

THE ULTIMATE HOME VISIT 2009



Program Objectives

Through topic presentations and visits in Morelia, Michoacan, Mexico and to outlying rural villages, participants will learn about the causes and impact of migration, the nature and structure of public services (education, medical, social), and the experience of Mexican culture in its diverse forms.

Participants will benefit from this program in the following ways:

- Learn about Mexican culture and interact with Mexicans in their own country.
- Learn about Mexican families as an integral part of culture to enhance the provision of service to Latino families and children in Kentucky; to explore the inter-ethnic similarities that will serve to support reconciliation of diverse populations in the Bluegrass.
- Learn about Mexican human services (education, health and social service); how services are offered in Mexico, and learn how services are best offered to the Latino residents in the Bluegrass and in Kentucky to be able to increase service access and quality.
- Gain a new understanding of immigration from a Mexican perspective: the reasons for leaving, the homes and lives left behind, the impact upon their families and communities, and the economic impact on their country.
- Have opportunities for communication between Mexican and U.S. counterparts in education, social services, migration and other governmental services.
- Network with program participants and plan for improvements in the Bluegrass/Kentucky

Program Details

- Participants will stay with Mexican families. When possible, non-Spanish speaking participants will be paired with Spanish speaking participants for the home stays or placed in homes with English-speaking hosts.
- Presentations will be conducted on the Universidad Latina de America (UNLA) campus.
- Welcoming and farewell dinners will be hosted by UNLA on the campus.
- Program is coordinated by Cathy Sutphen, (Family Resource Center, Fayette County Schools) and Richard Sutphen, Ph.D. (UK-College of Social Work), both in the U.S. and on-site in Mexico.
- LexLinc, Inc. serves as the financial administrator for the program.
- A maximum of 20 participants will be accepted. An application and deposit of \$200.00 will reserve a space for the program, and will be received on a first-come, first-served basis. (See application for further details.) Final deadline for participation and full payment of program fees is April 1, 2009.

For more information or for a program application, contact Cathy Sutphen at uhvmex@insightbb.com or by phone at 859- 797-3993.