

Latin@ immigrants face social and cultural barriers, which can impact use of medical/health services for this population, including language, cultural forces, and fear of deportation. The purpose of this study is to understand human and health services related behaviors among Latin@ immigrants. Spanish speaking participants reported on health information packets and medical literacy items in an anonymous survey. Medical terminology items were used to determine comprehension and knowledge of medical services concerning the Latin@ community in a Southern state. Participants reported on health behavior and utilization of services. Recommendations for policies and providers are explored.

Recommendation

Health professionals should recognize beliefs within the Latin@ culture and policies which target undocumented and Latin@ individuals in order to tailor treatment, communicate effectively, and advocate for immigrant health rights in the United States.

Health Behavior

- Section 287(g) of the Immigration and Nationality act Arizona SB 1070

- Public funded services commonly us

- Spanish language preference & strong cultural ties have health benefits

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Abstract

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incite fear	- English as a Second		
sed	- Low understanding of		
ng cultural	- Poor sex education h		

health and autonomy of the body

For consideration

Many participants have:

• Resided in the US for over 20 years • Lack health insurance • Work full time • Rarely have an annual exam • Have children

Preguntas

¿Qué piensa de la afirmación: "En el estado hay un buen sistema de salud"? de Piense en el precio y la calidad, las opciones que existen y la facilidad con que se puede recibir atención médica en el estado. ¿Qué piensa de la afirmación: "El esta do de es un buen lugar para tener hijos"? Piense en la calidad y seguridad de las escuelas y los

programas de guardería infantil, los programas extraescolares y los lugares en los que los niños pueder jugar en el estado.

Literature Review

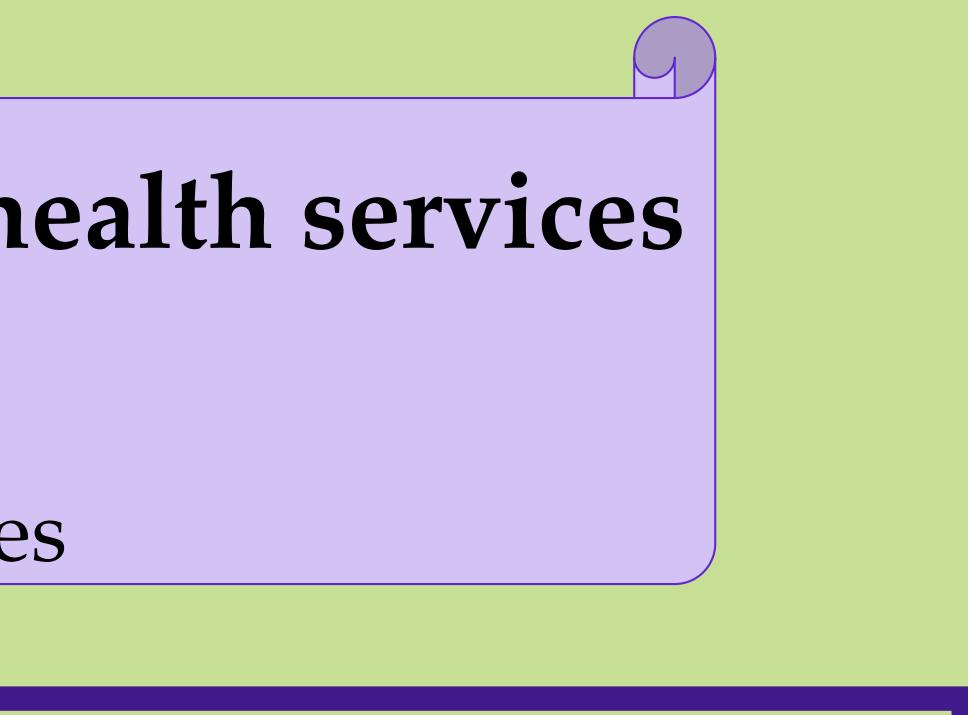
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has impacted reproductive

- Immigrant Health Paradox

- and health



• Prefer communication in Spanish

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Community Health

- Fear deportation and discovery

- Perceived discrimination impacts service use

- Stigma of mental health limits use