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In Oregon...

- 85% of our immigrants are Mexican
- In Yamhill County 16% are Latinos
- In Mac 21% are Latinos
- In Mac Schools 33% are Latinos
- 38% of Latinos here are Citizens
- 120K are undocumented
- 31% of these undocumented Latinos are in rural Oregon

In 1840's the US border with Mexico was just south of Medford! Most Oregonian Latinos come from the central highlands of Mexico. Jalisco & Michoacán are the big states.

Unidos does immigrant rights advocacy, citizenship classes, leadership development and civic participation here in Yamhill County. In Mexico, the government is corrupt. Unity comes through church and family, not political action. Being involved in schools or politics is a new concept to most Latinos!

*Third Thursday at 8:15-9:45 A **Latino Advocacy Coalition Group** meets at Unidos.

DACA Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival – not eligible for citizenship. Two Year Waiver, allows work permit and drivers license. Every two years you get a renewal – pay more money to stay, but no path to citizenship. May end now!

225 Detention Facilities in the US

Paths to Legal Status

Those with Green Cards (legal perm resident) has a path to citizenship. How did they get it though?

- Family member sponsored them (parents/child/siblings)
- 480,000/yr split between all of the global countries equally
- Employers may sponsor highly educated folks
- Refugee status
- Abused Spouse or child of a citizen

US Citizen kids (born here to immigrants without docs) can apply for Parents to become Legal Permanent Residents when the child is 21years old.

Cultural Competency

Priorities: Not school, but family and tradition (visits to Mexico)

Communication: Low eye contact is submissive, humble, peaceful

Time Management: We value each minute, not each relationship

Community: Loyalty is to the family rather than "my rights"

Emotions: Anger is frowned upon. Restraint is best.