

# Spanish language hotline now available for victims of violence and injustice

On January 4, Latinos in Virginia Empowerment Center launched their 24/7 Hotline in Spanish for victims of violence and injustice on Monday, January 4th, 2021. The hotline, managed by bilingual and bicultural and trained advocates, will serve victims of violence who need help in Spanish, no matter where in Virginia they live. Through this initiative, Latinos in Virginia Empowerment Center strives to ensure that victims of violence who speak Spanish and seek emergency services do not hear the phrase, "I'm sorry, I don't speak Spanish" often or have to wait days for someone who speaks Spanish to return their call. In this way, the organization seeks equity for Limited English Proficient victims of violence by delivering them the services and support that they need to be able to realize the same treatment and results, or comparable treatment and results, that English speaking victims are able to receive.

While many similar projects exist in other parts of the country and have for many years, the Latinos in Virginia 24/7 Hotline in Spanish is the first and only one of its kind for victims in Virginia that can guarantee services are always provided in Spanish by bilingual, bicultural, and trained advocates.

Those affected by violence that need services in Spanish can call (888) 969-1825, 24 hours a day, from any part of Virginia. All of Latinos in Virginia Empowerment Center's services are free and confidential.

Learn more about Latinos in Virginia Empowerment Center by visiting the group's website [www.latinosenvirginia.org](http://www.latinosenvirginia.org), its Facebook page [www.facebook.com/Latinos.En.Va.](https://www.facebook.com/Latinos.En.Va.), by calling their office at (804) 658-3341, or by sending an email to [hola@latinosenvirginia.org](mailto:hola@latinosenvirginia.org).