



MEMORANDUM OF COLLABORATION

I. PARTIES:

This Memorandum of Collaboration (MOC) is formalized between the ASPIRA Association, Inc. with offices at whose address is 1444 I Street, NW, Suite 800, Washington DC, and the Bert Corona Institute, with offices at 1500 Farragut St., NW Washington, DC. The ASPIRA Association is a national organization of community-based offices dedicated to promoting youth leadership development, educational attainment and research and advocacy on behalf of Puerto Rican and other Latino youth.

The mission of the Bert Corona Leadership Institute is to serve as the premier leadership institute for migrant and immigrant populations across the United States, and in the Americas by promoting civic participation, education, and economic advancement through education and direct participation in the political process.

II. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Memorandum of Collaboration is to provide a cooperative and constructive framework for the parties to develop collaborative activities and initiatives. Initially, both agree to work in partnership toward the following goal:

To develop joint initiatives that address positive practices and policies in the field of leadership development of Latino youth and to develop and share tools to promote Latino youth advocacy, research, and programs.

Among the areas of potential collaboration are the following:

1. Implementation of joint programs to promote the participation of ASPIRANTES (ASPIRA youth) in internship and training programs sponsored by the Institute;

2. Sharing of "Best Practices", curricula, and research in the field of youth development and civic participation training;
3. Initiatives to expose ASPIRA and Institute staffs to the others' programs and training;
4. Training programs to promote civic participation of youth at the various ASPIRA Associates sites;
5. Joint projects and initiatives to increase public understanding of cultural diversity in this country;
6. Connect the organizational websites as a means of connecting our membership;
7. Work on public policy issues of mutual concern; and
8. Pursue joint funding as needed to support the goals of this collaborative.

ASPIRA and Bert Corona Institute will respect and appropriately use the names and trademarks of both parties and recognize such as property of the respective organizations. Both parties will use each other's terms only in conjunction with the purposes of the agreement.

ASPIRA and the Bert Corona Leadership Institute understand that this agreement is voluntary and that there is no legal obligation imposed upon them. Both parties agree that either may terminate the agreement at any time by providing the other party 30 days prior written notice. In the event of such termination by either party, both sides will honor commitments already made to one another.

ASPIRA and the Bert Corona Leadership Institute agree to review the MOC the first year of collaboration to assess its effectiveness.

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