

Projects Available for 2024 Cohort

Defensoras: Health Care Advocate Training

- 2 fellows will be assigned to this project
- To learn more about what Defensoras is, you can visit our website: <https://www.latinascontracancer.org/defensoras>
- Responsibilities:
 - Develop toolkit for facilitation of Defensoras that packages together the curriculum, homework assignments, surveys
 - Deadline: end of May 2024
 - Help recruit Defensoras cohorts 8 & 9
 - Develop a comprehensive evaluation to gather data for improvement
 - Facilitate Defensoras cohorts 8 & 9: one cohort in Spanish and one cohort in English. Each cohort runs for 10 weeks with a class session once a week + a graduation ceremony. Each cohort will be facilitated together by both fellows
 - This requires some in-person availability during summer since we wish for some of the class session to be in-person and the graduation ceremony is celebrated in-person
 - Deadline: both cohorts must be graduated by October 2024
 - Collaborate and report to Executive Director of LCC, Darcie Green

Health Education

- 2 fellows will be assigned to this project
- To learn more about our Health Education department, you can visit our website: <https://www.latinascontracancer.org/health-education>
- Responsibilities:
 - Runway Toxic Economy curriculum – this curriculum was developed by the [Cancer Free Economy Network](#) in partnership with Latinas Contra Cancer. The curriculum is complete, both in English and Spanish, and include a Facilitator's Guide. The curriculum describes a multi-day group workshop/training with various activity that aim to teach about the toxic substances that we encounter in our homes, our communities, and our workplaces, who is responsible for their persistence, and how they are related to cancer development. The fellows' responsibilities will be:
 - Establish relationships with organizations/audiences where we can deliver the trainings
 - Prepare materials for the delivery of the trainings
 - Deliver 3 trainings (one in the spring, summer, and fall of 2024)
 - The fellows will determine the best methods for delivery, if remote or in-person. Thus, some in-person availability is likely necessary

- Take lead in the improvement and success of the curriculum. This might include figure out what methods, materials, etc works best when delivering the training, maximizing training methods, etc
 - Collaborate and report to Coordinator of Health Education
- Latinas Contra Cancer employs various promotoras who are community members that we train to deliver various services to the community, but we do not have a standardized method for training them. The responsibilities of the fellows will be:
 - Develop 100% of a standardized training program for promotoras
 - Collaborate and report to with Coordinator of Health Education
 - Deliver the training to promotoras in-person
 - Develop an comprehensive evaluation of the training for improvement and success
 - Deadlines: development of structured training must be done by the end of May; delivery of trainings must be done by the end of the summer

Patient Navigation and Advocacy

- 2 fellows will be assigned to this project
- Reach out to clients from health education events or outreach events who consented to receiving call from us, and encouraging cancer prevention screening. Responsibilities include:
 - Collaborate and report to Patient Navigation and Advocacy Lead and Patient Navigation Assistant
 - Cold-call community members and ask about their needs accessing recommended cancer screenings
 - Assist findings resources clients needs to access recommended screenings, such as health insurance, translation, appointment-making, etc

Research

- 4 fellows will be assigned to this project
- State of Latinas Reportcard – this is a research project funded by the federal government to evaluate the social determinants of health in the female Latinx population of the South Bay
 - Full-year commitment
 - Principal investigators will be [Dr. Vicky Gomez](#) from SJSU and [Dr. Barbara Gomez](#) from Stanford University
 - Responsibilities will include:
 - Developing survey used for conducting the project
 - Organizing and holding a CAB (community advisory board) to evaluate surveys and research methods
 - Collect quantitative and qualitative data
 - Analysis of quantitative and qualitative data
 - Collaborate and report for principal investigators and Darcie Green

- Deadline: data collection and analysis must be done by Dec 2024

Community Organizing – LCC has a community committee that is committed to advocating for the needs of the Latinx community in San Jose. The committee is filled with community members and led by our Patient Community Organizers

- 2 fellows will be assigned to this project
- Primary responsibilities:
 - Attend committee meetings (remote options available)
 - Meet with medical & political leadership to fulfill committee agenda
 - Help with trainings for committee participants
 - Collaborate and report to Patient Community Organizers and Darcie Green
 - Develop and implement Patient Bill of Rights in the county by fall 2024