




A Collaborative Approach to promoting the health and well being of immigrant families

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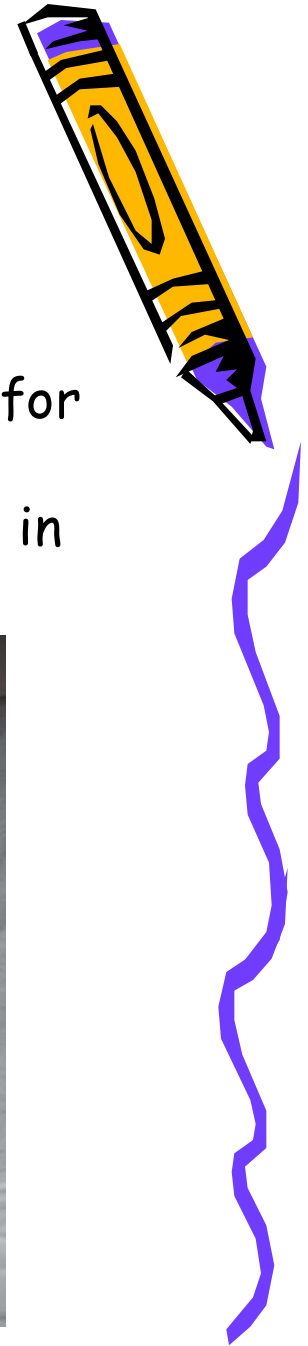


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Charleston County School District
Midland Park Community Ministries
Trident Literacy Association
MUSC College of Nursing



Population

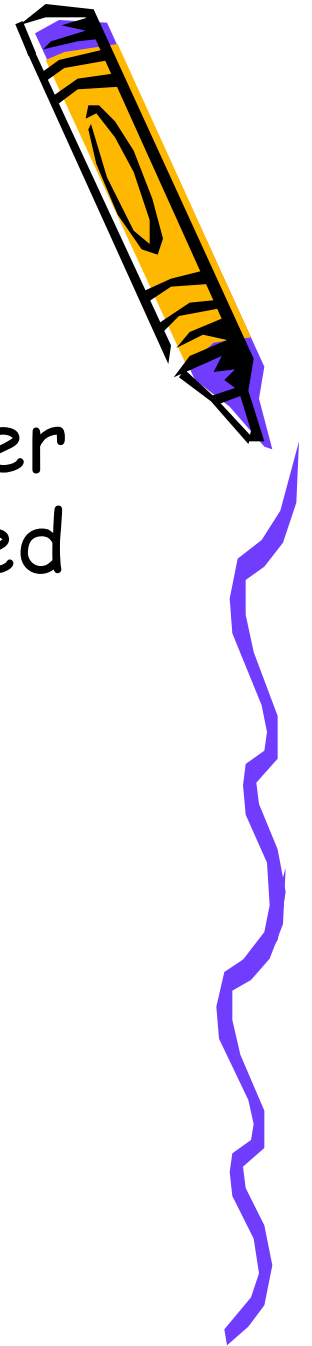
- By 2020, Hispanic Children are expected to account for nearly 25% of all U.S. children.
- More than 60% of children living in immigrant homes in SC claimed Mexico as their country of origin



SC Demographics

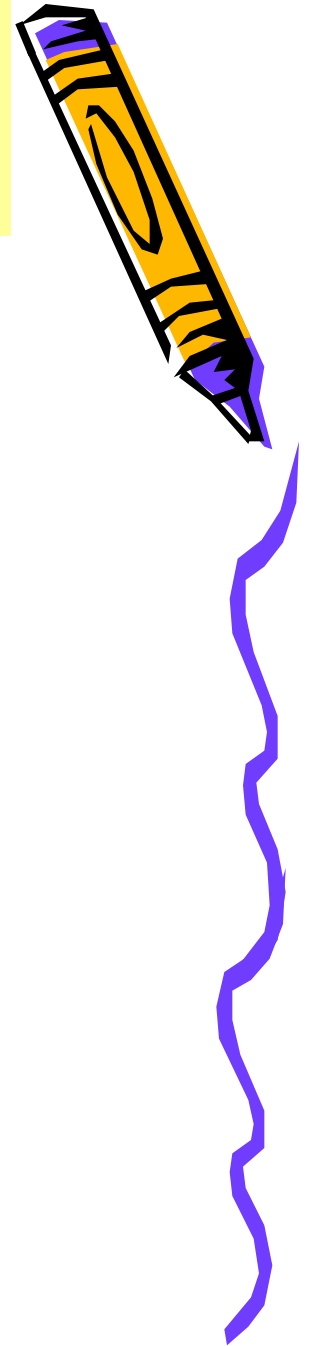
- Between 1990 and 2000 the number of Hispanic/Latino residents tripled
- In 2003
 - 3.1% of SC children were Hispanic/Latino
 - 6.8% of all births were to Hispanic/Latino mothers.

(SC Vital Statistics, 2003)

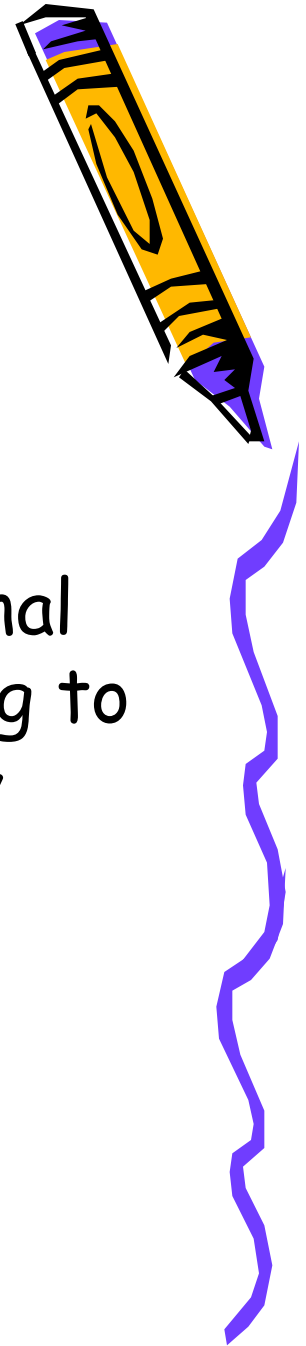


Barriers to health care

- Lack of health insurance
- Unfamiliarity with health care system
- Language Access



Impact of Poverty on Educational Success



- Lack of school readiness sets up impoverished children for low educational performance or failure in school, leading to under-employment and a life of poverty

(2002 South Carolina Child Care Survey)

- 27.8 % of children living in poverty are Latino

(KIDS COUNT, 1999 Census)



Early Childhood Education Programs

Black children and White
children are more likely to be
enrolled in a preschool/day care
program than Latino children

(The Future of Children, vol. 15, No. 1, Spring
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- Eligibility

Mothers with two
and/or three year
old children in the
Midland Park
School District



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