



**UNITED STATES-MEXICO
BORDER BINATIONAL HEALTH WEEK
“FAMILIES IN ACTION FOR HEALTH”
OCTOBER 11-17, 2004
PREPARED BY HRSA**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- In July 2000 the United States and Mexico established the U.S.-Mexico Border Health Commission (Commission) to develop solutions to common health problems and improve health services to individuals living in communities on both sides of the border.
- The Health Resource and Services Administration (HRSA), working with the HHS Office of Global Health Affairs, the Mexico Secretariat of Health, and the Commission proposed the development of a Binational Health Week, with activities promoting the week to be held along the border during the 2nd week in October 2004 (October 11-17).
- Theme: *Families in Action for Health*
- HHS, the Mexico Secretariat of Health and the Commission will provide the leadership to create a planning and implementation structure for Binational Health Week. The planning and implementation structure include the Commission’s outreach offices, State health offices along the border in both nations, academics, the Pan American Health Organization, community-based organizations, recipients of HHS funding, and other entities.
- *Healthy Border 2010*, a Commission program that promotes a binational health agenda for the border region, will serve as the framework for Binational Health Week activities in sister cities along the border.
- *Healthy Border 2010* identifies significant and often preventable threats to health along the border. It sets assessable goals that encourage and support community-based solutions for health promotion, disease prevention and increased access to health services.
- A partnership of the U.S-Mexico Border Health Commission; Commission Outreach Offices; U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resource Services Administration; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Office of Minority Health; Mexico Secretariat of Health; the ten U.S.-Mexico border states; California-Mexico Health Initiative; and the Pan American Health Organization.