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National Public Health Week

City of Milwaukee Health Department Honors Proyecto Salud for Excellence in Public Health

Commissioner of Health Bevan K. Baker launched the annual National Public Health Week campaign by recognizing Proyecto Salud, a Joint Project of CORE/El Centro and Aurora Walker's Point Community Clinic, for their outstanding contributions toward protecting and improving the health of Latino residents.

"Although Proyecto Salud played a major role in distributing educational materials and supplies within the Latino community during our city's H1N1 response, we are most impressed that their work doesn't just begin and end there," said Commissioner of Health Bevan K. Baker. "The City of Milwaukee Health Department recognizes that we can't and don't do anything alone and we appreciate their partnership in creating positive public health changes in the community."



"We are very proud of our collaboration with the City of Milwaukee Health Department and honored by this award and recognition," said Ana Paula Soares Lynch, co-director of Proyecto Salud. "Proyecto Salud has been working within the Milwaukee Latino community since 2006. Our mission is to facilitate the dialogue between community and public health professionals for health equity and better quality of life for all. Even with the significant barriers to good health, the community has been committed to creating a different approach to public health that encompasses an ecological framework."

The Commissioner's Community Award of Excellence recognizes the City of Milwaukee Health Department's (MHD) community partner who made the most outstanding contribution to public health in Milwaukee in 2009. MHD

employees nominate programs or events with community partners that have strengthened public health capacity through their collaboration with the MHD.

Proyecto Salud staff is on the front line of involving the Spanish-speaking community in a social change movement to alleviate the negative impacts of social isolation, immigration policy, poverty, and lack of access to equal educational opportunities. Proyecto Salud impacts public health in Milwaukee through its community development model which creates leadership and power from within the community. The ultimate goal is to improve and increase opportunities for community members to live healthy and productive lives.

For more information about the City of Milwaukee Health Department, go to www.milwaukee.gov/health or to learn about the National Public Health Week, go to www.nphw.org.