



Oregon's Immigrant Rights Coalition  
Coalicion Pro-inmigrante de Oregon



## Road to Reform News

### Annual Immigrant Action Day Focuses on Immigration, Health Care and Census

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On Saturday, CAUSA, Oregon's Immigrant Rights Coalition, held its 12th annual Immigrant Action Day in Salem. The event took place at Chemeketa Community College and drew close to 375 people (300 adults and 75 children) including delegations from Medford, Bend, Woodburn, Salem and Newberg.



The topics covered included Comprehensive Immigration Reform, Health Care Reform and the 2010 Census. Around Immigration Reform, speakers discussed two crucial pieces of legislation, Comprehensive Immigration Reform for America's Security and Prosperity (CIR-ASAP) Act of 2009 and the Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act of 2009, and advocacy efforts to pass them in Congress this year.



Those in attendance on Saturday were very positive showing great optimism and hope for the future.

This year's event brought a series of firsts, including a new strategic alliance between CAUSA and the Latino Health Care Coalition and an alliance among Club Juntos, Chemeketa Multicultural Center and CAUSA.

Speakers included Kim Bobo, Executive Director of Centro Interfaith Worker Justice, Attorney Barbara Ghio, Edith Molina of the Latino Health Care Coalition and Gladys Romero with the 2010 Census, among others. A complete list of speakers can be found

by linking [here](#).

This year was also the first time Immigrant Action Day was broadcast live over the internet. Over 20 people tuned in to the U-Stream broadcast to watch and followed updates on CAUSA's twitter and facebook pages.

A slide show of photos from the event can be viewed by linking [here](#).

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CAUSA, Oregon's Statewide Immigrant Rights Coalition, is the largest Latin@ civil and human rights and advocacy organization in the Pacific Northwest. We work to defend and advance immigrant rights through coordination with local, state, and national coalitions and allies. CAUSA organizes, educates, and mobilizes to build power in the immigrant community. Through networking with immigrant, religious, labor, youth, and ally organizations, we work to create a society that recognizes the contributions of immigrants and upholds the values of equality and respect