

A GUIDE TO INFORMATION RESOURCES ON THE U.S.-MEXICO BORDER REGION



This KIDS COUNT resource guide contains a compilation of data sources, organizational links, reports, resources and websites that share a mutual interest in improving the lives of families living along the U.S.-Mexico border. The resource guide is intended to inform community stakeholders, policymakers, researchers, and others about organizations working on challenges facing the diverse border region. While not an exhaustive list of resources, we hope you find it to be an opportunity to acquire useful information and build collaborations. For more information, please contact these organizations directly.

General Information

UNITED STATES/MEXICO Public Broadcasting Service (PBS), The Border

A two-hour documentary that presents stories of everyday life, faith, tradition, opportunity and art in the border communities of California, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, Baja California, Sonora, Chihuahua, Coahuila, Nuevo Leon and Tamaulipas through binational collaborative efforts.

** <http://www.pbs.org/kpbs/theborder/index.html>

Time.com, The New Frontier/ La Nueva Frontera

An online series of articles portraying issues and stories of the economy, immigration, crime, politics, and culture on the US-Mexico border.

** <http://www.time.com/time/covers/1101010611/>

Smithsonian Institute Libraries, U.S.-Mexico Border Issues, Selected Bibliography from the Smithsonian Libraries' Collections

An online resource that includes selected print and electronic sources related to varied U.S.-Mexico border issues available at the Smithsonian Institution Libraries, as well as various academic and public libraries.

(202) 357-2240

<http://www.sil.si.edu/silpublications/us-mexico-border-issues.htm>

The Río Grande/ Río Bravo Basin Coalition

A multi-national, multi-cultural organization with leadership from the United States, Mexico, and the Pueblo nations whose purpose is to help local communities restore and sustain the environment, economies, and social well-being of the Río Grande/Río Bravo Basin through coalition building.

(915) 532-0399

** <http://www.rioweb.org/>

US/Mexico Border Counties Coalition

A nonpartisan, consensus-based policy and technical forum founded to address challenges facing county governments located on the United States/Mexico border.

(915) 838-6860

<http://www.bordercounties.org>

Border Legislative Conference

A program administered by the Council of State Governments (CSG)-WEST and the Southern Legislative Conference (SLC). It serves as a mechanism for on-going dialogue and collaboration among state legislators of the United States and Mexico. It fosters the development of shared solutions along the border region through joint consideration of common problems and exchange of information.

(916) 553-4423 Ext 102

** <http://www.borderlegislators.org/description2.html>

XXII Border Governor's Conference

An annual conference formed to begin a formal process of opening lines of communication among the ten U.S. and Mexican Border States. Official recommendations on agriculture, border crossings, education, economic development, energy, environment, health, tourism, and border security issues are presented in the form of a Joint Declaration, which is signed by each of the ten participating Governor at each conference.

<http://www.bordergovernors@edd.state.nm.us>

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PBS, The Forgotten Americans

An interactive online resource containing statistical and narrative information on Texas colonias, as based on the PBS documentary.

<http://www.pbs.org/klru/forgottenamericans/>

BorderBase

An online bilingual directory of governmental organizations, agencies, and nonprofit institutions that conduct work along the California-Baja California border and seeks to promote cross border collaboration and understanding by providing a simple networking and information tool for local border communities.

** <http://www.borderbase.org/>

Texas Secretary of State Geoffrey S. Conner, Texas Border and Mexican Affairs Division

The Texas Governor's liaison for issues which involve the Texas-Mexico border and cross-border affairs with Mexico.

(512) 463-5770

** <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/border/index.shtml>

Statistical Data

UNITED STATES/MEXICO

Inter-University Program for Latino Research (IUPLR)

IUPLR is a consortium of 18 Latino research centers based at major universities across the U.S. It is the only nation-wide university-based research organization bringing together scholars from a wide variety of disciplines to conduct policy-relevant research on Latinos. IUPLR is a designated Census Information Center (CIC) and serves as a clearinghouse for data on the well-being of Latino children. The Program also hosts "Las Fronterizas", a working group of Latina scholars.

<http://www.nd.edu/~iuplr/>

Borderlands Information Center, Texas Water Development Boards

A central clearinghouse and referral center for information including, but not limited, to information about natural resources and demographics of the Texas/Mexico border region.

(512) 463-8399

** www.bic.state.tx.us

Americas Program, Interhemispheric Resource Center

A small nonprofit policy studies center whose goal is to help forge a responsible global affairs agenda for the U.S. government and people through educating policymakers, influencing public debates regarding the U.S. role in global affairs, changing public opinion, informing activists, and fostering strategic international dialogue on issues of economic globalization, sustainable development, peace and security.

(505) 388-0208

** www.americaspolicy.org

The Borderlands Encyclopedia, Digital Educational Resource, The University of Texas at El Paso

A multimedia instructional resource on contemporary issues of the U.S.-Mexico border intended for broad-based distribution to educational agencies utilizing the WWW and CD-ROM technologies.

(915) 747 8777

** www.utep.edu/border

Association for Borderlands Studies, University of San Diego

An international scholarly association dedicated exclusively to the systematic interchange of ideas and information relating to international border areas.

(619) 260 4090

www.absborderlands.org

Frontera NorteSur, Center for Latin American and Border Studies, New Mexico State University

Provides on-line news coverage and analysis of events taking place in the US-Mexico border region.

(505) 646-6817

www.nmsu.edu/~frontera

NAFTA Resources, Latin American Network Information Center (LANIC)

An online resource on NAFTA designed to facilitate research and academic endeavors.

(512) 471-5551

** <http://lanic.utexas.edu/la/Mexico/nafta/>

MEXICO

Consejo Nacional de Población, (CONAPO)

CONAPO, also known as the National Population Council is a government Institute that studies Mexican population issues, related to volume, structure, dynamics and spatial distribution. Migration studies dating from 1993 to 2000 can be accessed on their website. <http://www.conapo.gob.mx> (Spanish only)

Instituto Nacional de Estadística, Geografía e Informática (INEGI)

INEGI, also known as the National Institute of Statistics, Geography and Informatics collects, processes and publishes national data. The Institute is responsible for administering the decennial census and participates in a variety of national surveys. <http://www.inegi.gob.mx/inegi/default.asp> (Spanish only)

El Colegio de la Frontera Norte (COLEF)

COLEF is headquartered in Tijuana and has satellite campuses across the border and in Mexico City. The university regularly collaborates with CONAPO and the Labour Ministry of Mexico on migration research and special population studies. Tel. 01 (664) 631.63 00 Fax: 631 20 38 comunica@colef.mx Research Projects about migration are shown in: <http://200.23.245.225/Alwebaplicaciones/> (Spanish only)

Instituto Nacional de Migración (INAMI)

INAM, also known as the National Institute of Migration collaborates with the State Department of Mexico (Secretaría de Gobernación) to gather information on migration control in Mexico, protection of migrants, repatriation and other related issues. <http://www.inami.gob.mx> (Spanish only)

El Colegio de Michoacán

A University located in Zamora, Michoacán which produces research Social Sciences and Humanities including: anthropology, history, rural communities, traditions and human geography. <http://www.colmich.edu.mx> (Spanish only)

ARIZONA

Arizona-Mexico Commission (AMC)

Offers information about the dynamic relationship between Arizona and Mexico. It includes reports and studies on border issues and updates on events and initiatives. (602) 542-1345 <http://www.azmc.org/>

TEXAS

Carole Keeton Strayhorn-Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts: Bordering the Future

Is a study that looked at statistics for 43 counties along the TX/Mexico Border region. (800) 531-5441 ext.5-0996 <http://www.window.state.tx.us/border/border.html>

Texas Center for Policy Studies, Border Trade and Environment Project

Has released a series of reports addressing environmental policy and destruction as impacted by NAFTA and U.S./Mexico economic integration. (512) 474-0811 www.texascenter.org/bordertrade/

CoSERVE

A division of the University of Texas-Pan American, CoSERVE has been designated a Census Information Center (CIC) by the Census Bureau. It houses the university's Data and Information Systems Center, which collects timely and quality data about the people and economy of the US-Mexico Border Region. In addition, the Southwest Border Nonprofit Resource Center serves as a clearinghouse for information on nonprofit organizations in the Rio Grande Valley and South Texas. ** <http://coserve1.panam.edu/2001/centers.html>

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott, Border Colonia Geography Online

An online database that displays geographic and descriptive data on over 1,800 colonia areas in 29 border area counties. (512) 463-2100 ** <http://maps.oag.state.tx.us/colgeog/>

Economic Development

UNITED STATES/MEXICO

University of Texas at El Paso: The Institute for Policy and Economic Development (IPED)

Provides objective information for West Texas, the Paso del Norte region, and the U.S. Mexican border public policy clientele in the areas of economic development, technology, transportation, trade, and survey research.

(915) 747-7974

<http://iped.utep.edu/>

Border Trade Alliance

A grassroots, nonprofit organization that serves as a forum for public and private sector representatives to address key issues affecting trade and economic development in North America. Working with entities in Canada, Mexico and the United States, the BTA advocates on behalf of policies and initiatives designed to improve border affairs and trade relations among the three nations.

(800) 333-5523

** www.thebta.org

United States-Mexico Chamber of Commerce

Is a 501 (c) (6) nonprofit business association. All chapters and offices, with local membership and international contacts, help businesses bridge differences in legal, regulatory and economic systems, as well as language and culture.

(202) 312-1520

www.usmcc.org

Housing Assistance Council (HAC)

HAC is a national intermediary which helps local organizations build affordable homes in the Southwest border region of the U.S.. HAC's philosophy emphasizes local solutions, empowerment of the poor, reduced dependence, and self-help strategies. HAC promotes homeownership for working low-income rural families through self-help, "sweat equity" construction method.

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

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

HUD's Southwest Border Region, Colonias, and Migrant/Farmworker Initiative (SWBR) addresses housing and economic development needs in the region.

<http://www.hud.gov/groups/colonias.cfm>

Rural Development Finance Corporation (RDFC)

RDFC is a nonprofit intermediary which works to strengthen economic opportunities in the Southwest Border region and other rural areas of the U.S. The organization provides technical assistance to support rural entrepreneurs and community-based organizations in their efforts to stabilize, strengthen and further develop their local economies.

www.rdfc.org

NEW MEXICO

Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance, Las Cruces, New Mexico (MVEDA)

A public/private sector economic development partnership that serves the Las Cruces MSA as the central point of contact for industries considering relocating and expanding into the area by providing the facts and assistance needed for evaluation.

(505) 525-2852

http://www.mveda.com/html/borderplex_living.html

New Mexico Border Authority

An executive branch state agency that provides leadership in the development of the state's international ports of entry, as well as serves as the Governor's advisor and contact for those interested in opportunities to facilitate new infrastructure, trade opportunities, expanded job opportunities, jobs training capabilities and all other activities that contribute to development of a productive economy within the New Mexico border region.

(800) 374-3061

www.edd.state.nm.us/BORDER/

TEXAS

World Trade Center (WTC), El Paso/Juarez

Promotes and expands world trade and tourism by serving as a primary vehicle for International activities and fulfilling the needs of businesses within the El Paso/Juarez area.

(915) 544-0022

<http://www.wtcepj.org/home.html>

University of Texas at San Antonio, Institute for Economic Development (SBDC)

Provides consulting and technical assistance to promote growth in the South Texas small business community. South-West Texas Border Region Small Business Development Center

(210) 458-2450

<http://www.iedtexas.org/regional>

Texas A&M International University, Texas Center for Border Economic and Enterprise Development

An online resource and consortium designed to provide leadership and support to Texas border communities in their economic development efforts, including activities in the areas of business development, education, health care, public administration, and the environment.

(956) 326-2546

<http://texascenter.tamui.edu/>

Border Low Income Housing Coalition (BLIHC)

An ad-hoc coalition of housing providers, advocates, government officials, lenders and low-income residents working on housing and community development issues in the colonias and barrios of the Texas-Mexico border region.

Texas Housing Income Housing Information Service

(512) 477-8910

<http://www.bordercoalition.org/Contents/index.html>

Laredo Development Foundation

A nonprofit funded and governed by local business and civic leaders dedicated to Laredo's economic and industrial development.

(956) 722-0563
<http://www.laredo-ldf.com/>

Senator Eliot Shapleigh

The chair of the Border Legislative Conference Economic Development Committee. As an advocate for El Paso and other border communities, he is also interested in raising per capita income and boosting economic prosperity along the Texas Border.

(512) 463-0129
<http://www.shapleigh.org/enews.html>

Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, The Border Economy

A website designed to provide information about the role the Dallas Fed plays in maintaining the economic vitality and financial stability of the border region.

(800) 333-4460
http://www.dallasfed.org/research/border/tbe_gilmer.html

Texas Economic Development, Office of Border Initiatives

Works to develop and strengthen economic development along the Texas-Mexico border through promoting public-private partnerships and cooperation and cross-border economic development.

(512) 936-0246
www.tded.state.tx.us/borderinitiatives

Philanthropy

UNITED STATES/MEXICO

US-Mexico Border Philanthropy Partnership/Alianza Fronteriza de Filantropia Mexico-Estados Unidos

is a cross-border, binational collaboration of nine national and regional Funders and 21 Border Community Foundations. The mission of the Partnership is to improve the quality of life of low-income communities along the US-Mexico border by strengthening border community foundations and dedication to long-term sustainable and effective development.

c/o The Synergos Institute
(212) 517-4900
** <http://www.borderpartnership.org>

The Ford Foundation, The Border Network for Human Rights

Supports activities to build community, challenge abuse, and advocate for immigrants in the Texas/New Mexico border region and to strengthen the Network's infrastructure.

(915) 577-0724
<http://www.fordfound.org/grants>
<http://www.fordfound.org/about/guidelinecfm>

ARIZONA

Women's Foundation of Southern Arizona

A social change organization committed to helping women and girls overcome economic, political, gender, and social barriers.

(520) 622-8886
<http://www.womengiving.org/>

Steps to a Healthier US: Steps Along the Border Initiative, Arizona

A five-year cooperative agreement program aims to help Americans live longer, better, and healthier lives by reducing the burden of diabetes, overweight, obesity, and asthma.

Arizona Department of Health Services
Office of Nutrition and Chronic Disease
Prevention Services

(602) 542-1886
http://www.healthierus.gov/steps/grantees/AZ_State.html

TEXAS

Federacion Mexicana de Asociaciones Privadas (FEMAP Foundation)

A nonprofit organization located in El Paso, Texas, on the U.S./Mexican border. The Foundation provides links between the countries in order to address mutual economic needs and public health concerns.

(915) 544-4151
<http://www.femapfoundation.org>

Health

UNITED STATES/MEXICO

Pan American Health Organization

Seeks to maintain a diagnosis of the health and development situation of the U.S.-Mexico border populations, disseminate this information to governmental and non-governmental agencies involved in border health, and mobilize the necessary resources with the purpose of improving the physical and environmental health conditions of border populations.

(915) 845-5950

** <http://www.fep.paho.org/>

University of New Mexico School of Medicine, U.S.-Mexico Border Centers of Excellence Consortium

Partners with various Health Resources and Services Administration programs to develop and implement strategic plans for reducing the health professional shortages along the U.S.-Mexico border.

(505) 272-1419

<http://hsc.unm.edu/som/excellence/docs/border.shtml>

U.S.-Mexico Border Health Association

A bi-national institution established to foster collaboration and communication among health officers regarding common issues of public health.

(915) 833-6450

** www.usmbha.org

United States-Mexico Border Health Commission

A bi-national commission created to provide international leadership to optimize health and quality of life along the U.S.-Mexico border.

** www.borderhealth.org

U.S.-Mexico Border Health, Bureau of Primary Health Care

A U.S. Department of Health and Human Services agency designed to support border programs that increase access to primary care, promote positive relationships among governmental and non-governmental health organizations, and ensure service to under-served populations.

(301) 594-4897

<http://bphc.hrsa.gov/bphc/borderhealth>

The Border Health Information and Education Network (BIEN!)

A health education network funded through a grant from the National Library of Medicine to provide health information free of charge to people of the border region. Border Epidemiology & Environmental Health Center.

(505) 646-7966

** <http://www.bienhealth.org/main.htm>

ARIZONA

Arizona Department of Health Services, Office of Border Health Office

Coordinates and integrates public health program efforts to identify, monitor, control and prevent adverse health events in border communities. The office also strengthens cross-border public health collaboration with Sonora, Mexico.

(520) 770-3110

(602) 542-1000

** www.hs.state.az.us/phs/borderhealth/

CALIFORNIA

California-Mexico Health Initiative (CMHI), Iniciativa de Salud Mexico-California (ISMECAL)

A collaboration of the Department of Health Services, the Assembly Select Committee on California-Mexico Relations, the Senate Majority Leader, Mexico's National Health Foundation, and the U.S.-Mexico Binational Commission's Health Working Group to initiate a series of cooperative activities related to bilateral health policies and programs targeted to immigrant workers and their families.

(510) 642-5514

** www.ucop.edu/cprc/cmhi.html

The Border Health Education Network (BHEN), San Diego Border Health Education Training Center (HETC), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

A community based partnership program involving numerous bi-national organizations with the purpose of creating a cross-border affiliation of healthcare professionals through professional training and education in the California and Baja California areas.

University of California, San Diego

(858) 964-1015

** <http://meded.ucsd.edu/hetc/>

Environment

NEW MEXICO

New Mexico Border Health Initiative

Seeks to increase the number of underserved Latinos who are tested for HIV, enrolled in early intervention HIV primary care, and provided with a seamless referral to a full range of HIV treatment and services through research and program activities.

Camino de Vida Center for HIV Services

(505) 532-0202

<http://www.omhrc.gov/inetpub/wwwroot/omh/aids/prevention/6c5%5Fprev002.htm>

UNITED STATES/MEXICO

U.S.-Mexico Border Environmental Program, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

A partnership among federal, state, and local governments in the U.S. and Mexico, as well as U.S. border tribes. Various stakeholders work to protect the environment and public health in the U.S.-Mexico border region in a manner consistent with the principles of sustainable development.

Environmental Protection Agency
(202) 272-0167

**www.epa.gov/usmexicoborder

International Boundary and Water Commission, United States and Mexico

Responsible for applying the boundary and water treaties between the United States and Mexico and settling differences that may arise out of these treaties. It is an international body composed of the United States Section and the Mexican Section, each headed by an Engineer-Commissioner appointed by his/her respective president.

(800) 262-8857

www.ibwc.state.gov

Southwest Center for Environmental Research and Policy (SCERP)

A consortium of five U.S. and five Mexican universities which serves U.S.-Mexican border residents by applying research information, insights, and innovations to environmental challenges in the region.

(619) 594-0568

** <http://www.scerp.org/>

UNITED STATES/MEXICO/CANADA

North American Commission on Environmental Cooperation

An international organization created by Canada, Mexico and the United States under the North American Agreement on Environmental Cooperation (NAAEC). The CEC was established to address regional environmental concerns, help prevent potential trade and environmental conflicts, and to promote the effective enforcement of environmental law.

(514) 350-4300

** www.cec.org

CALIFORNIA

California-Baja California Border Environmental Program

A multidisciplinary group of professionals representing the State of California and the State of Baja California working together to address common issues in the border region.

California Environmental Protection Agency

(916) 445-3846

www.calepa.ca.gov/Border

TEXAS

Rio Grande Institute

Concerned with the protection, improvement and conservation of the Rio Grande Watershed.

(432) 386-4336

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

Education

CALIFORNIA

University of California Institute for Mexico and the United States (UC MEXUS)

Develops and sustains a coordinated, University-wide approach to Mexico-related studies through the promotion of education, research, and public service.

(951) 827-3519

** <http://ucmexus.ucr.edu/>

WestEd

A non-profit research, development and service agency that works with education and other communities to promote excellence, achieve equity, and improve learning for children, youth and adults. They recently published “Voices from La Frontera: Study of School Districts Along the United States/Mexico Border” <http://www.wested.org/cs/we/view/rs/664>

TEXAS

University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, South Texas Environmental Education and Research

A month-long hands-on course in border health designed for medical, nursing and public health students.

(210) 567-4550

<http://steer.uthscsa.edu/>

The University of Texas at El Paso, The Center for Inter-American and Border Studies

Conducts and promotes research, academic programs, and public programming on themes related to Inter-American and Border Studies, such as culture, language, art, economics, trade, society, history, environment, health, and education. The Center participates in interdisciplinary and bi-national partnerships.

(915) 747-5196

<http://www.utep.edu/cibs/>

Texas State University, The Center for Texas-Mexico Applied Research (CETMAR)

An interdisciplinary, bi-national research institution that facilitates cooperative research projects focused on social and environmental problems that are of common concern to Texas and Mexico.

(512) 245-2170

<http://www.geo.txstate.edu/centers/cetmar/about.html>

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** Bilingual websites.



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