



Community-Engaged Research Interest Group (CEnRIG)

“Hispanic Family Connections: Using Community-Engaged Approaches to Address Childhood Obesity in Rural Underserved Areas”

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Discussion:

How we involved the community in the cultural adaptation and testing of a childhood weight management program for Hispanic Families living in rural Nebraska?

Featured Speaker



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Dr. Brito is a Project Leader in the Nebraska Center for the Prevention of Obesity Diseases (NPOD) and an assistant professor in the Department of Health Promotion at the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) in Omaha, Nebraska. She has over 15 years of experience working in a variety of practice and research settings serving a diverse population. Her research program focuses on translational science using health communication and community engaged approaches to address health disparities and increase health equity in the prevention and treatment of chronic diseases. This work builds on the importance of applying health communication strategies to improve program materials, and developing partnerships with clinical partners, communities, individuals and families in the process of getting evidence-based programs to those most affected by chronic conditions. Her current work focus on seeking sustainable culturally relevant solutions to the growing childhood obesity epidemic in particular as it has a disproportional negative impact on the lives of those who are the most vulnerable in our societies. To support her work, she has received research funding from a variety of sources (NIH, ISBM) and has published manuscripts in a variety of national and international journals.