

FACTS ABOUT IMMIGRANTS

- ◆ **According to the 2000 Census, immigrants represent 11% of the total population**
- ◆ **One in five children in the U.S. is the native or foreign born child of an immigrant**
- ◆ **85% of immigrant families have at least one parent who is a non-citizen and one child is a citizen**
- ◆ **Between 1970 and 2000, the naturalized citizen population increased by 71%**
- ◆ **In 1997, the U.S. reaped a \$50 billion surplus from taxes (income, Social Security, & unemployment) paid by immigrants**
- ◆ **In 2000 the foreign-born population accounted for 12.4% of the labor force**
- ◆ **43% of immigrants work at jobs paying less than \$7.50 an hour**
- ◆ **Only 26% of immigrants have job-based health insurance**
- ◆ **Children in immigrant families make up 1/5 of the low-income children in 20 states**

- ◆ **Almost 18% of persons in the US speak a language other than English at home and almost 8% are LEP**
- ◆ **30% of all children who are eligible for Medicaid, but are not enrolled, are children in immigrant families**
- ◆ **The children of immigrants are more likely to be disadvantaged than the children of native born. They are more likely to be poor (24% vs. 16%), more likely to be uninsured (22% vs. 10%), more likely to have no usual source of medical care (14% vs. 4 %), and more likely not to have a steady source of food (37% vs. 27%).**