

## David C. Leach Award



Named to honor the ACGME's former Executive Director, Dr. David C. Leach (1997 – 2007), and his commitment to resident education and physician well-being, this award recognizes resident/fellow-led projects and innovations.



### **Evelyn Obregon, MD**

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#### **About the project:**

“Early in her intern year, Dr. Obregon envisioned doing a project exploring why citizen children of Latinx immigrant families remained uninsured while simultaneously working to enroll any eligible children living with parents who participated in the study. Her first step was to secure funding through an American Academy of Pediatrics Community Access to Child Health (CATCH) Grant. Despite

the challenges imposed by the [COVID-19] pandemic, Dr. Obregon connected with our community through her partnership with local non-profit organizations and the University of Florida (UF) Equal Access Clinic. In her own time, she has managed to help numerous families enroll their children into public health insurance, establish medical care through our UF Financial Assistant Program, and connect families with social workers and multiple community resources.”

“Dr. Obregon has shared her lessons learned in the field with the residency program through our social determinants of health curriculum and with providers from the community through her presentation at the UF Primary Care Innovation Conference 2021. Our main primary care clinic now has resource cards in English and Spanish provided and curated by our local organizations. More residents now have the tools to make a difference and empower their patients' families with information and a general direction on information on access to care, especially related to public health insurance. The project resulted in an increased number of families transitioning from self-paid to insured under Medicaid in their medical records.”