



The National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC's) mission is to provide leadership in preventing and responding to sexual violence through collaboration, sharing and creating resources, and promoting research. We envision a world where diversity is celebrated and all people are treated with dignity and respect and have full autonomy over their own bodies and sexual expression. Multilingual access is critical to our own mission and that of the larger sexual violence prevention movement.

Improving multilingual access is a rewarding – and often challenging – growth process. It isn't an item on a list that an agency simply "checks off" when finished. Rather, multilingual access requires ongoing dedication, creativity, commitment, and partnerships. We are excited to have this report available to shape our work and we appreciate every voice who contributed by clarifying a need, sharing an idea, or making a recommendation for improvement. The NSVRC has begun our internal process of incorporating recommendations from this assessment and will continue to build our capacity and skills related to multilingual access, as well as sharing this valuable resource with other organizations.

Some of our plans for the coming months include:

- Conduct an internal assessment of our ability to work with Latin@* communities. (*We use the "@" symbol to represent the feminine and masculine versions of words and to promote gender inclusion.) This assessment has been scheduled and will be conducted by a culturally specific partner within the movement.
- Support online spaces in which both Latin@ and non-Latin@ advocates can talk about intervention and prevention issues – sharing language-access issues, resources, and strategies.
- Expand the Spanish-language accessibility of NSVRC's website and library.
- Continue to build partnerships with culturally specific organizations and individuals in the sexual violence movement, and promote their initiatives.
- Build upon existing partnerships with translators and interpreters who understand language access as a social justice issue and who are grounded in the diversity within Latin@ communities in terms of language and culture.

Multilingual access is a rich and rewarding process. We look forward to building our capacity, using this assessment as a guide, and we invite you to join with us on this journey.

In Partnership,

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