

# 1ST ANNUAL LATINO CONFERENCE

**SEPTEMBER 30, 2019**

The District of Columbia's Department on Disability Services (DDS), the Developmental Disabilities Council (DDC) and the Mayor's Office on Latino Affairs (MOLA), in collaboration with Quality Trust, the Office of Disability Rights (ODR), and the District of Columbia's Office of Human Resources (DCHR) hosted the first annual Latino Conference for people with disabilities and their families.

The conference was designed to provide Spanish speaking people with disabilities and their family members with access to information, support, and resources in their native language and assist District agencies to better understand the experiences and needs of Latinos within the disability community.



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Location: St. Stephen and the Incarnation  
Episcopal Church.

Agenda:

During the day, conference participants  
provided feedback as part of a listening session,  
and attended workshops on the following  
topics:

- Transition to Employment
- Coordination of Services
- Financial Literacy/Education

At the end of the conference, fifteen District  
agencies and community service providers  
hosted a resource fair and provided  
information and resources to  
conference participants.



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## Listening Session:

The audience was asked the following three questions:

1. What is DC government doing well in serving Latinos with Disabilities?
2. What can DC government do better?
3. What would you like to see in the future?

Some key responses are below:

- "I am very grateful that this conference is in Spanish"
- "It is important to mention that the Mayor's Office sends a text message, phone."
- "I need more information for children living with autism" ·
- "Many people don't know what resources are available for parents." ·
- "As a parent, I feel that I have a little support but I think that much is lacking." ·
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- "We have to do more to attract Latino people to these types of events."
- "We need to train people to help these older people."
- Many times one begins the search for opportunities and it is really complicated. Without the cultural knowledge of this country"

\* The feedback received from the listening session will be used by District agencies to inform practices to better engage this community.



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This conference is a culmination of the efforts from the last two years of DC's participation in the National Community of Practice on Cultural and Linguistic Competence and was a goal of the District's No Wrong Door initiative.

