

CONFERENCE PROGRAM



May 22nd, 2024
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AGENDA

All workshops will have interpretation services in English and Spanish

8:30 - 9:30 AM	Check-In & Breakfast
9:30 - 10:00 AM	Welcome & Plenary
10:00 - 11:15 AM	Keynote Speaker: Paola Mendoza
11:15 - 11:30 AM	Break
11:30 - 12:30 PM	Breakout Session #1 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Hablemos de Migración y Salud Mental Perinatal <i>(in Spanish)</i> Breakout Room 2 - First FloorHistorias de Cáncer Cervical en Latinas Haciendo una Diferencia Significativa: Nuestra Voz <i>(in Spanish)</i> Breakout Room 3 - Second FloorMaximizing the Reproductive Justice Impact of Paid Leave Oregon for Latinos <i>(in English)</i> Breakout Room 4 - Second Floor
12:30-1:30 PM	Lunch
1:30-2:45 PM	Panel Discussion: Reproductive Healthcare and Policy in Oregon from abortion to transgender care, what's next?
2:45-3:00 PM	Break

3:00-4:00 PM

Breakout Session #2

- Compartiendo Nuestras Historias de Parto en Comunidad *(in Spanish)*
Breakout Room 1 - First Floor
- Bridging the Gap: Addressing Stigma in Language Access with Interpreter Trainings in Reproductive Healthcare Services *(in English)*
Breakout Room 2 - First Floor
- Justicia Reproductiva en el contexto de Violencia Doméstica y Acoso Sexual *(in Spanish)*
Breakout Room 3 - Second Floor
- Maternal Health & Medicaid: Perpetuating Disparities in Latina/x Health *(in English)*
Breakout Room 4 - Second Floor

4:00-4:15 PM

Break

4:15-4:30 PM

Closing Plenary

4:30-5:30 PM

Celebration



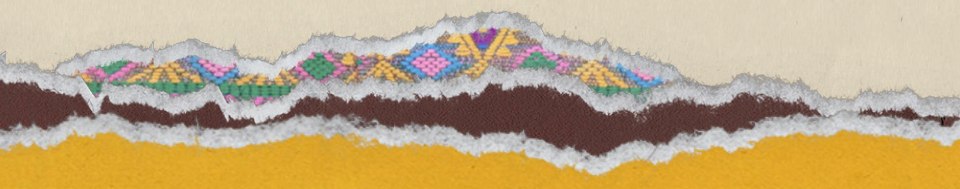
MAIN STAGE SPEAKERS

PAOLA MENDOZA

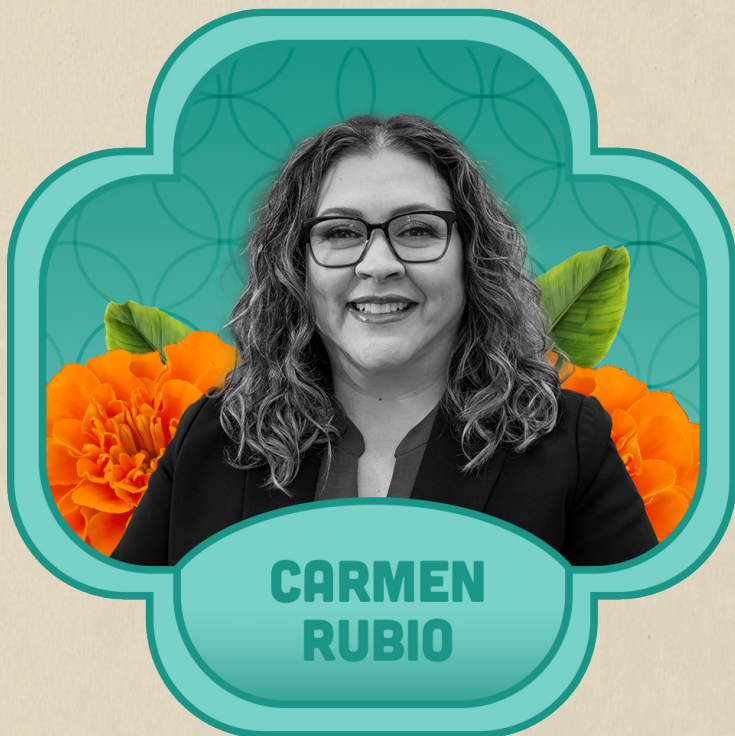


Paola Mendoza is a Queer Latinx award winning filmmaker, a best-selling author and has organized some of the largest mass movements in this country in the past decade, including the Women's March, Families Belong Together & Trans Prom. Paola uses art to disrupt and disarm, to change our thinking and to advance movements for immigrants, women and the LGBTQ community.

Her films *Igualada*, *Entre Nos*, *On the Outs* & *Free Like the Birds* have garnered international and critical acclaim at the Sundance Film Festival, Berlin Film Festival and Toronto Film Festival just to name a few. Her novel, *Sanctuary*, was a critical darling and is currently being adapted into a motion picture. Paola's work has been published in *The New York Times*, *Glamour*, *InStyle*, *Elle* and *Teen Vogue*. She is a Pop Culture Collaborative Gender Justice Fellow, a Race Forward Fellow, an Opportunity Agenda Fellow and a Pop Culture; Becoming America Fellow.



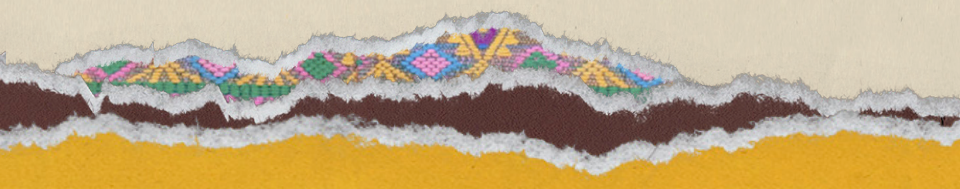
MAIN STAGE SPEAKERS



Carmen Rubio knows the power of community. She has seen firsthand when community comes together and organizes. She knows that we can accomplish more together than any of us can alone.

Carmen Rubio was born and raised in Hillsboro, the granddaughter of immigrants who came to this country as migrant workers. She is the first in her family to graduate from college and is the first Latina on the Portland City Council.

Carmen began her career of serving others in the offices of Multnomah County Commissioner Serena Cruz, Portland Mayor Tom Potter, and Portland City Commissioner Nick Fish. She served as a policy advisor and worked to engage Portlanders on critical issues.



PANELIST INFORMATION



Cherilynn Tsosie, Planned Parenthood Columbia Willamette

Cherilynn Tsosie, a Diné/White Mountain Apache, brings her roots from the Southwest to the Pacific Northwest, where she's called home for the past 18 years. With over two decades in healthcare, including 6 years with Planned Parenthood and 1 ½ years as an Abortion Patient Navigator, Cherilynn is dedicated to serving her community. Passionate about breaking down barriers in healthcare, advocating for bodily autonomy, and protecting reproductive rights, she works tirelessly to make a difference. Off-duty, you'll find her on the river fly fishing or on the mountain snowboarding, passionately advocating for diversifying the outdoors and fostering community connections.

Colleen Puentes, Interface Network (Moderator)

Colleen Puentes is a former teacher and educator who started teaching in 1993 in a predominantly Vietnamese and Latinx school district. From the start, her career has centered on program development and making learning accessible for immigrants, second language learners, and ethnically diverse individuals. Colleen is currently the Director of the Empowerment and Leadership for Youth and Young Adults (ELY) program and a Senior Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Consultant at Interface Network. She believes a comprehensive and effective DEI action plan goes beyond training. Colleen has decades of experience helping organizations conduct cultural audits, focus groups, staff development training, and strategic planning for private and public sector clients.



Denise Figueroa, Interface Network



Emily Elman, MPH, Oregon Health Authority

Emily Elman, MPH, has been the Oregon Reproductive Health Program's Senior Policy Analyst in the Oregon Health Authority for nearly two decades. In her role, Emily oversees the program's policy priorities, assessing and responding to state and federal-level policies related to reproductive health. In 2018, Emily led implementation of the state's landmark Reproductive Health Equity Act which codified the right to abortion in Oregon and expanded coverage for a broad range of reproductive health services, including abortion, to uninsured immigrant communities. Emily is also responsible for the state's family planning Medicaid waiver, Oregon ContraceptiveCare, which expands Medicaid coverage for contraceptive services for people across Oregon. Emily received her undergraduate degree from the University of California, Santa Cruz and her master's degree in public health from the University of California, Los Angeles.



Megan Kovacs, Northwest Abortion Access Fund

Megan Kovacs is a board member and volunteer for the Northwest Abortion Access Fund and co-chair of the Reproductive Health Equity Fund. Originally from Pennsylvania, Megan has lived and worked in Portland for the last 18 years building programs and policies that expand reproductive justice.



Veronica Leonard, Latino Network

Veronica joined Latino Network in 2015 as the Youth Sexuality Education Coordinator, where she expanded the agency's sexuality education programming to reach middle and high school youth and parents with culturally adapted curricula. In 2020, she launched the Department of Health and Wellness and later became Associate Deputy Director of Programs, overseeing program administration, development, and strategy. She serves on the Reproductive Health Equity Fund's steering committee, leading initiatives to increase access to reproductive health services. With prior experience at Católicas por el Derecho a Decidir in Mexico City, she has implemented youth sexual health programs in North Carolina and Guatemala. She holds a bachelor's degree in Psychology from the University of Oregon and dual master's degrees in Social Work and Public Health from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

BREAKOUT SESSION #1 INFO

Hablemos de Migración y Salud Mental Perinatal

- Tamara Martinez, Dr. Alejandro Feo, Ceadoula International

This session will cover the following topics:

- Most relevant characteristics that make up pregnancy, childbirth and postpartum, as a vital crisis, within a migratory experience.
- Cultural and linguistic differences between the country of origin of the woman/couple/family and the receiving country, and how these differences affect perinatal mental health
- Migrants and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)
- Key elements for doulas when defining a specialized care model for maternity in migration

BREAKOUT SESSION #1 INFO

Latinas Cervical Cancer Stories Making a Meaningful Difference: Nuestra Voz - Cirila Estela Vasquez Guzman, Leda Isabel Garside, Oregon Health Science University

In this session we will review gynecological cancers with an emphasis on cervical cancer in order to discuss and address the large issues of sexual and reproductive health among Latinas, particularly among Spanish speaking immigrant Latinas. This session will uplift the intersection of reproductive health with age and immigration by taking a deep dive into an ongoing community informed research project to tailor current interventions that can better improve outcomes among Latinas. We conducted a qualitative study utilizing the Database of Individual Patient Experiences (DIPEX) methodology - a time-tested, research-based approach for conducting and disseminating health experiences. This session will share clips of the videos as well as provide an overview of the emerging themes in order to inform a discussion and a sharing space among the current attendees. Participants come with their own wealth of knowledge, insights, and experiences. This session will be bi-directional inviting the collective wisdom of the group.

BREAKOUT SESSION #1 INFO

Maximizing the Reproductive Justice Impact of Paid Leave Oregon for Latinos - *Julia Goodman,*

Lisset Dumet, Anna Steeves-Reece, Dawn

Richardson, Meghan Wysong, and Beth Englander,

OHSU-PSU School of Public Health

This session will discuss paid family leave as a reproductive justice issue, focusing on a new state law, Paid Leave Oregon. We will begin by briefly introducing audience members to the concept of paid family leave and then discuss why paid family leave is a reproductive justice issue, how Paid Leave Oregon is structured to be inclusive of Oregonians who need to take leave from work, and why paid leave is a critical issue for Latino/a/e populations, specifically. The panel will include a brief presentation of results from a qualitative study of postpartum Latinas to understand knowledge and awareness of Paid Leave Oregon; a description of ongoing outreach and engagement activities with Latino/a/e communities across Oregon from a representative of Paid Leave Oregon; and a description of legal aid services available for Oregonians who need support navigating public benefits, including Paid Leave. We will then facilitate a Q&A and discussion with audience members about their perceptions of barriers and facilitators to utilizing Paid Leave.

BREAKOUT SESSION #2 INFO

Sharing Our Birth Stories En Comunidad - *Beatriz Gutierrez and Jessica Bonilla, Community Doula Alliance*

Our communities come from rich traditions and knowledge of indigenous technologies that support families during birth and la cuarentena (the quarantine), but once in the US, they become a struggle to replicate, or even assimilate due to various barriers. We will facilitate a tender space to share testimonies, birth stories, and challenges our communities face, as well as envision a new way of holding the ceremony of birth in our current medical system with the respect and sabiduría we carry from our lineages.

BREAKOUT SESSION #2 INFO

Bridging the Gap: Addressing Stigma in Language Access with Interpreter Trainings in Reproductive Healthcare Services - *Jaclyn Sisto-Lopez and Yessenia Quiñones-Vargas, Planned Parenthood Columbia Willamette*

In this presentation we will discuss the institutional barriers Latine communities face when accessing reproductive healthcare, including institutional language barriers, racism, and stigma. We will highlight our Bridging the Gap Interpreter Training for bilingual & multilingual staff and share how this program enhances access for the Latine community. Participants will have an opportunity to explore their biases related to reproductive healthcare and explore how they can expand language access within their own organizations. The presentation will include small group activities and discussions.

BREAKOUT SESSION #2 INFO

Justicia Reproductiva en el contexto de Violencia Doméstica y Acoso Sexual - *Perla Estrada and Viridiana Gutierrez-Sotelo, El Programa Hispano Católico*

In the first part, participants will identify and learn how as part of the cycle of domestic violence, reproductive coercion is supported by harmful practices in the culture, beliefs, and the Latinx community, which prevents people from exercising their right to reproductive justice.

In the second part, we will identify available resources and how to implement them so that they are at the service and available to the community they serve.

BREAKOUT SESSION #2 INFO

Maternal Health & Medicaid: Perpetuating Disparities in Latina/x Health - *Dr. Maria Isabel Rodriguez, Oregon Health Science University*

In this talk we will review the maternal health crisis in the US, and understand how Medicaid policy disadvantages immigrant women and their families during pregnancy. By federal law, undocumented and new immigrants, who meet the same financial eligibility requirements as citizens, are eligible for Emergency Medicaid only. Emergency Medicaid covers the cost of a delivery, but no prenatal or postpartum care. The Emergency Medicaid population is 70-90% Latina/x depending on the state. Oregon and a handful of other states have changed this policy. We will review research demonstrating how expanding care during pregnancy improves health outcomes.

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