

Mexico Immersion Meeting to Discuss Next Steps

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Sharing learning with Colleagues:

Participants of the two programs described how they are sharing their learning with colleagues. The activities include: presenters at conferences (CYFAR and Urban Conferences); speaking at community organizations, presentations for county departments, sharing at community Diversity Circles, proposals for conferences (Outreach Scholarship Conference), contributing to the Quad Counties Latino Cultural Training, workshops with county colleagues, proposal for a Wisconsin Humanities Council grant for a Latino Summit.

How Could we Share?

- CEAC
- District program meetings
- Participating in the Quad Counties Latino Cultural Training

JoAnn will create a listserv for the group

Valuable Components of the Programs:

- Travel with people not from Wisconsin Cooperative Extension people (dairy producers, county department staff, DATACAP broad members, other Extension professionals)
- Visits to home communities of immigrants to the Midwest
- Visiting different rural cultures—indigenous and non-indigenous (Spanish) and learning about different implications of migration
- Personal contacts with people to hear their migration and immigrant stories and the implications on families, communities, society and culture
- Visiting small business
- Mexico City, history and culture
- Importance of excellent tour guide
- Language training--mixed reviews. Could language be covered with DVD in advance?

Important Components to Keep:

- History and relevance to current issues
- Carefully selected, relevant pre-reading
- Language on DVD
- Homestays

- Include community and agency partners
- Strong leadership with a sense of instructional design and processing skills
- Exploring of current societal issues that are relevant to CE educational programming (immigration, health, economics, WI rural community development)

Program Design Options:

- Partner with Michigan State University. This would save the cost of doing advance work alone. Communicate our needs and work together to plan. Consider how Puentes and the networks and contacts it offers can be involved. Consider best time of the year to work for all program areas
- Yvonne will communicate with Juan Marinez. Yvonne and JoAnn will continue to work on details for the future.
- We will come together again in September to discuss progress.