

Colonias Sanas y Seguras (Healthy and Safe Colonias)

Project Summary & Goals

The City of Alton, Texas received an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Environmental Justice grant and partnered with the Center for Community Health Development for the *Colonias Sanas y Seguras* (Healthy and Safe Colonias) project. The Center's role was to develop and deliver training modules for *promotores* to provide outreach and education to *colonia* residents regarding safe drinking water and solid waste disposal.

Project goals were:

- To develop a replicable training program for *promotores* on two environmental health issues (safe drinking water and solid waste disposal); and
- To educate colonia residents on solid waste disposal and clean water to improve health status and reduce exposure to environmental risks.

Principal Investigator

Julie St. John

Project Dates

2008-2009

Communities Involved

Alton, Texas

Funder

Environmental Protection Agency

Partners

City of Alton

South Texas *Promotora* Association

Outcomes

- Two packaged *promotora* training modules on environmental issues (Safe Drinking Water and Solid Waste Disposal);
- 142 *promotores* trained in environmental modules;
- Increased number of Alton *colonia* residents with enhanced environmental knowledge on solid waste disposal and clean water (total of 231 residents trained)