



The National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund is the leading non-partisan organization that empowers Latinos to participate fully in the American political process from leadership to public service whose constituency includes the more than 6,000 Latino elected and appointed officials nationwide. Established in 1981, the NALEO Educational Fund is governed by a 13-member Board of Directors and a 25-member Board of Advisors comprised of Latino policy makers including Members of Congress, state, and local elected officials from across the country.

NALEO is headquartered in Los Angeles, maintaining offices in Houston, New York and Washington, D.C. As the principal convener of Latino elected and appointed officials from across the nation, NALEO utilizes its unique ability to bridge Latino officials and policy makers representing multiple jurisdictions including state legislators, Members of Congress and school board members.

State Farm® Sponsored Initiatives

NALEO Education Leadership Initiative (NELI)

Recognizing that education consistently reigns as one of the top public policy priorities for its constituency of Latino elected and appointed officials, with the key, inaugural support of State Farm Insurance Companies, the NALEO Educational Fund established a multi-year program dedicated to provide a forum for those at the front lines of setting education policy.

The NELI program primarily serves Latino school board members and other key Latino educational leaders including state legislators, with its impact directed to children attending our nation's public schools through a three day policy institute. In this manner, NELI works to enhance the ability of Latino school board members, and state legislators, to shape public policies that will help eliminate the academic achievement gap between Latino and non-Latino students.

NALEO Sustainable Communities Initiative

NALEO, in collaboration with key Latino political leadership bring together elected officials for two-day policy institutes to enhance their knowledge on specific issues directly affecting the Latino community. Elected officials have the opportunity to: exchange ideas; hear from national expert in public policy development, learn the latest research; share model for programs; and learn strategies for increasing funding for programs in their communities.

State Farm Involvement:

State Farm sponsors these Regional Policy Institutes. State Farm Associates and/or other national partnerships provide education on loss mitigation issues, building codes, housing and community development affecting the area and how officials can educate and make an impact in their community.

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NELI Highlights

- 1,147 Latino school board members have been trained since 2003.
- 25 NELI Institutes and events since program inception
- Trained elected officials from following states: Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, Maryland, Michigan, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Texas, Virginia and Washington, D.C

2007 Events

- 5 NELI Institutes to be held in Kansas, Texas, California, Georgia, and New Mexico.
- 3 Sustainable Communities Institutes to be held in Arizona, Connecticut, and Illinois
- 23rd Annual Conference – Dallas, Texas – June 22-24
- 6th Biennial National Institute for Newly Elected Officials – Washington, D.C – November 16-19
- NELI Session at National School Board Association Annual Conference – April 10

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