



Latino Adult Education Services

LAES has developed a series of immigrant issue instructional modules entitled "Tierra de Oportunidad" for orientation to our complex society.

Date: _____

Student Name _____

Teacher Name _____

Student Survey "Following Changes In Laws About Immigrants"

1. Are you confident you have sufficient, accurate and up-to-date information about the ways recent and pending legislative changes or issues being debated in public may affect your legal rights, particularly in the area of:

	For each line, Please check the box that applies to you			
	Not Very Confident	A Little Confident	Quite Confident	Have all the information
a. Federal "welfare reform" which changes legal immigrants' eligibility for certain benefits?				
b. Eligibility for benefits offered by both state and federal aid programs such as TANF, Medi-Cal, Food Stamps and SSI?				
c. The status and rights of relatives of legal immigrants?				
d. "Anti-terrorism" legislation which may affect an immigrant's right to a legal defense before deportation?				
e. Legal status, making it difficult for people once labeled "illegal" to ever achieve legal status, even through later efforts of their children who are citizens?				
f. How changes in public opinion about educational policy may affect your children's education?				

2. Are you confident you have enough information about how laws are made in the U.S., particularly that:

	For each line, Please check the box that applies to you			
	Not Very Confident	A Little Confident	Quite Confident	Have all the information

a. The process by which laws are changed is a political process and as such it is responsive to public opinion?				
b. The process of changing laws is long and complex?				
c. The federal government, for the most part, has jurisdiction over immigrants?				
d. A change in immigration law must be implemented in regulations after it is passed?				
e. The way regulations are written and interpreted may change the effect a new lay may have on people?				
f. Once a law is approved it can still be challenged at several levels in the federal court system?				

3. Are you confident you have the necessary research skills you need in order to:

	For each line, Please check the box that applies to you			
	Not Very Confident	A Little Confident	Quite Confident	Have all the information
a. Keep yourself informed about the facts related to changing legal status of immigrants and how they might affect you.				
b. Assess the validity of information offered by family, friends and co-workers regarding changes in laws affecting immigrants?				
c. Find and use the information from "special interest" groups as a means of keeping up-to-date on public opinion and legislation-both those groups who are for immigrants and those which are not pro-immigrant?				
d. Keep family, friends and co-workers informed about pending legislation?				
e. The way regulations are written and interpreted may change the effect a new lay may have on people?				
e. Organize a letter writing campaign directed at groups or elected officials who sponsor anti-immigration legislation?				

4. What do you want to learn about keeping up with changes in laws affecting immigrants?

I would like to learn:

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