Health Literacy & Accessible **Educational** Materials for MSAWs and **Indigenous MSAWs**



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Goals for today:

Health Literacy

Popular Education

Value of Images

Resources

Indigenous
Farmworkers &
Communities



Dinámica

Star

Sun

Moon

Wind

Rain



Things to keep in mind

We have preconceived notions of an idea.



Our assumptions are based on the context we know.



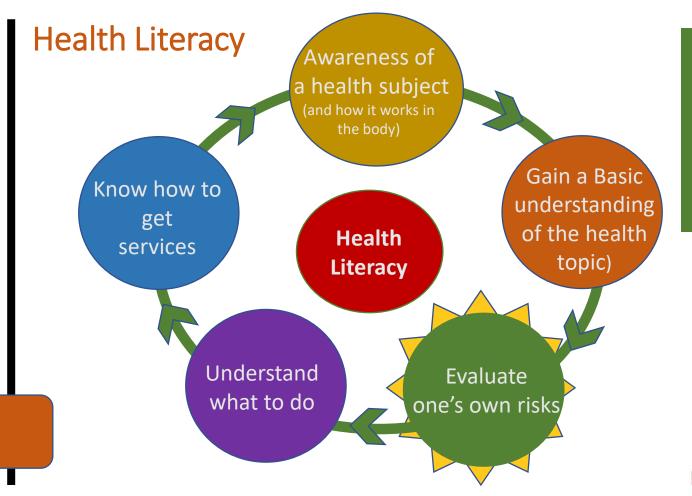
What is health literacy?

Health literacy is an individual's ability to understand and act on health information.









RESULT:
Informed
about the
health care
system & your
role in it



Health literacy and its impact

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- ► Affects **9 out of 10** English-speaking adults
- Lower health literacy = less likely to have health insurance
- Results in:
 - Less use of preventative services (flu shots, mammograms)
 - Poor management of chronic illness (diabetes, high blood pressure)
 - ► Errors taking medications (due to misunderstanding of labels)
 - ► Increase in preventable hospitalizations
 - Poor understanding of nutrition/food labels



Key to health literacy...

Realistic solutions, to real problems.

Modeling positive or beneficial behavior(s) / choices.

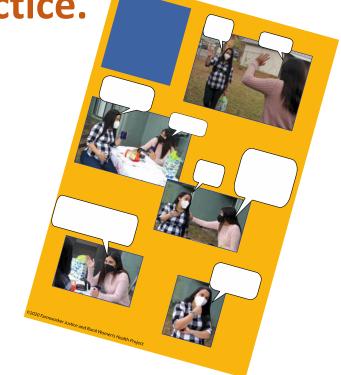
Each one, teach one.

Backbone of our work at the RWHP



Let's put the work into practice.

Use the ideas of health literacy and the importance of context to create a story.



Your time to work on this will be short.





Health literacy and langauge with indigenous speakers



RWHP's path. We....







The RWHP Works with Communities To
Strengthen Their Capacity To Overcome Health
and Social Justice Barriers.



How can we *prepare* to create inclusive messaging?

What should be our first steps?

- How can you research the community?
 - Have you heard the community?
 - What format options do you have?
 - Who can distribute the materials?
 - Will this effort make a difference?
 - What resources do you have to work with?



"... the people must learn to read their own reality and write their own history."

> -Paulo Freire, Pedagogy of the Oppressed











We take the idea of basic health prevention steps...



- Wash your hands
- Cough into your elbow
- Sleep apart when sick
- Get vaccinated
- When sick use a mask around others



And transform them into a visual story...



A consejo





COVID work—an example of evolution...



No se pueden visitar gente en los hospitales o residencia

@ProjectSALUDRWHP

para personas mayores.

Rural Women's Health Project





Audio versus print materials

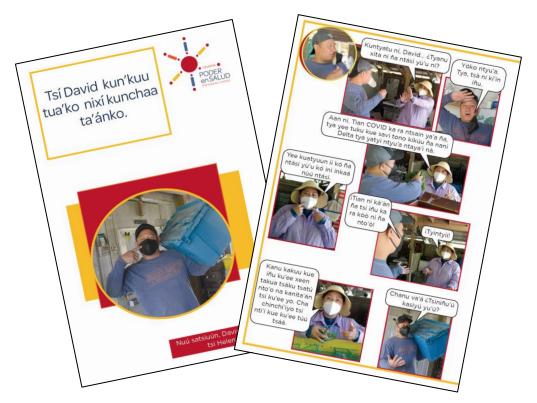
"Even though many people don't read or write in their Indigenous languages, I think it's important to make these writing systems visible, make them a part of the cultural record."

Elena García Ortega, interpreter and translator of Ayuuk (Mixe), variant from Santiago Atitlán.



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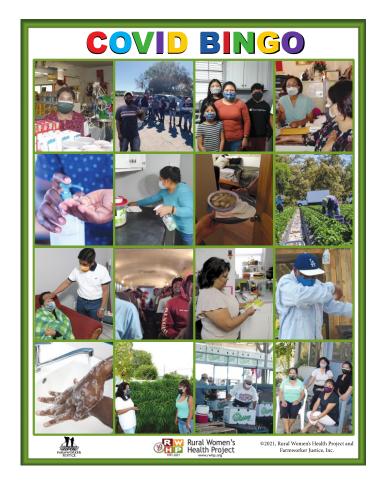






Mixteco Alto







Xiniñu kuaxuni'i uvií cubre bocas takua kaxi'a yu'uni xi xixini'i



Takua kunxani ta´ani xi na ye´e ñuuni´i, xiniñu kuaxuni cubrebocas



Kuxuni'i cubrebocas tatu nxani'i ií na ku'u kue COVID-19



Xiniñu kunkani'i uvi'i metru nu ií nivi'i, vaxu ntaxi cubrebocas yu'uni



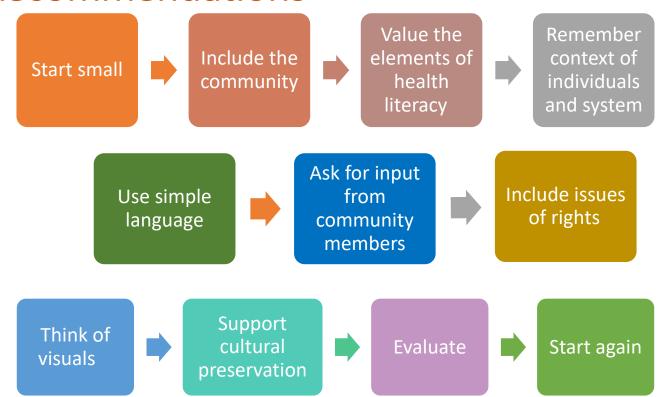








Recommendations





Takeaways

- It's important to research the language spoken in your community outside of documented numbers
- For many immigrants, including Indigenous language speakers, language access is much more than words (representation, inclusion)
- Access to information requires training in cultural competency
- Healthcare providers can collaborate with immigrant community members and professional translators/interpreters to provide effective healthcare



Resources





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