SPANISH LANGUAGE OUTREACH How ADA information can be better delivered

to Spanish-speaking communities

REGION 1: NEW ENGLAND ADA CENTER



THE POPULATION IN REGION 1

CONNECTICUT, MAINE, MASSACHUSETTS, NEW HAMPSHIRE, **RHODE ISLAND, AND VERMONT**



of the 14.9 million people in the New England ADA region identify as racial or ethnic minorities



of the region speaks Spanish





Massachusetts has the largest group of Spanish speakers in Region 1, with 12.7% of the state population identifying as **Hispanic or Latino**

THE SLO PROJECT

The Spanish Language Outreach Project (SLO) is a 5-year collaborative national initiative of the ADA National Network ten regional ADA Centers and the ADA **Knowledge Translation Center.**



PART 1: EXPERT CONSULTATION **INTERVIEWS**

WHAT DO COMMUNITY MEMBERS HAVE TO SAY

BARRIERS IDENTIFIED

"People come to me because I speak Spanish, because it generates trust, I send them where to go, and I do my best to provide information in Spanish."

Language barriers Lack of trust Lack of awareness to resources Technology

> "Using more in-person communication such as word-of-mouth, using family and friends to share information."

RECOMMENDATIONS

In person workshops More letters in the mail Increase in person interactions

CONSIDER THESE SPECIFIC STRATEGIES



Increase outreach efforts in states with higher Hispanic and Latino populations, such as Connecticut and Massachusetts

Connect with local radio stations and use social media for networking

Connect with local community partners and organizations

Send out newsletters to additional organizations in region 1 For more information please visit: www.newenglandada.org

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