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## Clinic employee wins Community Champion award

**VISTA** — On Oct. 16, Fernando Sañudo, MPH received an award for Community Champion in the category of Community Health Professional. He was honored for his 21 years of service at Vista Community Clinic. The son of migrant farm workers, Sañudo understands the complex barriers to care faced by vulnera-

ble populations. During his time at Vista Community Clinic, Sañudo created and managed culturally sensitive and linguistically appropriate health education outreach to underserved populations such as at-risk teens, homeless men and women, low-income and uninsured individuals throughout North County.

As a part of his Master's thesis, Sañudo initiated the first longitudinal HIV prevention intervention study with rural Latino farm workers and then used this information to develop appropriate and successful interventions. He currently serves as the director for Vista Community Clinic's Health Promotion Center where he oversees approximately 40 programs that touch more than 100,000 lives

throughout the region each year. Created in 2006 by Molina Healthcare, the Community Champion awards honor individuals and agencies that inspire others through selflessness and contributions that positively affect the health and well-being of others. The Community Champions Awards were named in honor of Molina Healthcare's physician founder, Dr. C. David Molina.