



## ***Apoyo* for Latin American Asylum Seekers (ALAS)**

A Pilot Study to Assess Feasibility and Acceptability of a *Promotora*-Led COVID-19 Testing Intervention

*Apoyo* for Latin American Asylum-Seekers, or **ALAS**, means “wings” in Spanish. This project aims to implement and evaluate a multi-faceted ***promotora*-led intervention**.

***Promotoras* use culturally congruent approaches to address barriers to COVID-19 testing. They support large drive-up events in local parks or community centers, conduct door-to-door campaigns, and organize walk-up testing sites.**

ALAS is a partnership between Arizona State University (ASU), Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest (LSS-SW), Equality Health Foundation (EHF) and other community organizations and leaders.

### **Activities:**

- Adapt an existing *promotora*-led COVID-19 testing intervention to address unique barriers to testing and follow up care.
- Administer COVID-19 testing and vaccinations to at least 400 people over the age of 5.
- Deliver follow-up care and coordinated wrap-around social services.
- Create and distribute culturally appropriate public health education & community engagement.
- Conduct focus group interviews and pre- and post-surveys.



## Survey:

The research survey will identify specific Social Determinants of Health influencing knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors related to COVID-19.



**From the pre- and post-survey data, we will study relationships between individual, socioeconomic, and cultural attributes, and knowledge, attitude, and behavior related to COVID-19 mitigation and vaccine hesitancy among Latin American asylum seekers.**

## Outcomes:

- Increase access, uptake, and sustainability of COVID-19 testing among underserved asylum-seekers from Latin America.
- Identify social determinants of health influencing COVID-19 outcomes and improve outreach and engagement of asylum seekers in Maricopa County for future public health issues.
- Participants receive wrap-around services and their COVID-19 diagnosis between 24-48 hours.

*The project will adapt and design a series of public health education materials about testing and vaccination. These materials are culturally and linguistically appropriate for each partnering community.*

