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CLUES - Comunidades Latinas Unidas En Servicio

*CLUES Mobilizes Staff & Activates Partnerships As President Announces
Executive Action on Immigration*

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In light of the President's recent Executive Action on Immigration, CLUES has begun to mobilize our staff, preparing for an influx of Latino clients and community members seeking our services and support navigating the immigration process. As the largest Latino-serving organization in Minnesota, CLUES is well-positioned to play an integral role informing our community about the reform announced by the President and supporting them to apply for temporary relief from deportation. As an authority and advocate for the Latino community, CLUES will activate local partnerships to inform, support, and protect the interests of Latino individuals and families. Thus far, CLUES has formed a local commission with other Latino organizations to identify resources and triage support. Also, CLUES recently partnered with local organizations to host a community leadership meeting held on Thursday, November 20th to convene local nonprofit and community leaders ready to mobilize with us.

"As Minnesota's largest Latino-serving organization, it is our responsibility to serve as a credible voice, informing and supporting our community on their path to citizenship," said Ruby Lee, CLUES President. *"We will be prepared to take action and look to the support of our partners in order to effectively guide our community through this landmark endeavor."*

With the details of the President's Executive Action newly announced, CLUES is committed to provide training and support to Latino immigrants and their families as they seek temporary relief from deportation. With the support of our partners and funders, we will be prepared to offer, among other supportive resources, the following key programs and services:

- 1) Immigration Navigation & Referral Support
- 2) English as a Second Language Classes
- 3) Computer Literacy Trainings
- 4) Job Skills and Workforce Development Trainings
- 5) Work Preparation and Job Placement Services
- 6) Free Tax Preparation and ITIN (Individual Tax Identification Number) Services
- 7) Financial Literacy Trainings

8) Lending Circles for Citizenship Application Fees

Meanwhile, CLUES will continue to work toward permanent, long-term immigration reform addressing the federal, state, and local immigration policies that are barriers to the well-being and prosperity of Minnesota's Latino families. CLUES is committed to pursuing solutions that offer equal opportunities and access to health, education, and prosperity for all individuals living in Minnesota and the U.S., regardless of their country of origin.

CLUES supports the community through the following areas of impact: Health & Family Wellbeing, Economic Vitality, Educational Achievement, and Cultural & Civic Engagement. We strive to provide programs and services holistically and with a family-centric focus. Through collaboration with other non-profits, government, and the private sector we are able to build opportunity bridges and help a greater number of families address their needs. As CLUES newest pillar, our cultural and civic engagement work encourages our clients to be engaged in areas and issues that matter to them and their families. Together with our partners, we respond to critical community needs, addressing inequities and opportunities for Latino families to be healthier, prosperous, and engaged.

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About CLUES: [CLUES](#) is in its 33rd year of service to the community and has been among the top twenty-five Hispanic non-profit agencies in the United States, as ranked by Hispanic Business Magazine. Our mission is to “enhance the capacity of Latino families to be healthy, prosperous, and engaged in their communities.” CLUES programs are designed to empower Latinos and immigrants by meeting them where they are, by harnessing their strengths, and by honing their skills. Through our programs, our clients are becoming physically and mentally healthier, are attaining higher levels of education, and are seeking better opportunities and jobs. As a result, Latino and immigrant families are becoming stronger, more financially stable, and better able to actively participate in the community.