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***NYU-Bellevue Hospital Latino Treatment Program
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Center for Latino Health-Institute of Community Health & Research***

Greetings/Saludos:

It is with great pleasure that, on behalf of the faculty of NYU Post Graduate Medical School, the Center for Latino Health, the NYU Institute of Community Health and Research and the NYU-Bellevue Hospital Latino Treatment Program, we invite you to attend the First Annual Latino Mental Health Conference, *Saving Lives: Eliminating Mental Health Disparities in our Families and Communities*, to be held at the NYU School of Medicine on October 13, 2007.

Our five previous Latino Health conferences brought together health care professionals from a local, national and international arena including clinicians, academicians, public health specialists, and administrators, as well as legislators and community leaders and advocates. Each conference, attended by more than 400 persons, not only served as forums for the exchange of information, data and ideas, but also invigorated the Latino health care community of the tri-state area of our communities locally, nationally and internationally and stimulated the creation of highly successful projects. Even though there has been an important mental health component in each of the previous Latino Health conferences, the tragedy evidenced by the suffering and the many years of life lost as a result of mental illness and its complications, requires a conference dedicated to address the serious Mental Health Disparities affecting the New York State Latino Community.

As in the previous Latino Health conferences, the First Latino Mental Health Conference will count on an impressive roster of physicians, mental health professionals, health care experts, historians, researchers, media professionals, educators and community advocates who will discuss topics such as access, prevention, cultural competency, suicide, education, community empowerment, immigrant health, and wellness. Additionally we are extending a call for abstracts from students, educators, advocates, community and faith-based organizations, health and social services professionals, and researchers that focus on the mental health disparities theme and on Latino Mental Health throughout the life cycle. Abstracts that are selected will be featured during the Conference and will appear in our syllabus.

Please find attached our request for abstracts, registration form and save the date flyer in English and Spanish (please, post and distribute). For on line registration visit <http://www.med.nyu.edu/ichr/clh/events/2007lmhc.html> or fill out the attached registration form, and either email it to 07lmhc@med.nyu.edu or fax it back to number (212) 263- 8097.

The conference is free of charge and all conference information and links are accessible from Center for Latino Health's website: <http://www.med.nyu.edu/ichr/clh> Contact us at 07lmhc@med.nyu.edu for more information. Visit the [conference homepage](#) for more details, to view [program information](#) and to [Pre-Register On-line](#) . For directions to NYU School of Medicine [click here](#).

We most sincerely hope that you will accept our invitation and most enthusiastically await the opportunity to meet you.

Best Regards,

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