



# The Mexican Children of Immigrants Program Project

## Exploring How Migration and the Contexts of Reception Affect Mexican Children's Health

### Project 1: CHILD HEALTH

Focuses on family contexts among preschool children

**Project Goals:**  
To explore how immigration and assimilation shape children's family contexts, and how family contexts influence health outcomes

**Investigators:**  
Nancy Landale (PI), Marianne Hillemeier, Sal Oropesa, Wayne Osgood



### Project 2: CHILD OBESITY

Tracks children's exposure and vulnerability to risk

**Project Goals:**  
To assess how the multiple contexts in which children live – their families, schools, neighborhoods, and nation – contribute to the risk of obesity

**Investigators:**  
Jennifer Van Hook (PI), Michelle Frisco, Molly Martin



### Project 3: HEALTH CARE

Assesses how states as well as communities affect access to care

**Project Goals:**  
To evaluate how immigrant legal status limits health care access for children, and to explore how institutional and sociopolitical contexts in communities may reduce such health care barriers

**Investigators:**  
Deborah Graefe (PI), Gordon DeJong, John McCarthy



### The Migration Methodology Core

Helps all three projects in handling these key challenges:

- Measuring immigrants' legal status
- Immigrant selection bias
- Endogeneity and causal inference

## The Project...

- Explores how country of residence, the migration process, and parents' legal status influence children's health and health care
- Considers how children of Mexican immigrants develop over time
- Assesses the implications of immigrants' dispersion to new destinations for children's health and access to health care

### Did you know?..

- More immigrants come from Mexico than any other country
- 1 in 6 U.S. births are to Mexican-origin mothers
- 87% of children of immigrants are U.S. citizens
- More than half of Mexican children of immigrants have unauthorized parents



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