was to develop and evaluate a community model of informal genomic education that is culturally and educationally appropriate for low-literacy Latino adults born in Mexico and Central America (MCA).

Key Achievements

- What have you accomplished to date?
 - Created a set of lay educator-led informal learning opportunities about genomics using iterative approach with community input.
- What have you learned?
 - Culturally and linguistically appropriate materials and implementation can increase interest in science and science self-efficacy in hard-to-reach populations among those who initially have low interest and selfefficacy, including those who were exposed to environmental exposure content only as well as those who received environmental exposure and genomic content.

Audience & Settings

Audience: Latinx adult immigrants, including those with very limited formal education

Disciplinary area: Life Science (genomics)

Learning environment: Learners' homes and informal community spaces

Access and Inclusion

The project provided informal learning sessions to Latinx immigrant adults using Spanish-speaking lay educators at times and locations convenient for learners.



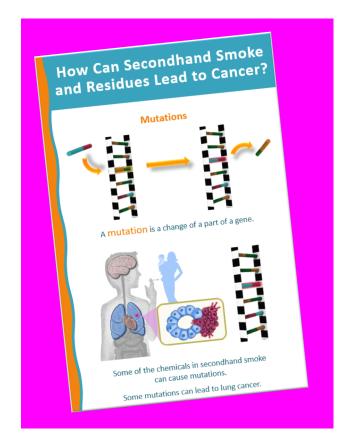
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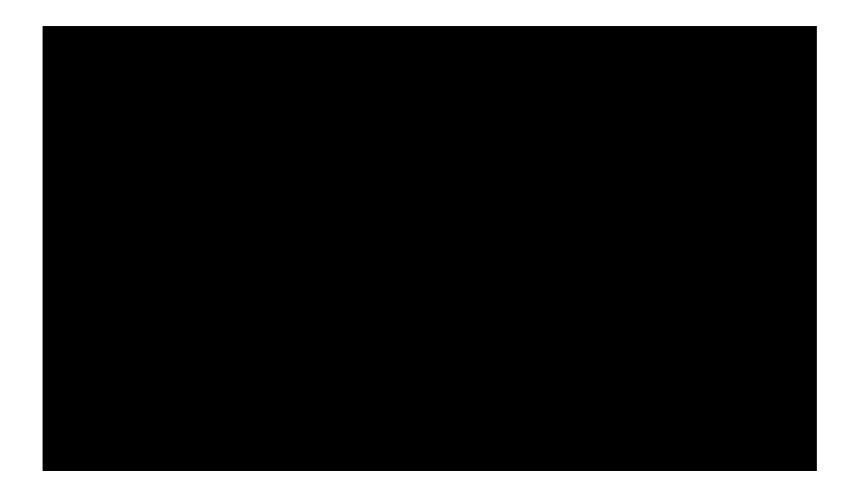
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