Research Questions

Biographical Information

1. What country were you born in and how long did you live their before coming to USA?
2. How many people live in your household? Do you have any children?
3. Are you married or single?
4. If applicable, how old are your children and what are their sexes?
5. How old are you?
6. In what country were your children born?
7. How do you make a living? Approximately how much money do you make per year?
8. Do you receive financial support from anyone besides your spouse?
9. Do you have any family in the United States?
10. Do you provide financial support to any one not living in the United States? How are they related to you?
11. What is your level of education?
12. How much English are you capable of speaking? Can you speak other languages besides Spanish or English?
13. Does any one in your house hold speak English?
14. What means of transportation do you use?
15. How much do you weigh and what is your height?
16. What type of foods do you eat?
17. Give a general timeline of your life describing what cities you lived in, with whom you lived, where you worked and any significant events that occurred.

Health Related Questions

1. What were some experiences you had with the health care system in your birth country?
2. What are some experiences you have had with health care in the United States? How do these experiences differ from those experiences you had in your home country?
3. Have you ever been ill in the United States? How did you seek health care? Describe this experience in full.
4. Do you have a chronic illness? How do you deal with this?
5. Have you ever seen a doctor in the United States? When was the last time? For what reasons?
6. Have you ever delayed medical treatment due to your status? Under what circumstances?
7. Do you use any traditional “home remedies”?
8. Where do go to seek medical treatment? Hospital? Clinic?
9. How do you pay for medical care/medicine?
10. Do you have any immunizations? Where were these performed?
11. Do you see a doctor for yearly screenings such as mammograms, pap smears, pelvic exams, etc.?
12. How often do you see a dentist? How do you pay for this?
13. What is your opinion about the cultural sensitivity of our health care system/ health care professionals?
14. Are you aware of any resources such as social programs or free clinics that are available to you? Where did you find out about this information?
15. How did the health care professionals treat you, in your opinion? Did you feel at all uncomfortable about your status while receiving care?
16. Is there any history of chronic illness in your family? If so, are you aware of your risks?
17. Do you feel you receive the same level of care that the average does?
18. If you do not speak English: Do you feel that you were able to communicate you r complaint to medical professionals and that they understood your complaint? Did a translator facilitate the communication?
19. If you have had a baby in the United States, describe this experience? What was the nature of your prenatal care?