

Rural Development Program Project Director's Meeting
Panel # 3. Migration and Economic Development

Asset Accumulation Strategies in 3 New Settlement Communities

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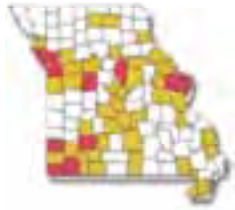
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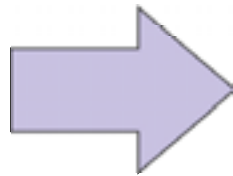


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Project's Background



Changes in the state

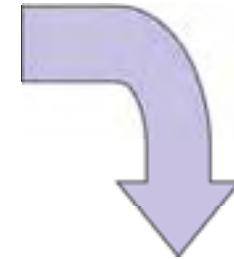


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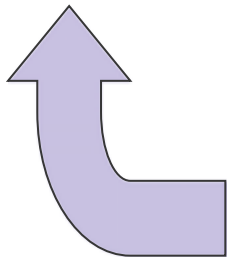
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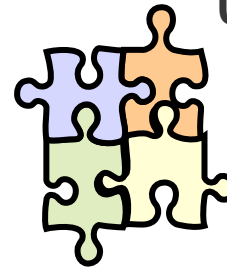
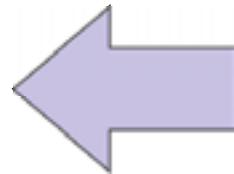
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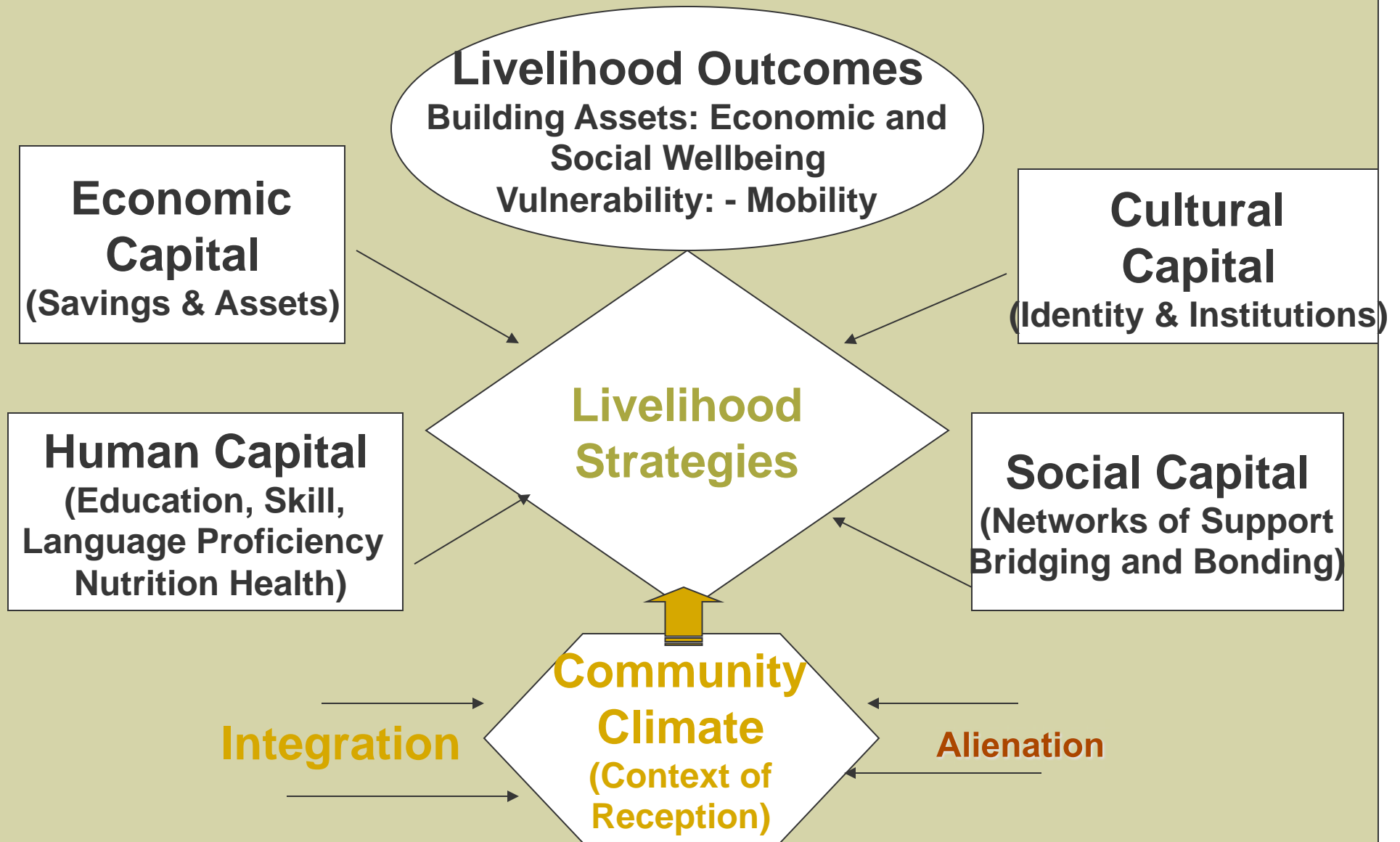
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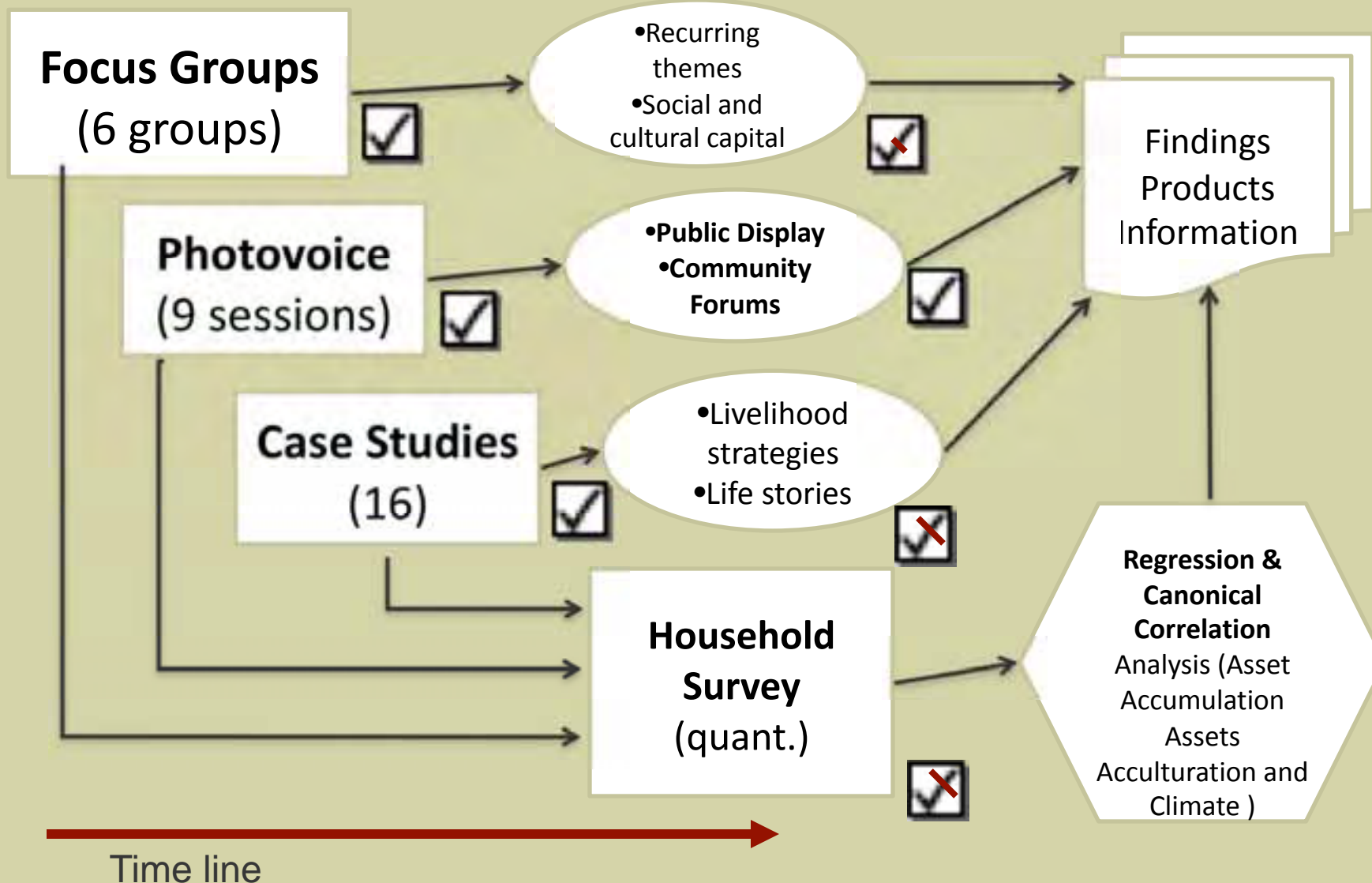
Research



Framework Strengths Based Model: Livelihoods, Capitals, and the Context of Reception



Project Design and Progress





Focus Groups – 7 in three sites by Gender

Acculturation

Community Climate

Social Capital

Composition: 46 Latino newcomers; 25 female, 21 male, 63% married.

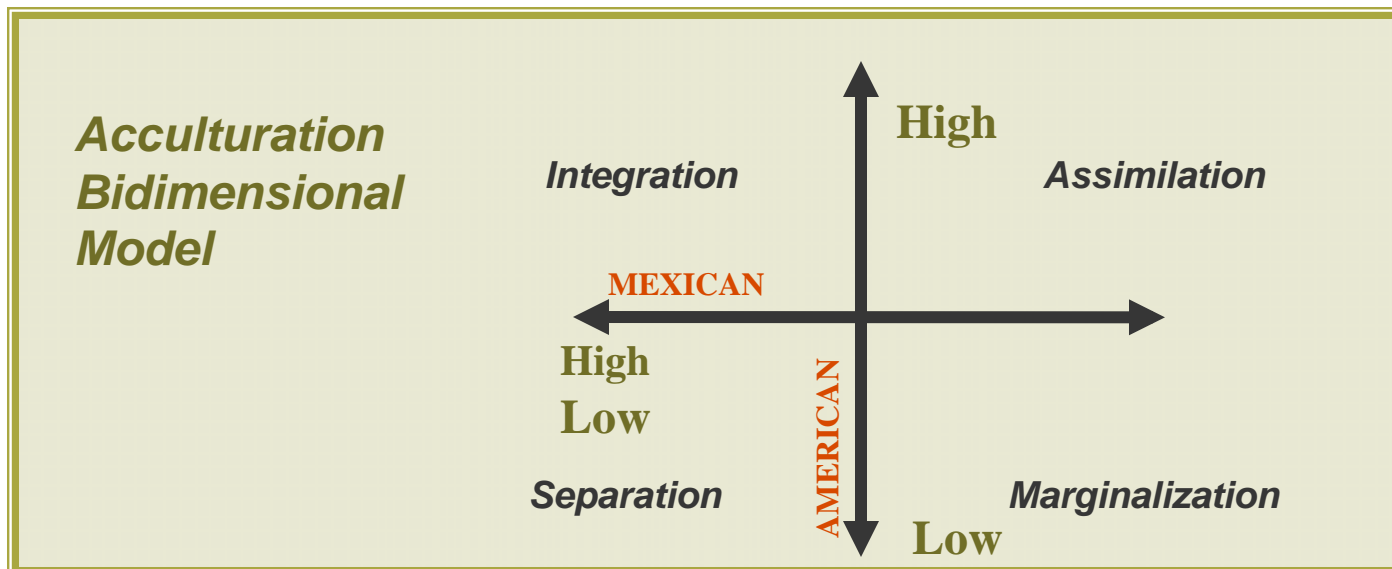
Age: Average 39.93 (SD = 12.11; range = 18-63)

Years in the US: Average 12.04 years (SD = 10; range = 1-44)

Children: Average # 2.79 (SD = 2.18; range = 0-8)

Preliminary Focus Group Analyses: **Acculturation**

- **Individual Level**
 - Strong maintenance of ties to culture of origin
 - Change and adaptation to host culture
- **Community Level**
 - Little interaction between newcomers and receiving community
 - Perceived adjustments were occurring on both sides



Preliminary Focus Group Analyses: Community Climate

- Comparisons with other communities
- Welcome reception
- Perceived discrimination and racism
- Lukewarm, cold, or negative reception
- Fears of “La Migra”

Preliminary Focus Group Analyses: Social Capital

■ Bridging

- Participation in local community through work and church. Barriers include language skills, legal status, and access to resources.
- Neighborhood connections
- Family and Friends connections
- Work connections

■ Bonding

- Proactivity in a Social Context
- Feelings of Trust and Safety
- Family and Friends
- Work Connections

PHOTOVOICE & FORUMS **Community Climate**



Photovoice Prompts

- 1. What makes it easy and hard to make a living here?**
- 2. What makes it easy and hard to feel like I am a part of the place?**

Forum Feedback Themes

- 1. Impressions**
- 2. New information**
- 3. Strategies**

[On Going and Next Steps]

- Model testing
- Survey development
- Pilot testing – on going
- Best practices for survey administration
- Impacts



THANK YOU! QUESTIONS...

Impacts:
Awareness
Education
Involvement

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