

# AFFORDABLE CARE ACT NAVIGATORS FOR TEXAS

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On August 15, 2013, grant awards were announced to 105 Navigator grant applicants nationwide. These Navigator grantees and their staff will serve as an in-person resource for Americans who want additional assistance in shopping for and enrolling in plans in the Health Insurance Marketplace beginning this fall.

More details, including detailed contact information, will become available as the navigators gear up, but here is some general information on each of the navigators for Texas (as of 9/6/13). The regional web pages for the National Network of Libraries of Medicine will also be a good place for you to check back for additional information as it becomes available –the link for our South Central Region is <http://nnlm.gov/scr/outreach/aca.html>:

## **United Way of Metropolitan Tarrant County**

<http://www.unitedwaytarrant.org/>

United Way of Metropolitan Tarrant County has served the people in the Fort Worth and Arlington area of Texas for over 90 years. In collaboration with 17 organizations, United Way of Metropolitan Tarrant County will work across the state to promote enrollment in the Marketplace.

## **Migrant Health Promotion, Inc.**

<http://www.migranthealth.org/>

Migrant Health Promotion improves health in farmworker and border communities in Florida, Michigan, Ohio, Washington, and South Texas. This project will focus on enrolling and educating migrant populations in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas.

## **National Hispanic Council on Aging**

<http://www.nhcoa.org/>

National Hispanic Council on Aging (NHCOA) works closely with its Hispanic Aging Network composed of 39 community-based organizations across the continental U.S., the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. The NHCOA will deploy Navigators in Dade County, Florida, and Dallas County, Texas, to enroll the uninsured Hispanic population in these two counties with a focus on members of this population that are socially isolated due to cultural and linguistic differences.

## **Change Happens**

<http://www.changehappenstx.org/>

Change Happens is a non-profit located in Houston, Texas, with experience in conducting community engagement through education, outreach, and developing dynamic relationships with community members. The goal of the project is to provide trained Navigators with expertise in eligibility and enrollment rules and procedures to conduct public education and

outreach activities that result in 98,891 uninsured individuals enrolled in affordable health insurance.

## **United Way of El Paso County**

<http://www.unitedwayelpaso.org/>

United Way of El Paso County has served residents of El Paso, Texas for over 90 years. Through the Enroll El Paso project this grant will provide training to people to work with the community and provide education and assistance with Marketplace enrollment.

## **Southern United Neighborhoods**

<http://www.southernunitedneighborhoods.org/>

Southern United Neighborhoods is a public charity that uses research and training to combat poverty. Southern United Neighborhoods Navigators will provide expertise in eligibility, enrollment and program specifications of Affordable Insurance Exchanges in Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas; implement comprehensive outreach and public education to over 835,000 low to moderate income residents who are likely to be eligible for enrollment in a QHP; and coordinate with community groups, employers, faith-based groups and state agencies to integrate outreach efforts.

## **East Texas Behavioral Healthcare Network (ETBHN)**

<http://www.etbhn.org/>

The East Texas Behavioral Health Network (ETBHN) will serve the uninsured, underinsured, and self-employed population in 75 counties in Texas. This program will assist this population with understanding new healthcare programs, taking advantage of consumer protections, and navigating the health insurance system in order to find the most affordable coverage that meets their needs.

## **National Urban League**

<http://nul.iamempowered.com/>

The National Urban League Navigators plan to conduct outreach and enrollment predominantly in areas that have low-income, medically underserved, urban residents in Texas.