

La Plata Unity Project - Relevant Findings

Survey

- 1 in 3 English speakers have felt unwelcome
- Spanish speakers are much less likely to go to the media for information; instead they rely on other people
- Recreation opportunities are more limited for Spanish speakers
- Spanish speakers spend more free time with family and less time doing outdoor activities than English speakers

Focus Groups

- Recent immigrants say friendliness of people has made a difference
- Connections with people from other cultures comes through one-on-one relationships
- There is social segregation in the education system is a problem
- Immigrants don't have time to attend events
- Fear caused by immigration laws dissuade immigrants from attending events
- There is a need for more coordination among service providers, possibly by having a single location people can go to for help
- Employers need a place to go for information as much as recent immigrants on current laws and procedures
- The inconsistency both in immigrant workers coming and going and in the employment laws creates frustration for employers

Immigrant Forum

- Need to create a more supportive environment within immigrant community
- Immigrants view La Plata County as a place of opportunity
- Need to educate on distinct regionalism within the immigrant community
- People of color have felt discrimination here, especially in finding housing
- Affordable housing is huge issues
- Immigrants need one place to go for info and services, currently Family Center serves this role