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Governor's Crime Commission Monthly Newsletter

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Youth Justice Action Month

October is Youth Justice Action Month. This month is used to raise awareness and educate the public about the impact of the justice system on children. This year's theme is "YOUth Are Worth It." This theme focuses on giving youth new possibilities, systems of support, healing and restorative justice. To learn more about YJAM and how to get involved visit the [Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention](#).

Subrecipient Highlight - El Futuro

A message from El Futuro:

El Futuro provides bilingual and culturally responsive mental health services primarily for Spanish-speaking immigrants living in North Carolina. Our mission is to nurture strong families to live out their dreams.



This year we are celebrating 20 years of serving approximately 3,000 individuals and families each year. To mark this milestone, El Futuro was featured in an [article](#) by CBS17.

September was Hispanic Heritage Month and brought us an opportunity to affirm and lift up communities across North Carolina. Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month is one way we can support those who have been a victim of crime and encourage the Latino community who are disproportionately affected by crime. The foundation of our services at El Futuro is 1) our value orientation (trust, "calor humano", respect, cultural humility) and 2) our services: a blend of community engagement with services that meet individuals where they are whether it be in groups like our Valor and DALE group for survivors or individual trauma-focused therapy. Importantly, when we engage people in the community, we realize that victims of crime have experienced trauma that has insulted their core identity. We can support the immigrant community by validating and affirming their ethnic and cultural roots. During Hispanic Heritage Month, public celebrations of culture are important ways we can help those in our state who too often have suffered crime.

"Making mental health care accessible for underserved Latino families improves their quality of life and helps people get back to their dreams for the future that brought them to our community in the first place. It creates a better, healthier community for us all."
-Dr. Luke Smith, psychiatrist and executive director of El Futuro.

Get involved with El Futuro:

Visit the therapeutic garden next to our Durham clinic or join one of our community events. Visit our [website](#) to find more information, make a donation and subscribe to our monthly newsletter.

Also follow us on social media at [@elfuturonc](#) on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [LinkedIn](#). Watch our recent 20th-anniversary docufilm [here](#).



Hurricane Helene Recovery Resources

Our thoughts have been with all those affected by Hurricane Helene. The Governor's Crime Commission wants to ensure that anyone affected has information about available resources and upcoming deadlines. Several funding streams are listed below.

- [FEMA Public Assistance direct grant program](#) focuses on facility restoration to include debris removal, repair and future hazard mitigation. (Application deadline: Oct. 28, 2024*)
- Disaster assistance loans from the Small Business Association are available to private nonprofits and include [physical damage loans](#) (Application deadline: Nov. 27, 2024*) and [economic injury disaster loans](#) (June 30, 2025*)

*Extensions or grace periods may be available.

Applications Open: NC Disaster Relief Fund:

The governor activated the state's Disaster Relief Fund following Hurricane Helene. The fund provides reimbursement to nonprofits working with disaster survivors. [Applications for funding](#) are already being accepted and funds dispersed.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. This month is reserved to raise awareness and unite those with efforts to end domestic violence. For more information and resources on DVAM along with events going on in your area, visit the [NCCADV website](#).

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