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**American University's Annual Latino Public Affairs Forum:
Health Services and Latino Youth: Challenges, Collaborations, and the Social
Safety Net**

March 19, 2018
10:00am-4:15pm

Abramson Family Founders Room, AU School of International Service
Co-sponsored by American University's Center for Latin American & Latino Studies, its Center
for Health, Risk & Society, and AU's Washington College of Law's Health Law and Policy
Program.

This fourth annual forum will convene AU faculty, and distinguished experts from the legal and medical fields, together with local government and community representatives, to address access to health services for Latino youth, including the challenges of underserved, at-risk, and undocumented youth. It will feature a keynote speaker and three moderated panels, addressing the federal policy landscape, policies at the level of state and local jurisdictions, professional and community collaborations working to provide services, and some innovative school-based models for service delivery.

9:30am-10:00am: Arrival and coffee

10:00am-10:30am: Welcomes

Sylvia Mathews Burwell, President, American University

Eric Hershberg, Director, AU's Center for Latin American & Latino Studies

Lindsay Wiley, Director, AU's Washington College of Law's Health Law & Policy Program

Deanna Kerrigan, Director, AU's Center for Health, Risk, and Society

10:30-11:00am: Keynote address

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This half-hour address will provide context for the panels to follow, with attention to the evolving federal role and landscape with respect to immigrant youth health services. Important issues include: how available resources such as Medicaid are utilized, the greatest challenges faced by service providers, and implications of this environment for Latino youth and families.

Keynote speaker:

Leonardo Cuello, Director, Health Policy, National Health Law Program

11:00am-12:15pm Panel I: Latino Youth, Health Services and Local Jurisdictions

This panel will focus on local jurisdictions, including city, county, and state, consider variations across jurisdictions (e.g. Washington DC, Maryland and Virginia), and analyze ways that jurisdictions are adapting to the incentive structure created by national policy. Panelists will describe available youth and family health services and consider impacts of interrelated issues around immigration status. The core question will be how local jurisdictions promote access to health services for Latino youth.

Moderator:

Lindsay Wiley, Director, AU's Washington College of Law's Health Law & Policy Program

Panelists:

Steven Lopez, Associate Director, Health Policy Project, UnidosUS

Sharon Zalewski, Executive Director of the Regional Primary Care Coalition

Matt Lopas, Health Campaign State and Local Manager, National Immigration Law Center

12:15pm-1:15pm Buffet lunch

1:15pm-2:30pm Panel 2: Inter-Professional Collaboration to Meet Latino Youth Health Needs

This panel will focus upon the kinds of professional collaborations that have become an integral dimension of health service provision to often underserved Latino youth. These collaborations encompass networks of health care service providers, medical-legal partnerships, community advocates, social workers and other social safety net providers. How are these professionals, providers, and advocates working together, what are the areas in need of greatest attention, and how might cooperation be more effective in efforts to insure access to health services for underserved Latino youth?

Moderator:

Adrián Alvarez, AU's Washington College of Law's Disabilities Rights Law Clinic

Panelists:

Emily Benfer, Senior Fellow, Solomon Center for Health Law & Policy, Yale University

Daniella Dooley, Medical Director, Community Affairs & Population Health, Children's National Health System

Yael Cannon, Visiting Associate Professor, Georgetown University Law Center

2:30pm-2:45pm Break

2:45pm-4:00pm Panel 3: Innovative Models for Underserved Latino Youth: School-based Health Services

In light of the ecosystem of health service provision, what are some innovative models for the delivery of health services to this population, and how are providers engaged in implementing these models? Given their importance in outreach efforts to Latino youth, this panel considers the case of health service provision in public schools as an illustration of opportunities and challenges encountered by local jurisdictions and communities seeking to address health needs of Latino youth.

Moderator:

Deanna Kerrigan, Director, AU's Center for Health, Risk and Society

Panelists:

Maria Aramburu, Medical Director, MedStar Georgetown School Health Center, Roosevelt HS

Marisa Parrella, Manager, School-Based Mental Health Program, Mary's Center

Mr. José Segura, Director, Mental Health and Substance Abuse, La Clínica del Pueblo

4:00pm-4:15pm Concluding Remarks

Eric Hershberg, AU's Center for Latin American & Latino Studies