The Central Falls Community Health Assessment was held at La Casona Restaurant, on Wednesday, October 23, 2013. The meeting was attended by over 80 residents and community representatives, representatives from the Department of Health, and other partners sponsoring the event. Residents were asked to name the health issues that most concerned them in their community. The full Central Falls Community Health Assessment report provides in-depth analysis of the residents’ health concerns.

HEALTH ISSUES VOICED BY CENTRAL FALLS RESIDENTS:

Create opportunities for healthy living
- We need “farmers markets, healthy lunch at our schools, more outreach to educate families about healthy food” and “Build a community center and provide health education programs”

Address safety and drug use in the community
- “It is URGENT to educate our youth–there is a lot of violence and drugs–our teens are going to the wrong path”
- “Open a community center for residents to walk and keep it clean”

Promote community collaboration
- We need “a collaborative way to get people healthier” and “creation of a community recreation center for youth and the elderly and the community in general”

Improve access to affordable healthcare
- “We need another health center and to revise the services we get now”

Address poverty and economic development
- “We need job training opportunities for adults”