

## What is the Adelante Education Coalition?

Adelante focuses on education issues affecting Hispanic/Latino and migrant students and their families in North Carolina.

### ADELANTE

[a del an te] adverb

*spanish word meaning:*

“Onward, moving forward”

## Adelante’s Mission

Adelante’s mission is to expand educational opportunities and access for Hispanic/Latino and migrant youth and their families by removing barriers to educational success and promoting equality, dignity, and respect for all.



## What does Adelante hope to achieve?

1. We seek to create a supportive and welcoming community for Hispanic/Latino and migrant students and their families in North Carolina and to raise awareness and rally support for improved educational opportunities for Hispanic/Latino and migrant students
2. We support Hispanic/Latino and migrant students and their families to gain the tools, information, and motivation they need for educational success
3. We work to ensure that North Carolina state and local educational systems are held accountable to providing a quality and equitable education to Hispanic/Latino and migrant students that is characterized by equality, dignity, and respect
4. And finally, we continue to develop a highly organized network of Hispanic/Latino and migrant youth advocacy organizations- leading to stronger communication between these organizations and creation of a unified voice in the public and policy sector

## Who is involved?

Current Coalition members include:

- Center for Participatory Change
- Communities In Schools of NC
- El Pueblo
- NC Justice Center
- NC Latino Coalition
- NC Society of Hispanic Professionals (NCSHP)
- Blue Ribbon Mentor Advocate Program
- Student Action with Farmworkers (SAF)

These core members work in partnership with the following advisory members:

- College Foundation of North Carolina
- NC Center for International Understanding
- NC Migrant Education Program

We also involve school administrators, education scholars, grassroots community groups, and other activists in our efforts towards social change.

This Coalition, supporting K-12 and higher education for Hispanic/Latino and migrant students, is unique in North Carolina.

# Adelante History

Beginning in 2003, several members have worked together to address the lack of opportunities for Hispanic/Latino and migrant youth to attend college. In the last several years we identified the need for a collective plan for communication, advocacy, programming and outreach to the Hispanic/Latino and migrant student population. In the summer of 2004, several core organizations came together to formally create the Adelante Education Coalition.

Coalition members saw a pressing need for collective work in education particularly due to the dramatic increase in NC's Hispanic/Latino population in recent years. From 2002-2005, North Carolina's Hispanic/Latino student population rose 40%; more than 131,000 Hispanic/Latino students are currently enrolled in North Carolina public schools.

The rapid increase in the Hispanic/Latino community has been accompanied by a rise in anti-immigrant action and rhetoric. Given this hostile environment, immigrant students and their allies face discrimination, as well as systemic and social barriers for attaining educational opportunities and access.



## To Learn More or Get Involved:

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