

We are excited to present to you the first newsletter of Visión y Compromiso's Network of Promotoras and Community Health Workers! The purpose of this newsletter is to be able to share important and relevant information to promotores and the communities they serve. Likewise, we want to expand the Network to continue educating, empowering, and advocating for the needs of the community. This information can be shared with your contacts in the various regions of California, Nevada, other states in the United States, as well as internationally. We hope that this newsletter is one more tool to continue advocating for the promoter model, so that we can give visibility to the hard work that every promotor does.



We Welcome Our New Network Director!

Norma Benitez is the daughter of Mexican immigrant parents and a proud promotora from South Central Los Angeles

with values rooted in social justice, equity, and community transformation. She was first introduced to Visión y Compromiso in 2006 and right away knew she had found her village, a place where her family's lived experiences were seen as an asset and the place that would play an instrumental role in the formation of her promotora identity and values. Throughout her 20 years in the nonprofit field, she has developed her skills in community and parent engagement, project management, leadership and workforce development. Ms. Benitez is a firm believer that promotores/CHWs are an integral part of the fabric of strong communities and thriving workforces. She is excited and ready to put her passion, hard work ethic, and dedication—values that she's learned as a promotora—to propel the promotor model onto the national platform and inspire the next generation of promotores. In her free time, Ms. Benitez enjoys exploring new places with her two daughters, sneaking in a 3-mile run, and enjoying her coffee, preferably café de olla.

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15TH ANNUAL Legislative Advocacy Day

MAY 5TH, 2020

Once again, promotores of Visión y Compromiso demonstrated the resilience and creativity to advocate for our communities. Through 17 video conferences and phone calls, 44 delegates connected with representatives from their regions and advocated for proposals that not only transform our communities, but support everyone towards a dignified and healthy life. Our hearts are motivated and strengthened.

- ✦ **AB 2798** The mental health needs of thousands of students are not identified and addressed in a timely manner having a long-term impact on their lives. This bill will provide schools with training to identify students' potential mental and emotional health problems and help combat stigma.
- ✦ **Cal EITC AB 1593** Expansion of the California tax credit for workers who file their taxes with an ITIN number. Undocumented immigrants contribute over \$3 billion to the California system. This credit will impact the finances of more than 600,000 individuals and would cover basic needs. CalEITC #CreditForAll #MakItForAll
- ✦ **AB 2018** 20% of children suffer from a mental disorder, 80% of them are not diagnosed or treated. This bill would require schools to create protocols to address students' mental well-being and the process to support them.
- ✦ **Health for Seniors** Medi-Cal expansion to people over 65, regardless of legal status. Health is a right not a privilege. #Health4All #Health4AllSeniors



Visión y Compromiso is working ardously to inform, encourage and motivate our hard to count (HTC) communities in the counties of Orange, Kern, Kings, Madera, Tulare, Alameda and Los Angeles about the importance of participating in the 2020 Census. The teams are composed of experienced and dedicated promotores who are trusted by their communities and understand their fears to participate. The communities where they live, work and participate civically are those considered HTC. We have shifted away from face-to-face visits and adapted to utilizing our mobile apps to conduct phone banking. Instead of conducting educational presentations at school sites, we now provide education virtually.

Although times are challenging, the promotores teams are working actively to educate our friends, families, and communities about the importance of participating and encouraging them to complete their questionnaires. Visión y Compromiso is very committed to help our communities get counted. Towards a healthy and dignified life.



Events

For information about these events and more, visit our [events page](#).

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY NETWORK

"Connecting with Essential Resources in the Time of COVID-19"

Mondays and Wednesdays starting June 1 • 12:00–12:20pm
[facebook.com/vyysanfernando](https://www.facebook.com/vyysanfernando)

"Advances and Responses to COVID-19: Self-Care During These Times"

June 3 • 5:00–6:30pm

COACHELLA NETWORK

Free COVID-19 Testing

June 5 & 6 • 3:00–6:00pm
Oasis School, 88125 Avenue 74 Thermal, CA

"Advances and Responses to COVID-19 Series"

June 10, 17 & 24 • 5:00–6:30pm

NAPA NETWORK

"Prepared and Resilient During and After COVID-19"

June 16 • 11:00am
<https://bit.ly/napaconfweb>

COACHELLA NETWORK

Facebook Live on Nutrition

June 20 • 5:00–6:00pm

ORANGE COUNTY NETWORK

Webinar on Promotor Model

June 26 • 9:00–11:00am

SAN DIEGO NETWORK

Nutrition webinar

June 27 • 9:10–11:00am



Our Webinars

Tangible support for immigrant communities during COVID-19

- › [National guide](#)
- › [National Immigration Law Center](#)
- › [California Immigrant Policy Center COVID-19 Resource Guide](#)
- › [Immigrants Rising](#)
- › [COVID-19 resources for undocumented immigrants](#)
- › [California Department of Social Services: COVID-19 Disaster Relief for Immigrants](#)

For more resources, please visit our [COVID page](#).

Current Job Opportunities

[Administrative Assistant, Santa Barbara County](#)

[Program Manager, Bay Area](#)

[Community Promoter, Los Angeles County](#)

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**18a conferencia anual de promotores y
trabajadores comunitarios VIRTUAL**

**18th Annual Promotor and Community Health
Worker VIRTUAL Conference**

“Promotoras transformando familias y comunidades en esta nueva era”
“Promotoras Transforming Families and Communities in This New Era”

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muy pronto!**



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soon!**



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