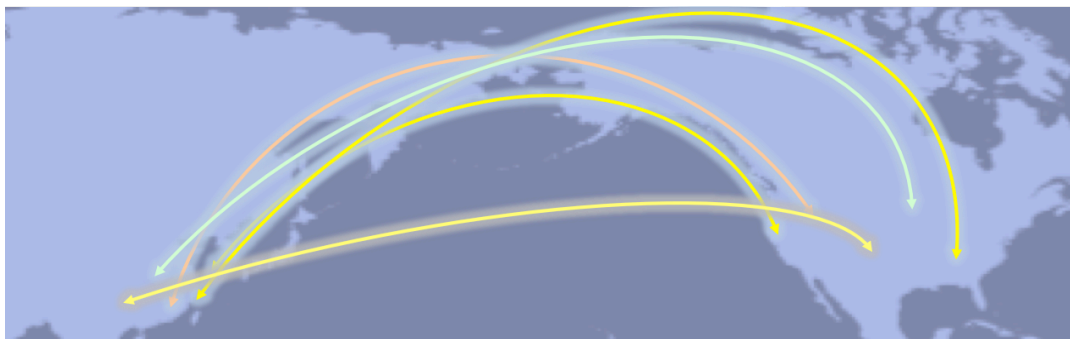


The Family Development Project

A collaborative investigation of the immigration experiences in Chinese American children, young adults, and families in Metro Boston



Researchers from Wellesley College, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, and UMass Boston, in partnership with Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center, are conducting several studies examining **stress, health, and well being** of Chinese American families within the context of transnational migration.

Facts from our research:

- The 150 Chinese families in our sample from Chinatown have worked to overcome various stresses in their adjustment to the US.
- 20% of our Chinatown sample either sent or strongly considered sending their US-born infants to China to be cared for by relatives while parents pursued work and educational opportunities in Boston.
- In a separate study, in-depth interviews with 40 Chinese American adults who lived with relatives in Asia as children while their parents worked and/or studied in the US suggest that early parent-child separation may impact interpersonal relationships throughout the life course.

Our studies show that Chinese immigrant families face many unique challenges while exhibiting great resilience in adjusting to the US.

We are continuing to enroll Chinese immigrant families from the Metro Boston area into our studies, with data collection continuing in Boston Chinatown and Wellesley College throughout 2016.

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