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Preface

The National Council of La Raza's Publications Catalog is a resource for persons and organizations seeking current and background information on a wide range of issues affecting Hispanic Americans. Representing over 20 years of work in the policy analysis and advocacy field, and over 30 years of technical assistance to Hispanic community-based organizations, NCLR's publications present a uniquely Hispanic perspective and focus, particularly on issues affecting minority, limited-English-speaking, and/or low-income persons.

Publications listed in the catalog include research and policy papers, handbooks and manuals, training materials, statistical analyses, fact sheets, issue updates, Congressional testimony, and selected speeches and presentations. Topic areas addressed include:

- ▶ Civil Rights
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Civil Rights

Testimony on Voting Technology and Language Minority Voters

Code TS145 May 2004 8 pp. \$5.00

Presented before the U.S. Election Assistance Commission in May 2004, this testimony discusses the advantages and challenges of different voting technologies and systems with respect to language-minority voters. Language-related barriers have a disparate, disproportionate, and negative effect on Latinos and other ethnic minorities. In the absence of both policy interventions and technological improvements, language-minority voters are more likely to be turned away or deterred from voting, and less likely to have the opportunity to cast a fully-informed vote, than other Americans. PDF available.

Latinos and the Texas Criminal Justice System

Code SB2 February 2003 16 pp. \$5.00

This report analyzes the most recent data related to Latinos and the criminal justice system in Texas, and underscores the disparities that exist between Latinos and others in terms of incarceration, release rates, and other issues. The analysis indicates the need for alternatives to incarceration, such as substance abuse treatment and other approaches, to reduce the increase in the Latino prison population in Texas. PDF available.

Latinos and the Federal Criminal Justice System

Code SB1 July 2002 16 pp. \$5.00

This statistical brief is the first-ever compilation of statistical data focusing on Latinos in the Federal criminal justice system. The brief analyzes data from the U.S. Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Statistics, the Federal Bureau of Prisons, and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. NCLR's research suggests that two factors have contributed to the disproportionate incarceration of low-level, nonviolent offenders in the past 20 years: the "tough on crime" and "war on drugs" policies. PDF available.

The Mainstreaming of Hate: A Report on Latinos and Harassment, Hate Violence, and Law Enforcement Abuse in the '90s

Code CR29 November 1999 54 pp. \$20.00

A first-of-its-kind report, *The Mainstreaming of Hate* documents the growing problem of harassment, hate violence, and law enforcement abuse against Latinos in the U.S. In this report, NCLR exposes some of the primary areas in which egregious cases of violence and abuse are increasingly found. It also notes that the main perpetrators of these crimes are not just traditional or the most commonly-known hate groups (e.g., Aryan Nation, Ku Klux Klan, militia groups). Now, they also include those in law enforcement whose job it is to serve and protect Hispanics and other Americans. (Printed) PDF available.

A Force Overlooked: Achieving Full Representation of Hispanics in the Department of Defense Workforce

Code CR28 January 1999 34 pp. \$15.00

This report examines the levels of representation of Hispanic personnel throughout the Department of Defense (DoD) during the period 1986 through 1996. NCLR analyzes data provided by the DoD regarding racial/ethnic representation in the United States Military Services for the civilian workforce and the military, new recruits, and enlisted and officer members of the Active and Reserve Components. These data were used to understand the factors associated with Latino participation in the DoD, and to identify measures to address existing disparities in membership. Illustrated with many charts, tables, and graphs. (Printed) PDF available.

Testimony on Drug Sentencing and its Effects on the Latino Community

Code TS133 February 2002 7 pp. \$5.00

This is a statement made before the United States Sentencing Commission regarding the drug sentencing disparity between cases involving crack cocaine and those involving powder cocaine. The testimony outlines the negative effects this disparity has on the Latino community, and provides recommendations regarding alternative methods of punishment for first-time, nonviolent, low-level drug offenders. PDF available.

Statement on Terrorism, Immigration, and Civil Rights

Code TS130 October 2001 17 pp. \$5.00

Presented before the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, this statement outlines the impact that the September 11 terrorist attacks have had on immigration policy, immigrant communities, and civil rights in the U.S. It outlines NCLR principles for effective antiterrorism measures. PDF available.

Testimony on Terrorism, Immigration, and Civil Rights

Code TS131 January 2002 19 pp. \$5.00

Presented before the U.S. House of Representatives Judiciary Committee on January 24, 2002, this testimony outlines the impact that the September 11 terrorist attacks have had on immigration policy, immigrant communities, and civil rights in the U.S. It outlines NCLR principles for effective antiterrorism measures. PDF available.

Testimony on Racial Profiling

Code TS128 August 2001 10 pp. \$5.00

Submitted to the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution, Federalism, and Property Rights, this testimony makes the case that Latinos are targets of racial profiling by local, state, and federal law enforcement. The testimony looks at the disparate impact racial profiling has on the Latino community, and provides recommendations for addressing the problem. PDF available.

Testimony on Election Reform

Code TS127 June 2001 7 pp. \$5.00

Presented to the United States Senate Committee on Rules and Administration to address the irregularities observed in the 2000 presidential election. The statement highlights the difficulties encountered by the Latino community as it cast its ballots, and suggests remedies that would ensure no American is discriminated against at the voting booth.

Issue Brief #4 - The Latino Vote in the 90s

Code IB47 October 2000 8 pp. \$5.00
Examines Latino voting trends in the 1990s. In 1996, Hispanics were the only group of American voters whose turnout at the polls increased. In 1998, Hispanic voters provided the margin of victory in races across the country, especially in California and New York. With every election, this Hispanic mobilization is likely to increase; in coming years it is expected that the Hispanic vote will have a significant impact at all levels, including the Presidential. PDF available.

Issue Brief: The Impact of Immigration Enforcement by Local Police on the Civil Rights of Latinos

Code IB43 June 1999 17 pp. \$5.00
Analysis of increasing cooperation between local police agencies and the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) and its effects on community-based policing, public safety, and the civil rights of Latinos. Includes discussion of concerns arising from the potential "deputization" of local police by the INS and the deployment of new INS "Quick Response Teams."

Testimony on Latinos and Police Brutality

Code TS119 May 1999 12 pp. \$5.00
Testimony prepared for the Congressional Black Caucus regarding Latinos and police brutality. It details information on some of the most current incidents of abuse and excessive use of force, and makes recommendations to address the problem of accountability in law enforcement. Supporting documents are also attached as part of the testimonial package.

Testimony on Latinos and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

Code TS117 January 1999 9 pp. \$5.00
Provides a brief overview of relevant Hispanic demographics; a review of Hispanics, the EEOC, and employment discrimination; and a discussion of the impact of employment discrimination on the Hispanic community. It concludes with some suggested guidelines on how the EEOC can better serve Hispanics.

A Hispanic Perspective on Employment Discrimination in the Federal Workplace

Code TS113 September 1997 8 pp. \$5.00
Testimony prepared for the House Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Subcommittee on Civil Service, and the U.S. House of Representatives regarding the disparities and inequalities that exist in hiring, promotion, and pay as they relate to Hispanics in the federal workforce.

Testimony on H.R. 351 Bilingual Voting Requirements Repeal Act

Code TS110 April 1996 6 pp. \$2.50
Testimony prepared for the House Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, U.S. House of Representatives regarding the repeal of the language assistance provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Demographic trends, together with the continuing existence and lasting effects of discriminatory practices, indicate that significant numbers of language-minority voters may still be denied full political participation without language assistance.

Voter Registration "How-To" Packet for Community-Based Organizations

Code CR26 March 1996 25 pp. \$12.50

This "how-to" voter registration packet will assist community-based organizations in developing, organizing, and conducting voter registration programs, drives, and/or events. The packet includes: voter registration and voter turnout statistics; legal language on 501(c)(3) organizations conducting nonpartisan voter registration; and listings of Board of Election offices for each state.

Demographics

Beyond the Census: Hispanics and An American Agenda (Final Edition)

Code EWD62 August 2001 27 pp. \$10.00

Presents an overview of the most recent Census data on Hispanics in the U.S., with a focus on an "American Agenda" – the opportunity that the new data provide to understand and shape better neighborhoods, successful educational outcomes, economic mobility, and high-quality health care for Latinos. Includes 20 tables and charts. (Printed) PDF available.

U.S. Latino Children: Status Report

Code EWD59 August 2000 21 pp. \$7.00

Provides an overview of the social and economic status of Latino children under 18 years of age, including information by Latino subgroups. The report highlights specific issues and trends that affect their well-being, including: high population growth, poor educational status, high teenage birth rate, disproportionate poverty levels, and the significant share without health insurance. Included are brief discussions of Latino children's participation in federal programs and the status of children in Puerto Rico. The text is presented in "chart book" format, accompanied by 13 graphs. PDF available.

U.S. Hispanic Demographic Profile: Developments, Implications, and Challenges

Code EWD56 April 1998 13 pp. \$5.00

Presents data on the social and economic status of the U.S. Hispanic population in the context of its rapid growth. Discusses noteworthy developments and trends of Latino sociodemographic status since 1990, the implications for the nation, and areas that represent continuing challenges. Also includes a "snapshot" of Puerto Rico data.

Census 2000 Issue Brief

Code IB37 June 1997 4 pp. \$2.00

Overview of major issues in the next U.S. decennial Census which could impact Latinos and the way Hispanics are counted.

Untapped Potential: A Look at Hispanic Women in the U.S.

Code EWD53 February 1996 53 pp. \$10.00

Report synthesizing existing research and data on Hispanic women in the United States. Report specifically focuses on demographic trends, educational status, training needs, labor force participation, earnings, occupational outlooks, economic status, and other key issues affecting Hispanic women.

Fact Sheet Set

Code FS1

Complete Set Available

\$7.50

Each Fact Sheet summarizes Census Bureau and other data related to various issues of importance to Latinos. Fact Sheets are available on:

- ▶ Hispanic Income - October 1999, 2 pp.
- ▶ Hispanic Workers and Retirement Security - October 1999, 3 pp.
- ▶ Hispanic Poverty - October 1999, 2 pp.
- ▶ Hispanic Education - February 1999, 2 pp.
- ▶ Hispanic Working Poor and the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) - January 1999, 2 pp.
- ▶ Hispanic Women - November 1998, 3 pp.
- ▶ Latinos and Hate Violence - November 1997, 5 pp.
- ▶ Hispanic Males - December 1997, 2 pp.
- ▶ Hispanic Employment and Earnings - October 1997, 2 pp.
- ▶ Hispanic Children, Poverty, and Federal Assistance Programs - October 1996, 2 pp.
- ▶ Hispanics, AFDC, and Jobs - September 1995, 2 pp.
- ▶ Affirmative Action and Latinos - February 1995, 5 pp.
- ▶ Mexican American Population - October 1993, 2 pp.
- ▶ Central and South American Population - October 1993, 3 pp.
- ▶ Language Acquisition and Ability - November 1993, 3 pp.
- ▶ The Hispanic Population - September 1993, 3 pp.
- ▶ Mainland Puerto Rican Population - September 1993, 3 pp.
- ▶ Denial Rates for Home Loan Applications, Selected Groups - 1993, 2 pp.

Economic & Social Policy

Analysis of President's FY 2003 Budget Plan

WP3

March 2002

25 pp.

This paper offers an analysis – department by department – of the proposed FY 2003 budget from a Hispanic perspective. The sections that follow highlight departments and specific program areas that are important to Latinos, provide an overall analysis of the Administration's budget priorities, and offer policy recommendations for the Administration and Congress. PDF available.

Financial Literacy and Education: An Important Key to Unlocking the Door to Economic Opportunity for Latino Families

Code TS132

February 2002

5 pp.

\$5.00

Testimony by Raul Yzaguirre to the U.S. Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs on the importance of financial literacy and elements of successful financial education programs for Latinos.

Issue Brief #5 - Financial Insecurity Amid Growing Wealth: Why Healthier Savings Is Essential to Latino Prosperity

Code IB48

August 2001

20 pp.

\$5.00

Examines the low savings rate of Latinos, what it has meant in terms of their wealth, and how it has negatively affected their overall financial security. The brief also discusses the barriers Hispanics face in saving, and lays out promising strategies and recommendations for policymakers and financial institutions to help increase Latino savings. PDF available.

**Welfare Reform Implementation in Puerto Rico: A Status Report
(Research Paper Series 1-01)**

Code EWD61 April 2001 33 pp. \$10.00

This report explains the impact of welfare reform in Puerto Rico. The analysis includes a socioeconomic profile of Puerto Rico to provide the current context and public climate in which welfare reform implementation is occurring. It then reviews relevant details about the administration of the TANF program on the island. The report also reviews caseload composition and changes between 1990 and 1999, and also examines employment issues affecting TANF participants. The report concludes by offering a preliminary assessment of welfare reform in Puerto Rico and outlining the next steps for researchers and analysts to consider. (Printed)

**Issue Brief #3 - Welfare Reform: TANF Caseload Changes, and Latinos:
A Preliminary Assessment**

Code IB46 September 2000 16 pp. \$5.00

This Issue Brief highlights changes in Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) caseloads nationwide between 1996 and 1999, and offers a preliminary assessment of welfare reform's impact on Latino families and children. The paper also outlines areas for additional research, and provides policy recommendations for policymakers to consider during welfare reauthorization in 2002. PDF available.

Issue Brief #2 - Financial Services and Hispanic Americans

Code IB45 August 2000 12 pp. \$5.00

This Issue Brief raises awareness of the financial service needs of the broader Latino community. The brief presents data that show lower participation by Latinos in critical asset-building areas like home-ownership and brokerage services. The brief highlights the barriers to financial services that many Hispanics face, including lower household income and discrimination on the part of the financial services industry. PDF available.

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Issue Brief #1 - Hispanic Families and The Earned Income Tax Credit

Code IB44 April 2000 12 pp. \$5.00

This Issue Brief brings attention to the importance of the EITC to Hispanic and other low-wage workers, and outlines several important steps toward improving the credit for families. PDF available.

Congressional Testimony - Social Security Reform: Issues for Hispanic Americans

Code TS118 February 1999 9 pp. \$5.00

Presents sociodemographic trend data that underscore the importance of the Social Security system for Hispanic retirees and highlights the critical role that Hispanic workers will play in preserving the nation's pension system. In addition, the testimony outlines key public policy issues with regard to Social Security reform and Latinos, and examines specific Social Security reform initiatives, providing a much-needed Hispanic perspective on reform. Lastly, the statement offers recommendations on the Social Security reform strategies that are the most promising, and least harmful, for Latinos.

Social Security, Hispanic Americans, and Proposed Reform

Code TS115 July 1998 16 pp. \$5.00

This issue brief presents selected socioeconomic and demographic data on U.S. Hispanics which help to illustrate the relationship between Hispanic workers and retirees and the Social Security program. In addition, the brief highlights several popular Social Security reform strategies and provides a brief analysis of how such policy options would impact Hispanics.

Congressional Statement – Efforts to Increase Retirement Savings: Issues for Hispanic Americans

Code TS114 June 1998 10 pp. \$5.00

This statement presents relevant demographic information on the U.S. Hispanic population, highlights research findings regarding Hispanics and retirement savings, outlines noteworthy policy implications, and concludes by presenting issues that policy-makers should consider as they begin to shape strategies to improve retirement savings.

Welfare-to-Work Issue Brief

Code IB36 March 1997 5 pp. \$2.50

Analysis of the Clinton Administration's welfare-to-work proposal; outlines broad principles regarding plans to move welfare recipients into work.

Burden or Relief? The Impact of Taxes on Hispanic Working Families: State of Hispanic America 1996

Code SHA5 April 1997 62 pp. \$7.50

This report assesses the burden and fairness of federal, state, and local taxes for Hispanics by profiling families at five different income levels in California, Texas, and New York. The report also outlines principles that should guide future tax reform efforts, lays out recommendations for policy-makers and researchers, and underscores the importance of tax policy as one approach to reducing poverty among the Hispanic working poor. (Printed) PDF available.

Hispanic Unemployment Issue Brief

Code IB38 October 1997 18 pp. \$5.00

Reviews Hispanic employment status and specific data related to Latino unemployment. Discusses historical trends in Hispanic unemployment, the importance of the economy to Hispanic unemployment, unemployment among Hispanic subgroups, the factors associated with high Latino unemployment, and areas for further research and policy attention.

Index of Hispanic Economic Indicators

Code EWD55 July 1997 7 pp. \$2.50

Presents and analyzes a range of data related to the economic well-being of Latinos in the U.S. Provides a framework for examining Hispanic economic status: "leading indicators" that illustrate the economic mobility of Latinos, and "lagging indicators," trends that impede the economic progress of Latinos. Also briefly discusses additional issues that affect Hispanic socioeconomic status, and highlights areas for public policy investment.

Issue Brief on Budget Cuts and Block Grants

Code IB34 August 1996 18 pp. \$5.00

The federal budget reflects political and economic choices about current and future national priorities. Although federal budgetary trends clearly have vast implications for citizens, the complexity of the federal budget often makes them difficult to understand. This brief is an outline and analysis of the federal budget, the ongoing balanced budget debate, current balanced budget proposals, and the issues and concerns for Hispanic community-based groups.

Education

Issue Brief #8 - The No Child Left Behind Act: Implications for Local Educators and Advocates for Latino Students, Families, and Communities

Code IB51 July 2002 14 pp. \$5.00

This Issue Brief examines how the No Child Left Behind Act may impact Latino students, families, and communities. It paints a broad picture of what state and local educators must consider as they attempt to implement this legislation. Specifically, this paper provides a short, recent history of the standards movement in Congress, discusses challenges in implementing these reforms as they relate to Hispanic students, and provides recommendations for state and local policy-makers. PDF available.

Curriculum: Academia del Pueblo: Math and Science (ADP-MAS)

Code ED30 Summer 1999 640 pp. \$50.00

Part of the Project EXCEL series, ADP-MAS aims to increase and strengthen informal math and science education opportunities for Hispanic elementary school students. (Project EXCEL, an academic enrichment model, was developed at demonstration sites in 46 communities across the country.) ADP-MAS is designed to be implemented by community-based teachers and para-educators in collaboration with neighborhood schools. Curriculum highlights include *Nuestro Mundo Creativo* (Our Creative World) work stations, which feature connections between the lessons presented and the arts. Literature Links connect math and science to stories, poetry, and picture books, and Parent Links tie home experiences to classroom learning. Bilingual (English and Spanish).

Curriculum: Job Readiness Tool Kit

Code ED33 - English June 2001 240 pp. \$20.00
Code ED27 - Spanish

The *Job Readiness Tool Kit* is a unique resource for community-based job readiness programs serving Latino youth and adults. Lesson plans guide instructors through culturally relevant, interactive exercises for job training workshops or courses. Lessons use worksheets, discussions, research, interviews with peers or mentors, role-plays, group projects, presentations, self-assessment exercises, and games. The Tool Kit addresses: Getting Started and Motivated; Self-Assessment and Promotion; Job Search and Selection; Applying for the Job; Getting Ahead in the Workplace; Problem-Solving At Work; and Career Planning. Available in both English and Spanish.

Curriculum: Sabemos y Podemos: Learning for Social Action

Code ED29 - English July 1999 226 pp. \$20.00
Code ED28 - Spanish

A part of the Western Union® *Aprender Es Poder*SM (Learning is Power) program, *Sabemos y Podemos* uses language and literacy skills, not as ends in themselves, but as a means to social action. A resource for ESL, Literacy, or Adult Basic Education programs, *Sabemos y Podemos* explores: school success for Latino children, expanding work options and improving working conditions for Latinos, and identifying community issues that might range from tenant concerns to police harassment. It provides guidelines for organizing for change, and for forming alliances with youth, parents, teachers, co-workers, and community members. Available in both English and Spanish.

Issue Brief: Hispanic Participation in Federal TRIO Programs

Code IB39 April 1999 4 pp. \$5.00

Federal TRIO (Turning Risk Into Opportunity) programs were created to serve and assist disadvantaged students in high school completion and to provide ongoing preparation and support for postsecondary education. Although TRIO programs intend to serve the neediest students, Hispanic students are underserved in relation to their eligibility. This issue brief analyzes data on TRIO program participation and Latino student eligibility based on economic and educational factors such as poverty, retention, and dropout rates.

Curriculum: Project Success (PS)

Code ED26 Fall 1998 870 pp. \$75.00

Part of the Project EXCEL series, the Project Success curriculum presents an after-school academic enrichment and career model for adolescents. Law-related education (LRE), in the context of citizenship in a constitutional democracy, is the central focus of this curriculum. Students are exposed to constitutional, consumer, and housing law, as well as some aspects of criminal law. The curriculum is designed to be implemented by community-based teachers and para-educators in collaboration with neighborhood schools. Bilingual (English and Spanish).

Latino Education: Status and Prospects: State of Hispanic America 1998

Code SHA6

October 1998

114 pp.

\$25.00

This is the fifth in a series of statistical reports on Hispanic education by NCLR. This data book provides a comprehensive look at the educational status of Hispanics, and includes chapters on preprimary, elementary, secondary, and higher education, as well as examines data related to Latino educators and staff. The report analyzes information from a range of sources to describe notable educational trends, challenges facing Latino students, and specific issues that public policy should address, including educational attainment levels, achievement, and outcomes. It also offers a portrait of characteristics of successful schools for Hispanics. The book concludes with a detailed discussion of the implications of Latino educational status for the U.S. in the context of a quickly-growing Hispanic community, as well as outlines the responsibilities of different sectors in ensuring positive educational outcomes for Latinos. Includes numerous charts, graphs, and tables. (Printed) PDF available.

Fact Sheets: Goals 2000: Educate America Act

Code ED32 - English

June 2000

36 pp.

\$5.00 series

Code ED31 - Spanish

The Goals 2000: Educate America Act was passed by Congress in 1994 to provide for equal educational opportunity and to improve the quality of education for all students through the improvement of educational systems at the state and local levels. This series of four fact sheets and a briefing paper provides information to teachers, parents, school administrators, educational advocates, and elected and public officials on methods for promoting Hispanic community involvement in the process of school reform. Available in English and Spanish.

Curriculum: Academia del Pueblo (ADP)

Code ED25

June 1996

430 pp.

\$30.00

Part of the Project EXCEL series, the Academia del Pueblo curriculum presents an after-school academic enrichment model designed to help elementary students get a good start in school. Lessons incorporate principles of second-language acquisition and cooperative learning techniques in a culturally appropriate context. The curriculum is designed to be implemented by local, community-based teachers, para-educators, and volunteers. Curriculum highlights include Cultural Links in each lesson to emphasize that children's learning occurs in the context of family and community, and Parent Links to involve parents in children's learning by making a connection between what is learned in the classroom and home experiences. Bilingual (English and Spanish).

Employment & Workforce Development

Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Reauthorization: Building a Better Job Training System for Hispanic Workers

WP6

August 2003

7 pp.

This white paper chronicles the reauthorization process of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) in Congress by: 1) detailing the importance of this legislation to Latino workers and 2) highlighting recommendations to ensure the reauthorization process effectively addresses the needs of this nation's Latino workers. PDF available.

Foster Care Funding and the Needs of Latino Children in Puerto Rico
Code TS142 June 2003 5 pp. \$5.00

This report provides a brief overview of child welfare issues in Puerto Rico and discusses the challenges related to funding limitations for programs designed to protect neglected and abused children. Presents an analysis of the effects of a Presidential proposal that would affect financing of such programs for PR, and provides recommendations to address the deficiencies in federal funding for foster care, adoption, and abuse services for children in Puerto Rico. PDF available.

Building Sound Community Linkages: A Key to Serving Latino Youth
Code EWD63 October 2003 27 pp. \$7.00

This report highlights how Job Corps Centers and Latino community-based organizations can partner to recruit, retain, and graduate Latino youth successfully. The effective practices of two Job Corps Centers partnering with two NCLR-affiliated community-based organizations, Centers for Training and Careers and Chicanos Por la Causa, are highlighted throughout this document. A checklist of effective practices is included in this report. (Printed) PDF available.

The Latino Workforce
Code SB3 July 2003 16 pp. \$5.00

Using U.S. Census Bureau numbers, this 15-page statistical brief highlights workforce trends, including educational attainment and labor force participation among Hispanic workers, and includes data breakdowns for Hispanic workers based on the three largest subgroups: Mexicans, Puerto Ricans, and Cubans. PDF available.

Hearing on President's Economic Growth Proposals
Code TS140 March 2003 5 pp. \$5.00

The statement, submitted for the record, provides a critical analysis of tax cut proposals under consideration in 2003. NCLR contends that the initial plan costs too much, disproportionately benefits Americans in the highest income brackets, and would lead to record-high budget deficits at a time when there are serious economic demands on the nation. PDF available.

TANF Reauthorization and the Needs of Low-Income Latino Families
Code TS139 March 2003 4 pp. \$5.00

Presented to the U.S. Senate Committee on Finance, this testimony addresses how reauthorization of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant may affect low-income Latino families. PDF available.

Welfare Reform 2002: Legislative Developments Affecting Puerto Rico
Code WP5 September 2002 6 pp. \$5.00

This White Paper highlights recent developments in the TANF reauthorization process in Congress and analyzes their implications for Puerto Rico. It provides information on the experience of Puerto Rico with the implementation of welfare reform during the past five years, and provides important recommendations for the Senate to consider as it makes its final decision about TANF reauthorization. PDF available.

Testimony on Proposals to Reauthorize TANF and the Impact on Latino Families

Code TS136 April 2002 6 pp. \$5.00

Presented to the Subcommittee on Human Resources of the Committee on Ways and Means, U.S. House of Representatives, this testimony addresses the impact of welfare reform measures on Hispanic families. PDF available.

The Impact of Welfare Reform on Puerto Rico and on Latino Families in the U.S.: Policy Directors for Reauthorization

Code TS135 April 2002 9 pp. \$5.00

This testimony highlights the impact of welfare reform implementation on Puerto Rico and on Latino families in the mainland U.S., and outlines specific issues for Puerto Rico that should be considered as part of welfare reform reauthorization. This testimony was presented before the Commission on Social Well-Being and Special Communities of the Senate of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

El Impacto de La Reforma de Bienestar Social en Puerto Rico y en las Familias Latinas en los Estados Unidos: Directrices de Política para la Reautorización

Code TS134 April 2002 12 pp. \$5.00

Se enfatiza en el impacto de la reforma de bienestar social en Puerto Rico y en las familias Latinas en los Estados Unidos, y esboza asuntos específicos para Puerto Rico que deben considerarse parte de la reautorización de la reforma de bienestar social. Este testimonio fue presentado a la Comisión de Bienestar Social y Comunidades Especiales del Senado de Puerto Rico. PDF available.

Welfare Reform 2002: Defining the Battle Lines

Code WP4 April 2002 6 pp. \$5.00

This paper highlights and contrasts the major legislative plans that have begun to frame the debate, and analyzes them in the context of the TANF reauthorization priorities for Latino families identified in a previously-released NCLR White Paper (January 28, 2002). PDF available.

Welfare Reform 2002: Helping Latino Families Move from Welfare to Work

Code WP2 January 2002 4 pp. \$5.00

The United States Congress worked to pass legislation reauthorizing the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant, the primary cash assistance program for poor families and children. Although some may prefer that TANF reauthorization simply extend the funding period, with all current provisions, until our nation recovers from its economic downturn, many members of Congress will strive to make several changes to the TANF program. As proposals for reforming the TANF program develop, the debate over TANF reauthorization must focus on developing measures that best meet the increasingly complex and multifaceted needs of America's poor families. PDF available.

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Research Paper Series (1-01)**

Code EWD61 April 2001 32 pp. \$10.00

This report explains the impact of welfare reform in Puerto Rico. The analysis includes a socioeconomic profile of Puerto Rico to provide the current context and public climate in which welfare reform implementation is occurring. It then reviews relevant details about the administration of the TANF program on the island. The report also reviews caseload composition and changes from 1990 to 1999, and also examines employment issues affecting TANF participants. The report concludes by offering a preliminary assessment of welfare reform in Puerto Rico, and outlining the next steps for researchers and analysts to consider. (Printed) PDF available.

Implementation de la Reforma de Bienestar (SP)

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Este informe explica el impacto de la reforma de bienestar social en Puerto Rico. El análisis incluye un perfil socioeconómico de Puerto Rico que sirve de contexto y clima de política pública en que discurre la implementación de la reforma de bienestar social. Luego pasa a presentar detalles relevantes sobre la administración del programa TANF. Más adelante, se aborda el tema del volumen de casos y los cambios ocurridos entre 1990 y 1999, a la vez que se examina los factores que podrían afectar las oportunidades de empleo para los beneficiarios de TANF. Finalmente, se ofrece un análisis preliminar de la reforma de bienestar social, y los pasos a ser considerados por investigadores y analistas. PDF available.

U.S. Latino Children: Status Report

Code EWD59 August 2000 21 pp. \$7.00

Provides an overview of the social and economic status of Latino children under 18 years of age, including information by Latino subgroups. The report highlights specific issues and trends that affect their well-being, including: high population growth, poor educational status, high teenage birth rate, disproportionate poverty levels, and the significant share without health insurance. Included are brief discussions of Latino children's participation in federal programs and the status of children in Puerto Rico. The text is presented in "chart book" format, accompanied by 13 graphs. PDF available.

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An Introductory Guide to The Subsector Approach to Community Economic Development

Code H52 July 1999 59 pp. \$10.00

This guidebook provides an introduction to NCLR's Subsector Approach, a community economic development and poverty alleviation strategy. Discussed in this guide is an exploration of the analytical practices underlying it, known as the Subsector Analysis, in addition to information about the structure of regional industries to improve access to well-paying jobs and entrepreneurial opportunities for working Latinos. (Printed)

A Force Overlooked: Achieving Full Representation of Hispanics in the Department of Defense Workforce

Code CR28 January 1999 34 pp. \$15.00

This report examines the levels of representation of Hispanic personnel throughout the Department of Defense (DoD) during the period 1986 through 1996. NCLR analyzes data provided by the DoD regarding racial/ethnic representation in the United States Military Services for the civilian workforce and the military, new recruits, and enlisted and officer members of the Active and Reserve Components. These data were used to understand the factors associated with Latino participation in the DoD, and to identify measures to address existing disparities in membership. Illustrated with many charts, tables, and graphs. (Printed) PDF available.

Welfare-to-Work Issue Brief

Code IM36 March 1997 5 pp. \$2.50

Analysis of the Clinton Administration's welfare-to-work draft proposal; outlines broad principles regarding plans to move welfare recipients into work.

Untapped Potential: A Look at Hispanic Women in the U.S.

Code EWD53 February 1996 53 pp. \$10.00

Report synthesizing existing research and data on Hispanic women in the United States. It specifically focuses on demographic trends, educational status, training needs, labor force participation, earnings, occupational outlooks, economic status, and other key issues affecting Hispanic women.

Health

Learning to Live Each Day with Tia Betes

HT29 July 2001 32 pp. \$10.00

This is a storybook for children about diabetes, created by the National Latino Diabetes Initiative (NLDI) of the National Council of La Raza. The story is about the Salazar de Sucre family, which includes Benito, the father; Crucita, the mother; and the twins, Beto and Betina. Tia Betes surprises the family by moving in the same day Benito is diagnosed with diabetes. With her special magic and her faithful parrot, el lorito, Tia Betes shows the family how to change their bad habits into good ones, so they can learn to live day to day with Tia Betes (diabetes).

- ▶ Diabetes is a very serious and common disease among Hispanic Americans, which also affects children in growing numbers.
- ▶ This story introduces the disease and explains how to have a healthier lifestyle to avoid diabetes-related complications.
- ▶ The story gives parents an educational tool to use in discussing diabetes with children between the ages of six and 11.

Día a Día con la Tía Betes

HT28

July 2001

32 pp.

\$10.00

Día a Día con la Tía Betes es un cuento para niños sobre la enfermedad de la diabetes, creado por la Iniciativa Nacional Latina sobre la Diabetes (NLDI) del Consejo Nacional de la Raza. Se trata de la familia Salazar de Sucre, que está compuesta por Benito, el papá; Crucita, la mamá; y sus gemelos, Beto y Betina. El día en que el médico diagnostica a Benito con la enfermedad de la diabetes aparece la Tía Betes, quien llega de sorpresa para quedarse con la familia. Con un poco de magia y la ayuda de su loro, la tía Betes hace que la familia cambie sus malos hábitos por otros buenos y saludables, y así ellos aprenden poco a poco como vivir mejor día a día con la tía Betes (diabetes).

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- Este cuento nos brinda un conocimiento general sobre esta enfermedad y nos explica como llevar una vida más saludable para así evitar complicaciones relacionadas con la diabetes.
- El cuento provee a los padres una herramienta educativa que promueve la discusión sobre la diabetes con sus hijos entre las edades de los seis a once años.

The Hispanic Community and Diabetes: Uniting for Action

Code HT23

June 1997

127 pp.

\$10.00

This guide addresses the issue of diabetes and its complications among the Latino community. Provides assessment of the availability and quality of educational resources, health care services, and community support systems, and an understanding of the diabetes-related beliefs and practices prevalent in the various Hispanic communities. Discusses major findings from ten diabetes mini-forums that were conducted on the United States mainland and in Puerto Rico.

Promoviendo un Futuro Saludable

Code HT24

July 1997

310 pp.

\$25.00

This Spanish-language training manual is designed for health educators who work with youth to develop them as peer leaders, youth advisors, educators, and volunteers. The manual is aimed at assisting Latino community-based organizations and others to develop youth to be leaders in the area of disease prevention and health promotion. Basic easy-to-follow health education information on 12 topics is included, as well as suggestions and resources for the educator. Some examples of health topics include: HIV/AIDS and STDs; vital signs; reproductive health; nutrition; and substance abuse. (Developed by NCLR affiliate Latin American Youth Center.) (Printed)

Childhood Immunization in the Hispanic Community 1997/Inmunización Infantil en la Comunidad Hispana 1997 (Bilingual)

Code HT22

April 1997

60 pp.

\$13.00

Provides a summary of the incidence of vaccine-preventable diseases and their specific incidence among Hispanics from 1990 to 1995, new strategies for increasing the immunization coverage rates of medically-underserved children, and information on recent changes in the childhood immunization schedule. This report is written specifically to inform the staff of community-based organizations, health care providers, child advocates, and others about the continued importance of timely vaccination of Latino children.

Latino Community Cardiovascular Disease Prevention and Outreach Initiative: Background Report

Code HT20

March 1996

41 pp.

\$10.00

This guide gives an overview of cardiovascular disease among Hispanics and describes risk factors associated with heart disease. Provides examples of how some health promotion and disease prevention programs have developed culturally competent cardiovascular disease prevention programs in the Hispanic community. (Printed)

Housing & Community Development

Increasing Latino Homeownership through Housing Counseling

Code TS141

March 2004

8 pp.

\$5.00

A statement before the House Financial Services' Subcommittee on Community and Housing Opportunity on the importance of pre-purchase homeownership counseling to Latino families, this testimony outlines barriers to Hispanic homeownership and the ways in which housing counseling addresses them, particularly for first-time and low-income homebuyers. PDF available.

Issue Brief #7 - Increasing Hispanic Homeownership: Strategies for Programs and Public Policy

Code IB50

June 2002

16 pp.

\$5.00

This Issue Brief reviews the most recent data on homeownership, and analyzes the factors associated with the low homeownership rate of Latinos. The brief also proposes specific recommendations, and lays out a strategy for the private sector, community-based programs, and public policy to increase the number of Hispanic homeowners by two million over the next two decades. PDF available.

Locked Out: Hispanic Underrepresentation in Federally-Assisted Housing Programs

Code HCD14

July 1997

42 pp.

\$7.50

This report presents key findings from focus group discussions with Hispanics in Chicago, Phoenix, and Washington, D.C. It identifies some of the barriers Latinos face in trying to find housing for their families, and discusses factors that help to explain why low-income Hispanics are less likely than other poor families to participate in federal housing programs. The report provides conclusions to guide policy-makers and others interested in improving the accessibility of affordable housing to a larger proportion of Latino families. (Printed)

"Case Study" on NCLR's Home-To-Own Program

Code HCD13

September 1996

21 pp.

\$5.00

Detailed description and analysis of the Home-To-Own program, an innovative homeownership program targeted at low- and very-low-income Latinos. Prepared for and presented at ENCIENTROS: Civil Society Organizations Working In Partnership with the Public Sector for Poverty Reduction, a "North-South" dialogue sponsored by the World Bank, the Inter-American Foundation, the Government of the Netherlands, Oxfam, and the Vesper Society. Case study reviews Home-To-Own's creation, strengths, and weaknesses in the context of informing development strategies in Latin America.

Immigration

Issue Brief #12 - TANF Implementation in Puerto Rico: A Summary of Data on Leavers

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9 pp.

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This update summarizes the most recent data regarding TANF implementation in Puerto Rico, reviews data on the economic status of former TANF recipients, and examines new demographic data on former TANF participants. It also provides a description of the current status of TANF and a short analysis of the data, and identifies areas relevant for Puerto Rico for researchers and policymakers to consider within the context of the reauthorization of TANF. PDF available.

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Employer-provided pension plans and retirement savings products have emerged as a particularly important means of building financial wealth and security for American workers and families. Yet Hispanic workers remain the least likely of all Americans to have access to – or participate in – employer-provided pension plans. This issue brief presents data and summarizes research on pension coverage and participation issues for Latino workers, reviews national trends in coverage and the current public policy debate, and highlights promising strategies or measures that could narrow the pension coverage and wealth gaps between Latino and other American workers considerably over the next decade. PDF available.

Issue Brief #10 - Counterterrorism and the Latino Community Since September 11

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Immigration and national security have become intermingled in the U.S. in unprecedented ways since the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. This Issue Brief documents the impact of counterterrorism measures and policies implemented since September 11 on the Latino population. First, it provides background on the post-September 11 environment. Second, it examines the new anti-terrorist policies that have had harmful consequences for U.S. Latinos. Third, it looks at other new immigration enforcement activities that have had a negative impact on the Latino community. Fourth, it focuses on the need to return to the affirmative immigration reform agenda. Finally, it offers conclusions and recommendations about the future of U.S. immigration policy. PDF available.

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Enforcement of immigration laws has always been the responsibility of the federal government. However, following the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, the Department of Justice initiated new counterterrorism policies, one of which has been to enlist state and local law enforcement officers in antiterrorist activities. While the safety and security of the United States is a priority, this document points out how new policies that would allow local police departments to enforce federal immigration law may actually hinder terrorist and other criminal investigations, and are having a serious negative impact on Latino communities. The report also documents how involving local police officers in federal immigration enforcement contradicts decades of federal case law and policy, and how delegation of immigration authority is likely to result in racial profiling, police misconduct, and civil rights violations. The publication also points out that such efforts erode trust between local police and the communities they serve and protect. PDF available.

Issue Brief #6 - Safe Roads, Safe Communities: Immigrants and State Driver's License Requirements

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This brief explores the issues involved in current proposals to restrict immigrant access to driver's licenses, arguments in favor of increased accessibility, and steps that can be taken to ensure that driver's licenses remain authentic and prevent unauthorized drivers from making U.S. roads less safe. PDF available.

Combating Ant-Immigrant Opportunism Post-September 11

Code BG16 January 2002 10 pp. \$5.00

Since the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, anti-immigrant groups have preyed upon the fears of the American people and have stepped up their efforts to restrict immigration to the U.S. This paper examines anti-immigrant sentiment in the U.S. prior to September 11; analyzes the history and central characters of the Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR) and other groups within the restrictionist movement; and looks at the way FAIR and its allies have taken advantage of the terrorist attack to expand their support and promote their anti-immigration message. PDF available.

Testimony on Immigration Policy Before the Immigration Subcommittee Committee on the Judiciary, U.S. Senate

Code TS129 September 2001 6 pp. \$5.00

In this testimony, NCLR President and CEO Raul Yzaguirre argues that comprehensive immigration reform is necessary and timely. Discussions between the U.S. and Mexico could create a coherent and more effective alternative to the current immigration control regime, which is ineffective, discriminatory, and inconsistent with both our national values and our economic interests. However, this process also creates substantial risks. In order to maximize positive policy opportunities and minimize dangers, NCLR poses several principles for comprehensive immigration reform: legalization must be a major element of any policy change, temporary worker programs by themselves are not a viable long-term policy option, any temporary worker program that might emerge from this debate must be markedly different from the status quo, immigration enforcement must be conducted strategically, and economic development efforts must be targeted to create opportunity in areas where migrants originate. PDF available.

Testimony on Guestworker Programs Before the Immigration Subcommittee Committee on the Judiciary U.S. House of Representatives

Code TS126 June 2001 18 pp. \$5.00

The debate over guestworker programs has been in a stalemate for several years, with neither side able to make significant gains. NCLR believes that there is an opportunity to shift the debate and advance the issue beyond the current impasse. In this testimony, NCLR argues that any new guestworker program must be significantly different from past or current programs, must offer full worker protections and rights, must ensure decent wages and working conditions, and must allow a path to permanent residency for temporary workers who choose to remain in the U.S. PDF available.

Testimony on Immigration Policy

Code TS125 April 2001 9 pp. \$5.00

Outlines NCLR's concerns in the immigration policy debate, including reform of the INS, farmworkers and guestworkers, the 1996 immigration law, and enforcement issues and practices.

Moving Toward an Immigrant Integration Agenda

Code IM34 November 2001 7 pp. \$5.00

The way in which we approach immigrants' integration into U.S. society holds important implications for the future progress of the country as a whole. This paper provides an overview of select issues affecting Latino and other immigrant populations, and outlines some policy options available to state and federal governments to achieve the positive integration of immigrants into American society. PDF available.

Statement on proposed agricultural Guestworker Programs

Code TS120 May 1999 13 pp. \$5.00

Provides the background to the current debate on guestworkers in agriculture and other industries, and outlines a set of principles that this debate should follow in order to improve the conditions of farmworkers and immigrant workers in the U.S.

Issue Brief: The Impact of Immigration Enforcement by Local Police on the Civil Rights of Latinos

Code IB43 June 1999 17 pp. \$5.00

Analysis of increasing cooperation between local police agencies and the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) and its effects on community-based policing, public safety, and the civil rights of Latinos. Includes discussion of concerns arising from the potential "deputization" of local police by the INS and the deployment of new INS "Quick Response Teams."

Issue Brief: Immigration and Welfare Reform Legislation of 1996: The Impact on Latinos

Code IB35 December 1996 11 pp. \$5.00

Outline of the major provisions of two massive legislative changes and their effects on the Latino community. Includes outreach and advocacy strategies for local leaders.

Issue Brief: Delegation of Federal Immigration Enforcement Powers to Local Police

Code IB42 February 1999 3 pp. \$5.00

Analysis of a provision in the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 which would allow the INS to deputize local police officers with power to enforce federal immigration law. Makes recommendations to the Department of Justice on alternatives to "deputization."

Statement Regarding Citizenship

Code TS111 October 1996 6 pp. \$5.00

Testimony before the Subcommittee on Immigration, U.S. Senate, on reforms of the naturalization process.

Advocacy Guide for Community Groups Addressing Proposition 187-Related State Initiatives

Code IM32 January 1996 108 pp. \$15.00

Comprehensive guide to assist local organizations and community leaders in addressing proposals modeled after California's Proposition 187. Contains strategic guidance, sample messages, statements and informational materials, and demographic information.

I nternational Affairs

Issue Brief: The Trade Debate and the North American Development Bank (NADBank)

Code IB41 October 1998 13 pp. \$3.00

The debate in the fall of 1997 over President Clinton's request for renewed "Fast-Track" trade negotiating authority brought to light the inadequacy of implementation efforts with respect to trade-dislocated worker programs and institutions to date. This policy brief outlines the implementation issues with respect to the North American Development Bank (NADBank). The NADBank is one of the institutions created in coordination with the signing of NAFTA to assist trade-affected workers and communities in adjusting to changes in the economy and to provide for a clean U.S.-Mexico border environment.

Media Advocacy

Don't Blink: Hispanics in Television Entertainment

Code ME3 April 1996 18 pp. \$7.50

An updated look at the continued invisibility of Hispanics on television. This report focuses on portrayals during the 1994-1995 television season. (Printed)

Out of the Picture: Hispanics in the Media

Code SHA3 August 1994 43 pp. \$15.00

This report provides a synthesis of media research which documents that Hispanics are virtually invisible in the media and, when they are portrayed, are consistently depicted negatively or stereotypically. The report also examines the impact of this negative media image on public opinion and on attitudes towards Hispanics. (Printed) PDF available.

Political & Social Empowerment

Testimony on Election Reform

Code TS127

June 2001

7 pp.

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Presented to the United States Senate Committee on Rules and Administration to address the irregularities observed in the 2000 presidential election. The statement highlights the difficulties encountered by the Latino community as it cast its ballots, and suggests remedies that would ensure no American is discriminated against at the voting booth.

Issue Brief #4 - The Latino Vote in the 90s

Code IB47

October 2000

8 pp.

\$5.00

Examines Latino voting trends in the 1990s. In 1996, Hispanics were the only group of American voters whose turnout at the polls increased. In 1998, Hispanic voters provided the margin of victory in races across the country, especially in California and New York. With every election, this Hispanic mobilization is likely to increase; in coming years it is expected that the Hispanic vote will have a significant impact at all levels, including the Presidential. PDF available.

Transportation Equity Act Reauthorization: How Good Federal Transportation Policy Can Work for Latinos

Code WP7

May 2004

11 pp.

\$5.00

This white paper documents the transportation reauthorization debate by examining key issues affecting Latino, and limited-English-proficient (LEP) workers. It provides background on the status of transportation legislation in Congress, provides context on the importance of transportation policy's role in shaping the job prospects and economic development of Latino communities, and, documents the challenges faced by Latinos in the workforce system such as the current skills mismatch for transportation-related jobs, uneven community engagement, and civil rights barriers. Lastly, it summarizes recent legislative developments in Congress, including sections of the Senate and House transportation bills that improve the job prospects of Latinos. PDF available.

Testimony on Voting Technology and Language Minority Voters

Code TS145

May 2004

8 pp.

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Presented before the U.S. Election Assistance Commission in May 2004, this testimony discusses the advantages and challenges of different voting technologies and systems with respect to language-minority voters. Language-related barriers have a disparate, disproportionate, and negative effect on Latinos and other ethnic minorities. In the absence of both policy interventions and technological improvements, language-minority voters are more likely to be turned away or deterred from voting, and less likely to have the opportunity to cast a fully-informed vote, than other Americans. PDF available.

Joint Hearing on Social Security Number and Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) Mismatch and Misuse

Code TS144 March 2004 5 pp. \$5.00

Submitted for the record, this statement highlights concerns with Social Security Administration (SSA) no-match letters as well as efforts to undermine the Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) program. NCLR warns that the ineffectiveness of the no-match letter policy, along with proposed changes to the ITIN program that could deny immigrants a legitimate identifier, hinders compliance among immigrants with regard to filing taxes; makes immigrants more dependent on the black market for fraudulent or fraudulently-obtained documents; leads to an increase in the Earnings Suspense File; and continues to have other harmful effects on the Latino community. PDF available.

The Role of The Matricula Consular at Financial Institutions

Code TS141 June 2003 4 pp. \$5.00

Delivered before the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, NCLR's testimony supports the use of the matricula consular at financial institutions by explaining how it contributes to safe and healthy neighborhoods, promotes economic opportunity for immigrant Latinos in the U.S., and benefits the economic growth and financial prosperity of the nation as a whole. PDF available.

Testimony on the Transit Needs of Latinos

Code TS138 October 2002 7 pp. \$5.00

Presented to the U.S. Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, this testimony addresses the transit needs of the Latino community and how reauthorization of federal transportation laws could improve equity and services for Hispanics. PDF available.

A License to Break the Law? Protecting the Integrity of Driver's Licenses

Code TS137 April 2002 14 pp. \$5.00

This testimony was presented to the Governmental Affairs Committee, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia of the U.S. Senate. In it, NCLR argues that a state-issued driver's license should be reliable proof of an individual's identity and proof of authorization to drive a motor vehicle and should not be tied to an individual's immigration status. Allowing maximum access to state-issued ID cards and driver's licenses through legitimate means ensures that all drivers are properly trained, licensed, and insured. PDF available.

Financial Literacy and Education: An Important Key to Unlocking the Door to Economic Opportunity for Latino Families

Code TS132 February 2002 5 pp. \$5.00

Presented to the U.S. Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, this testimony addresses the role that financial education can play in improving the economic and financial security of Latinos. PDF available.

Children in Puerto Rico

Code SB4 November 2003 8 pp. \$5.00

This statistical brief draws on the most recent data, research, and analysis from various sources, including the U.S. Census Bureau, and examines data on population, family structure, poverty, education, and health issues, and sketches a more complete profile of the 1.2 million children in Puerto Rico. PDF available.

2001 Public Policy Briefing Book

Code PSE15

May 2001

18 pp.

\$5.00

Identifies the national public policy issues that speak broadly to the interests and concerns of Latinos in the U.S., including civil rights, economic mobility, education, housing, and immigration. Also, it outlines the specific elements of current policy debates within those issue areas that most directly affect the social and economic well-being of Hispanics. In addition, the report lists NCLR's positions on selected major legislation that was pending in Congress at the time of publication, as well as suggested references that contain further information on these issues.

Voter Registration "How-To" Packet for Community-Based Organizations

Code CR26

March 1996

25 pp.

\$12.50

This "how-to" voter registration packet will assist community-based organizations in developing, organizing, and conducting voter registration programs, drives, and/or events. The packet includes: voter registration and voter turnout statistics; legal language on 501(c)(3) organizations conducting nonpartisan voter registration; and listings of Board of Election offices for each state.

Census 2000 Issue Brief

Code IB37

June 1997

4 pp.

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Overview of major issues in the next U.S. decennial Census which could impact Latinos and the way Hispanics are counted.

"State of Hispanic America" Series

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Code SHA8

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By all accounts, the Latino vote is expected to be one of the most fiercely contested in the 2004 election. This eighth report in NCLR's acclaimed State of Hispanic America series, which began in 1991, offers insight into this crucial constituency for elected officials, policymakers, and others interested in the key issues facing the community. The 68-page report provides background, analysis, and recommendations on the three issues Latinos consistently rank as their top priorities – education, health, and employment – as well as on several other major areas of interest, including immigration, counterterrorism policies, criminal justice, farmworkers, and homeownership. (Printed) PDF available.

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Latino Education: Status and Prospects: State of Hispanic America 1998

Code SHA6 October 1998 114 pp. \$25.00

This is the fifth in a series of statistical reports on Hispanic education by NCLR. This data book provides a comprehensive look at the educational status of Hispanics, and includes chapters on preprimary, elementary, secondary, and higher education, as well as examines data related to Latino educators and staff. The report analyzes information from a range of sources to describe notable educational trends, challenges facing Latino students, and specific issues that public policy should address, including educational attainment levels, achievement, and outcomes. It also offers a portrait of characteristics of successful schools for Hispanics. The book concludes with a detailed discussion of the implications of Latino educational status for the U.S. in the context of a quickly-growing Hispanic community, as well as outlines the responsibilities of different sectors in ensuring positive educational outcomes for Latinos. Includes numerous charts, graphs, and tables. (Printed) PDF available.

Burden or Relief? The Impact of Taxes on Hispanic Working Families: State of Hispanic America 1996

Code SHA5 April 1997 62 pp. \$7.50

This report assesses the burden and fairness of federal, state, and local taxes for Hispanics by profiling families at five different income levels in California, Texas, and New York. The report also outlines principles that should guide future tax reform efforts, lays out recommendations for policy-makers and researchers, and underscores the importance of tax policy as one approach to reducing poverty among the Hispanic working poor. (Printed) PDF available.

Racing Toward Big Brother: Computer Verification, National ID Cards, and Immigration Control

Code SHA4 August 1995 122 pp. \$15.00

This report is a major analysis of proposals to create a nationwide computer system to verify that all workers in the U.S. are authorized to work. The report includes a comprehensive description of the various proposals, detailed analysis of what it would take to implement them, and an assessment of the discriminatory effects. Included are NCLR's conclusions and recommendations, an executive summary, and a foreword by Raul Yzaguirre. (Printed) PDF available.

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State of Hispanic America: Toward A Latino Anti-Poverty Agenda

Code SHA2 July 1993 44 pp. \$7.50

This paper provides a synthesis of Latino poverty research, and explores the poverty of four population groups: the working poor, female heads of households, Puerto Ricans, and children. The study compares the effects of alternative anti-poverty strategies on Hispanics, and discusses the implications. Includes nine graphs and charts. PDF available.

State of Hispanic America 1991: An Overview

Code SHA1 February 1992 35 pp. \$5.00

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