

RACEing Forward

DIVERSITY, RACIAL EQUITY, & INCLUSION
BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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FRIENDS National Center for Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP) knows that family-serving organizations recognize the importance of serving ALL people well.



"I have often said that America can be defined in one word: possibilities. The Hispanic community has always embodied that ideal. It lives in the dreams of those who have only just arrived here and in the legacy of families who have been here for centuries. Latinos have helped chart America's course since our start — as doctors and engineers; artists and entrepreneurs; and leaders in science, business, labor, government, and military and across grassroots movements. Their faith and drive have pushed our country to grow, prosper, and pursue its highest ideals."

- President Joe Biden

[Read the Presidential Proclamation on Hispanic Heritage Month here](#)

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Resources to Use

Click the [title of each resource to learn more:](#)

[1. ¡Presente! A Latino History of the United States](#)

Use a self-guided 360° tour virtual tour, or explore an interactive map of the National Museum of the American Latino's exhibition of the Latino History in the U.S.

[2. Teaching Central America](#)

"More than seven million Central Americans reside in the United States today, yet the lack of resources on Central American heritage in most schools make the rich history and literature of the region invisible."

[3. National Research Center on Hispanic Children & Families](#)

"The National Research Center on Hispanic Children & Families (Center) is a hub of research to help programs and policy better serve low-income Hispanic children and families. Our research focuses on poverty reduction and economic self-sufficiency; fatherhood, family structure, and family dynamics; and early care and education."

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Videos to Watch

Lights, Camera, Acción!

"Discover the candid perspectives of Latine actors, writers, producers, directors, and showrunners across generations as they dissect the ever-evolving issue of Latine representation in Hollywood. Featuring Edward James Olmos, John Leguizamo, Xolo Maridueña ("Cobra Kai"), and Julissa Calderon ("Gentefied"), Peter Murrieta ("Mr. Iglesias"), Marvin Lemus ("Gentefied") and more."



[Watch now >](#)



The Mendez Family Fought School Segregation 8 Years Before Brown v. Board of Education

"Brown v. Board of Education was the landmark Supreme Court case that ended racial segregation in schools in 1954. But it wasn't the first to take on the issue. Eight years earlier, in 1946, a group of Mexican American families in California won the very first federal court case ruling that segregation of public schools was unconstitutional."

[Watch now >](#)

Writing/Discussion Prompt

The video and discussion prompts used below can be found here: [EDSITEment! The Best of Humanities on the Web](#)

Take a moment to watch this 4-minute video: "[Cesar Chavez: American Civil Rights Activist - Fast Facts | History](#)" and respond to the reflection questions below.

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Writing/Discussion Prompt



Reflect:

- What did Chávez's efforts change with regard to labor and civil rights in the United States?
- How should the UFW be remembered within the context of labor rights in U.S. history?
- Why should Chávez be included within discussions of other non-violent civil rights organizers such as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Mohandas Gandhi?

What Workgroup Members are Reading

What We're Reading



Our DREI Workgroup members share what they're reading to help expand their knowledge on diversity, racial equity, and inclusion.

[See our list >](#)

If you'd like to share what you're reading with the workgroup and add to the list, please let us know by emailing: friends@friendsnrc.org.