

LANGUAGE BARRIERS, DEPORTATION CONCERNS, AND OTHER ACCULTURATION ISSUES AMONG LATINX IMMIGRANTS



Latinos, including Latino immigrants, are a growing population. Latinos face unique social (e.g., prejudice and discrimination) and medical challenges (e.g., ignorance, language barriers, and deportation concerns). There are solutions for combating the aforementioned challenges such as: facilitating a welcoming environment, hiring Promotores de Salud, and staying up to date on policies that affect minority community access to social services.

KEY DEFINITIONS

- Documented and Undocumented Latino immigrants are Latino who were born and raised outside the US and are respectively legally authorized or unauthorized from being in the US
- Acculturation: the process through which individuals who move to a new country learn, incorporate, and/or navigate through the systems, values, beliefs, and behaviors of the host country
- Promotores de Salud: community health care workers

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Barriers to health care for undocumented immigrants: a literature review
- Peer Support: A Day in the Life -- Promotores de Salud & Community Health Workers

ACTION ITEMS

- Facilitate a welcoming environment for all, regardless of background.
- Hire Promotores de Salud to help Latino immigrants curb language and cultural barriers when navigating social services.
- Sufficiently train staff and faculty and stay up to date on policies.

