Colonias Sanas y Seguras (Healthy and Safe Colonias)

Project Summary & Goals
The City of Alton, Texas received an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Environmental Justice grant and partnered with the Center for Community Health Development for the Colonias Sanas y Seguras (Healthy and Safe Colonias) project. The Center’s role was to develop and deliver training modules for promotores to provide outreach and education to colonia residents regarding safe drinking water and solid waste disposal.

Project goals were:
- To develop a replicable training program for promotores on two environmental health issues (safe drinking water and solid waste disposal); and
- To educate colonia residents on solid waste disposal and clean water to improve health status and reduce exposure to environmental risks.

Principal Investigator
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Project Dates
2008-2009

Communities Involved
Alton, Texas

Funder
Environmental Protection Agency

Partners
City of Alton
South Texas Promotora Association

Outcomes
- Two packaged promotora training modules on environmental issues (Safe Drinking Water and Solid Waste Disposal);
- 142 promotores trained in environmental modules;
- Increased number of Alton colonia residents with enhanced environmental knowledge on solid waste disposal and clean water (total of 231 residents trained)