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CULTURALLY COMPETENT PRACTICE WITH IMMIGRANT & REFUGEE FAMILIES

RESOURCE LIST

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This document provides a list of vetted resources aimed at enhancing knowledge and implementation of culturally competent practice with immigrant and refugees, in the child welfare system, in direct practice settings, and in communities.

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- **Language, Culture, and Immigration Relief Options** (2010) Wendy Cervantes, Yali Lincroft. *First Focus for Children*. <https://firstfocus.org/resources/report/language-culture-immigration-relief-options>

This brief discusses policies within the child welfare system concerning language, culture, and immigration relief options for children of immigrants and families. Recommendations are made to improve language accessible and culturally competent services throughout the system and to educate child welfare staff on possible immigration relief options for children and families who come into contact with the system.

- **Adapting systems of care for child welfare practice with immigrant Latino children and families** (2010) Alan J. Dettlaff, Joan R. Rycraft. *Evaluation and Program Planning* (33). [cssr.berkeley.edu/cwscmsreports/LatinoPracticeAdvisory/Adapting systems of care for child welfare practice with immigrant Latino children and families.pdf](https://cssr.berkeley.edu/cwscmsreports/LatinoPracticeAdvisory/Adapting%20systems%20of%20care%20for%20child%20welfare%20practice%20with%20immigrant%20Latino%20children%20and%20families.pdf)

This article describes the development of a program designed to train child welfare staff on applying an existing evidence-based framework, systems of care, to practice with Latino immigrant children and families.

- **A Social Worker's Tool Kit for Working with Immigrant Families** (2009) National *Child Welfare Workforce Institute*. [https://ncwwi.org/files/A SWers Tool Kit for Working with Immigrant Families.pdf](https://ncwwi.org/files/A_SWers_Tool_Kit_for_Working_with_Immigrant_Families.pdf)

This toolkit includes a flowchart which illustrates how and when immigration issues may arise during the chronology of a child welfare case. The flowchart begins at the point of a child abuse report and continues through assessment, diversion or intervention, removal, dependency issues and permanency planning.

- **Culturally Competent Systems of Care with Latino Children and Families** (2009) Alan Dettlaff & Joan R. Rycraft. *Child Welfare* (88). <https://pdfs.semanticscholar.org/319f/9769b55b5841c804274c453ee53871980fe3.pdf>

This article describes an evaluation of a federally funded initiative designed to train child welfare practitioners in using an existing evidence-based framework—systems of care—with Latino children and families to address the need for culturally competent, community-based services with this population.

- **Immigrant Latino Children and Families in Child Welfare: A Framework for Conducting a Cultural Assessment** (2008) Alan J. Dettlaff. *Journal of Public Child Welfare* (2)4.

<http://cssr.berkeley.edu/cwscmsreports/LatinoPracticeAdvisory/Immigrant%20Latino%20Children%20and%20Families%20in%20Child%20Welfare%20A%20Framework%20for%20Conducting%20a%20Cultural%20Assessment.pdf>

This article describes a framework for conducting a comprehensive cultural assessment with immigrant families in order to provide caseworkers with the information necessary to provide culturally relevant services that adequately respond to each family's unique circumstances and experiences.

- **Culturally Competent Practice Curriculum with Latino Children & Families** (n.d.) Alan J. Dettlaff, Cecilia L. Thomas, Harriet L. Cohen, and Teresa Buehler. (Instructor Manual) <http://cimmcw.org/wp-content/uploads/CCP-Instructor-Manual.pdf> (Participant Manual) <http://cimmcw.org/wp-content/uploads/CCP-Training-Manual.pdf>

This curriculum is designed to train child welfare staff on culturally competent practice with Latino children and families using a Systems of Care mode.

- **Language Access** (2015) Alan J. Dettlaff & Caitlin O'Grady. *Center on Immigration and Child Welfare*. <http://cimmcw.org/wp-content/uploads/CICW-Language-Access.pdf>

This brief focuses on language access policies and services that ensure that limited English proficient (LEP) families receive appropriate interpretation and translation services.

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- **Latino Cultural Guide. Building Capacity to Strengthen the Well-Being of Immigrant Families and Their Children: A Prevention Strategy** (2014). *Center of Advanced Studies in Child Welfare*. University of MN. <http://casw.umn.edu/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/CulturalGuide-Latino.pdf>

This guide overviews cultural issues important to understanding children and family environments in Latino immigrant groups, including understanding experiences through a cultural lens.

- **Strategies for Engaging Immigrant and Refugee Families** (2011) *National Center for Mental Health Promotion and Youth Violence Prevention* crisisresponse.promoteprevent.org/sites/default/files/root/strategies_for_engaging_immigrant_and_refugee_families.pdf

This toolkit reviews strategies for engaging immigrant and refugee communities through strengthening relationships with families, the school, and the community. Strategies include media outreach, immigrant youth and family empowerment, support of language differences, respect of diversity of needs, and focus on student success. Included are successful outreach examples.

- **Implementing Cultural Competence** (2011) *National Child Traumatic Stress Network*. https://www.nctsn.org/sites/default/files/resources//spotlight_on_culture_implementing_cultural_competence.pdf.

This brief discusses the importance of cultural competence and ways to implement it in the provision of services.

- **Latino Parenting Expectations and Styles: A Literature Review (2006) J. Alejandro Olayo Méndez. Protecting Children (21)2.** http://cimmcw.org/wp-content/uploads/pc-21_2.pdf

This article reviews the literature regarding Latino parenting styles, organized around three central themes: (a) cultural norms of parenting, (b) changes in the context of parenting associated with transnational migration, and (c) immigrant parent-child cultural conflicts.

- **Communities of Courage: Caring for Immigrant Children and Families Through Creative Multicultural Counseling Interventions (2006) Bogusia Molina, Michael Tlanusta Garrett, and Julieta Monteiro-Leitner. Protecting Children (21)2.** http://cimmcw.org/wp-content/uploads/pc-21_2.pdf This article describes creative counseling interventions embedded in spiritual healing perspectives with multicultural practices and rituals that support the process of caring and connectedness.

CULTURAL COMPETENCE IN COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

- **Developing Culturally Responsive Approaches to Serving Diverse Populations: A Resource Guide for Community-Based Organizations (2017) Michael López; Kerry Hofer; Erin Bumgarner; Djaniele Taylor. National Research Center on Hispanic Children and Families.**
<http://www.hispanicresearchcenter.org/publications/developing-culturally-responsive-approaches-to-serving-diverse-populations-a-resource-guide-for-community-based-organizations/>

This resource guide identifies easily accessible resources on cultural competency that community-based organizations can use to become more responsive to the needs of their target populations and help secure funds to support their work.