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The Affordable Care Act: A Look At Immigrants and Mental Health Care Policy

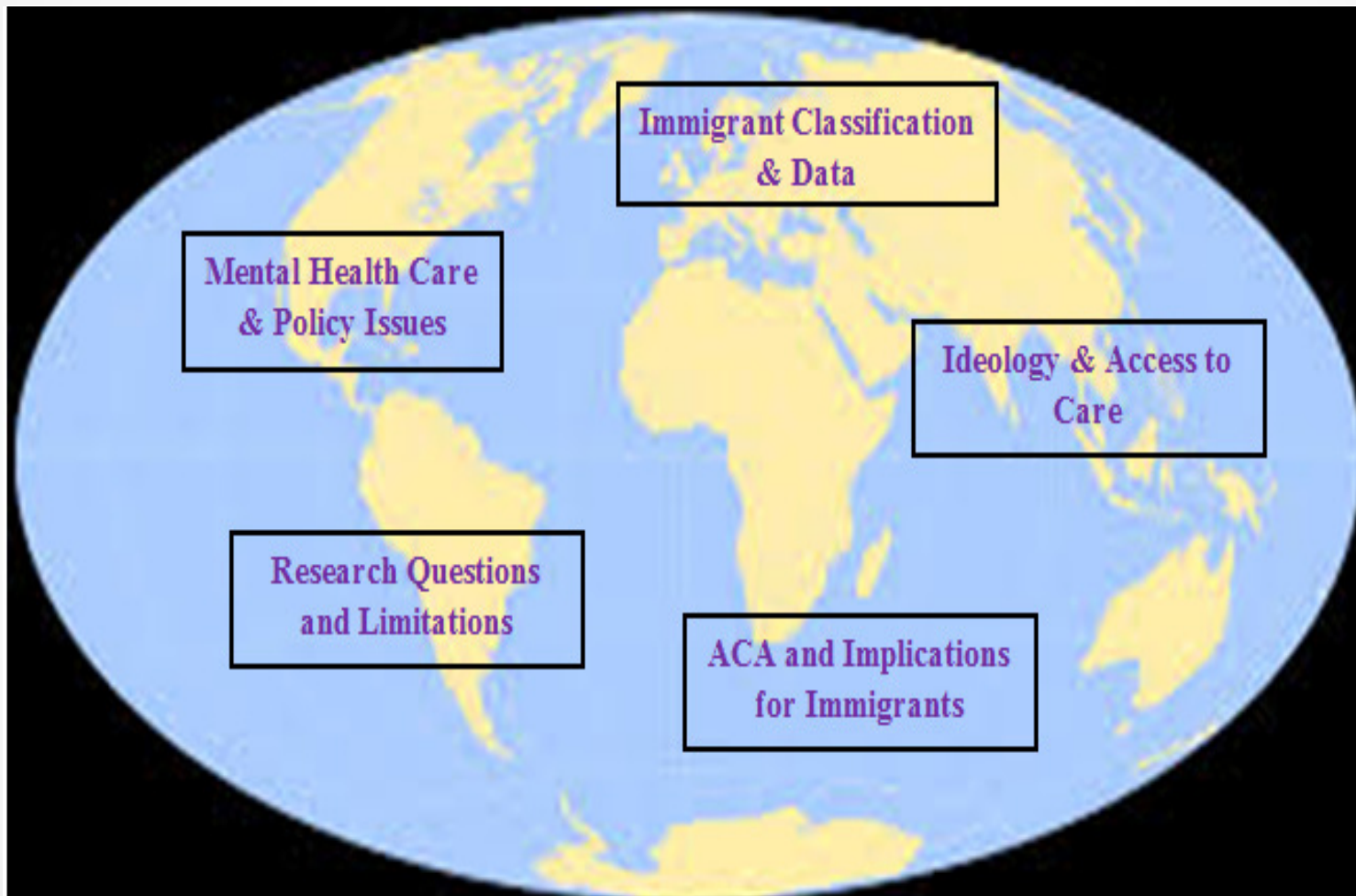
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Overview



Mental Health and Policy

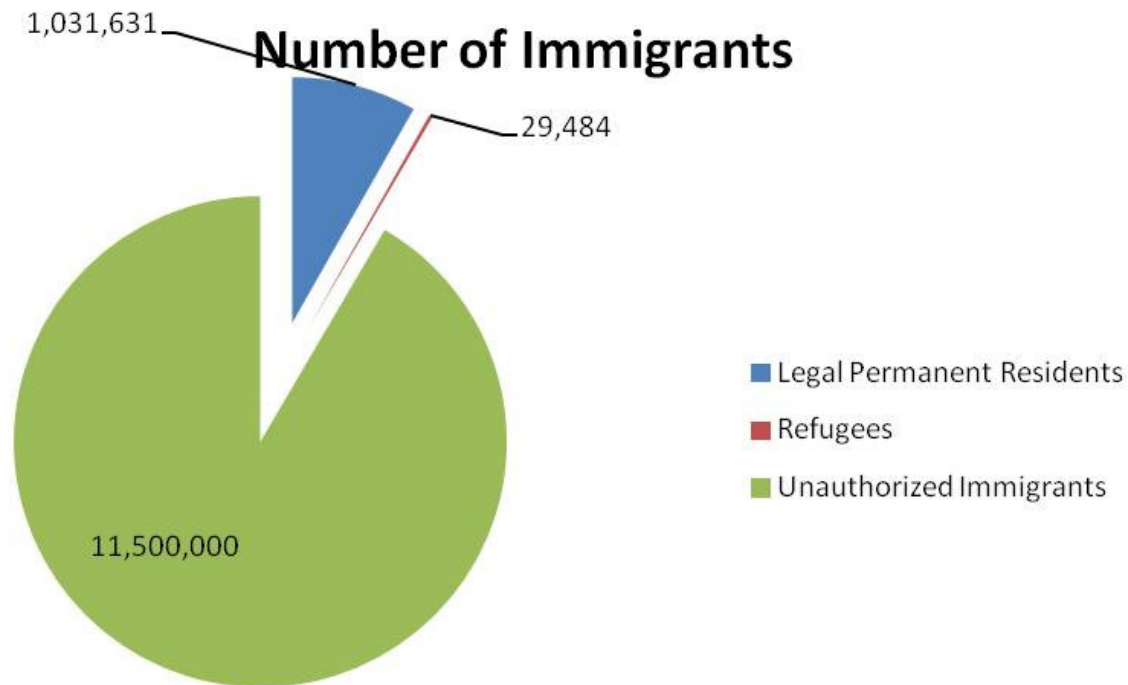
- Policy Change and Agenda Setting
- Focusing Events
 - Immigration
 - Boston Marathon Tragedy
 - Mental Health
 - Colorado Shooting
 - Sandy Hook School Tragedy

(Birkland, 2011)



Immigrant Classifications

...And Access to Health Care Resources



(Source; Martin, D. C., & Yankay, 2012)

Ideology and Access to Care

- National values (Hofstede & McCrae, 2004)
 - Within group vs. external assistance
 - Mental health acceptance vs. stigmatization
- Acculturation strategy (Berry & Sam, 1997)
 - Assimilation, integration, marginalization and separation

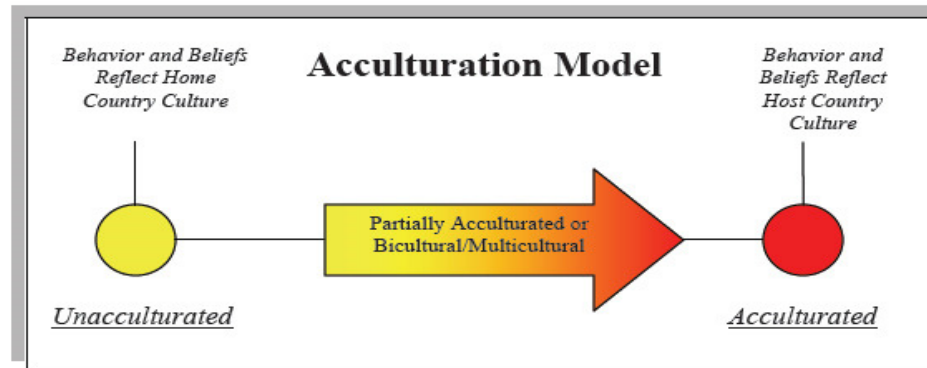


Fig. 1

Affordable Care Act

- Focus on manageable cost and effective processes:
 - Motivation - Accountable Care Organizations (ACO) to encourage collaboration
 - Processing- Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) in concert with ACO's to collect accurate data

Affordable Care Act

- Challenges Implementing ACA
 - Duplication of services-No streamlined processes for effective resolution
 - Priorities for ACA does not have mental health as a top priority- Current priorities are diabetes, arthritis, hypertension, kidney disease, and depression

Research Questions and Limitations

- Questions-Creators vs. Implementers
 - What role (if any) does cultural competence play in ACA policy development with diverse populations?
 - What are current challenges that policy advocates see in regards to immigrant groups and mental healthcare services?
- Limitations
 - Access to data
 - State opt in/out ACA



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Questions??

Thanks