

# 2009 LATINO ADVOCACY DAY 2009 HARTFORD, CT ~ MARCH 18, 2009

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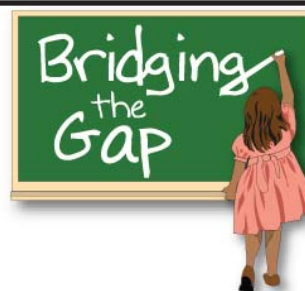


## EDUCATION

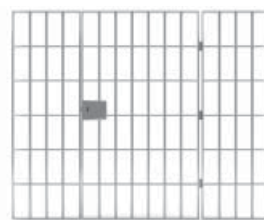
15.5 % OF THE  
STUDENT POPULATION IN  
CONNECTICUT  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS -- 88,537  
CHILDREN --  
ARE LATINO



CONNECTICUT'S  
ACHIEVEMENT GAP FOR  
LATINO CHILDREN IS THE  
WORST IN THE NATION.



THE COST OF INACTION IS:  
ONE OF THE NATION'S HIGHEST  
JUVENILE INCARCERATION RATES.  
WE SPEND MORE FOR PRISONS  
THAN FOR HIGHER EDUCATION.



A WELL EDUCATED WORKFORCE IS  
THE CORNERSTONE OF  
A HEALTHY ECONOMY.



SOURCES: CT COALITION FOR ACHIEVEMENT NOW, STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, & ASPIRA OF CT



**CONNECTICUT INVESTMENT IN COMMUNITY-BASED LATINO AGENCIES  
IS LESS THAN 1% OF A MULTI-BILLION DOLLAR ANNUAL BUDGET**