The 32nd Annual East Coast Stream Forum for Agricultural Worker Health was held in San Juan, Puerto Rico on October 9-11, 2019. The Forum kicked off with a collaborative service project in San Juan where attendees assembled hygiene kits for Community Health Centers to distribute to agricultural workers and persons without a home throughout Puerto Rico. Over 40 attendees participated in this wonderful experience. We thank the Puerto Rico Primary Care Association for collaborating with us on this project!

Over three days, the forum offered 32 educational sessions in five different tracks: Clinical, Outreach & Community Health Workers, Policy, Programmatic & Administrative, and Research. The content of the sessions was diverse and offered participants innovative tools and ideas on how to better serve the agricultural workers who feed America. Speakers focused on topics ranging from tools to analyze and address issues of social determinants of health in their patient populations, delivering telehealth services, and serving patients after a natural disaster, among many other topics.

We are proud of the work of NCCHCA staff, speakers, sponsors, and exhibitors, and all attendees for another wonderful conference full of learning, networking, and fun. We look forward to seeing everyone in 2020 at the 33rd East Coast Stream Forum!
CONFERENCE ATTENDEES WERE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN A HALF-DAY SERVICE PROJECT BEFORE THE CONFERENCE KICKED OFF. PARTICIPANTS MADE HYGIENE KITS FOR DISTRIBUTION TO HOMELESS POPULATIONS AND TO AGRICULTURAL WORKERS IN PUERTO RICO. OVER 40 ATTENDEES PartICIPATED, MAKING A TOTAL OF 500 HYGIENE KITS! THE KITS WERE DISTRIBUTED THROUGH PUERTO RICAN COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS. WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE PUERTO RICO PRIMARY CARE ASSOCIATION FOR ORGANIZING THIS WONDERFUL EVENT!

KEYNOTE ADDRESS: STEPHANIE ELIZONDO GRIEST

Stephanie Elizondo Griest, a renowned author and educator from South Texas, provided an energizing and engaging keynote address. Ms. Elizondo Griest enlightened participants on environmental justice issues and how our society's most vulnerable populations are often the most deeply impacted by environmental destruction. She also provided a humorous, personal look at surviving cancer as a Latina by sharing her own personal battle with cancer.
ATTENDANCE SNAPSHOT

176 ATTENDEES FROM 17 STATES, PUERTO RICO & D.C.

Majority of attendees came from:
North Carolina (73) 
South Carolina (13)

53% OF ATTENDEES HAVE ATTENDED THE EAST COAST STREAM FORUM IN THE PAST

- Attended 1st time (46%)
- Attended 2nd time (23%)
- Attended 3rd time or more (30%)
- Attended 4-6 years (26%)
- Attended 7-10 years (15%)
- Attended 11+ years (1%)
- Attended <1 year (34%)

34% OF ATTENDEES ARE NEW TO THE MIGRANT HEALTH FIELD
A few comments on the biggest take-aways from educational sessions:

"Farmworkers deserve our respect and help."

- 2019 East Coast Stream Forum attendee

"We can help connect farmworkers to appropriate care and resources."

- 2019 East Coast Stream Forum attendee
Of participants in breakout sessions said they were likely or very likely to apply the information learned to their work.

On a scale of 1 (low) to 4 (high), the average ranking for attendees' likelihood to apply information learned in a breakout session was 3.58.

97% Of participants in breakout sessions said they were satisfied or very satisfied with the educational session.

On a scale of 1 (low) to 4 (high), the average ranking for attendees' overall satisfaction with a breakout session was 3.64.
Attendees were asked during each session to provide their opinions for future forums regarding improvements and priority topics and training needs. Some of the requested improvements included longer sessions or intensives, providing more printed materials, recording presentations, and working to increase the visibility of the conference to those working in other professions, especially in Puerto Rico. Additionally, attendees offered the following suggestions for topics for future forums:

- Telehealth/telemedicine
- Research & informatics with electronic medical records
- H-2A guest workers
- Health Center-led research
- Empowering lower-level Health Center staff to affect change
- Measuring program impact

**ABOUT NCCHCA**

The North Carolina Community Health Center Association (NCCHCA) was formed in 1978 by the leadership of Community Health Centers. NCCHCA is comprised of membership from 38 health center grantees (including one migrant voucher program) and 2 Look-Alike organizations. The non-profit, consumer-governed Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) we represent provide integrated medical, dental, pharmacy, behavioral health, and enabling services to over one-half million patients in North Carolina.

**ABOUT THE STREAM FORUMS**

The East Coast Stream Forum is one of three regional forums organized to address the health of Migratory and Seasonal Agricultural Workers. Find out more about next year’s forums at the NCFH website: www.ncfh.org/regional-stream-forums.
THANK YOU!

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