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The goal of this panel is to review some of the most critical risks facing immigrant youth and to provide insights into how to harness their resiliency. The presenters draw on their respective expertise in neuroscience, public health, and education to present evidence on the effects of family separation, deportation fears, prejudice and discrimination on the wellbeing of newcomer youth as well as US-born Latino youth in California. The scientific evidence is used to shed light on practices and policies that help protect immigrant youth against adversity. Prevention and intervention approaches relevant for family services, community and school health programs are discussed.

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Jennifer Silvers is an Assistant Professor of Psychology at the University of California, Los Angeles. Dr. Silvers received her B.A. from the University of Virginia and her Ph.D. at Columbia University. She studies the brain bases of social and emotional development in children and teens. Her work considers how multiple factors intersect to shape children and teens’ ability to learn, regulate their emotions, and make decisions. Much of Dr. Silvers’ current research is focused on how stressful experiences in early childhood - including experiencing institutional care or a lack of stable caregiving - impact emotional and physical health.

Julianna Deardorff, Ph.D. is Associate Professor (with tenure) in the School of Public Health at UC Berkeley, where she heads the Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health (MCAH) program in the Division of Community Health Sciences. She is Director of the HRSA/MCHB-funded Center of Excellence in Maternal and Child Health Education, Science, and Practice at UC Berkeley (one of 13 nationally). Dr. Deardorff was trained in clinical psychology and completed her clinical internship at Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital at Stanford and the Children’s Health Council in Palo Alto. Dr. Deardorff’s research focuses on early adversity, puberty, risk behaviors during adolescence and related protective factors, particularly among young Latinos. She has a strong history of funding from NIH and currently serves as PI on a large grant examining adversity and sex and substance use behaviors among Mexican American youth living in a predominantly agricultural region of California.

Jaana Juvonen is a Professor of Developmental Psychology at UCLA. She studies how peer relationships are related to wellbeing and school climate (e.g., sense of safety). Her large-scale longitudinal collaborative research, funded by the National Institute of Health, examines psychosocial benefits and challenges associated with youth attending ethnically diverse secondary schools in California. Her latest publications include analyses of socially inclusive school practices that function as stigma-reduction mechanisms. Dr. Juvonen is a former recipient of a National Academy of Education Spencer Fellowship, Senior Fellowship of the Academy of Finland, the UCLA Psychology Department Distinguished Adjunct Faculty Teaching award and the Psychology Graduate Student Association Graduate Mentoring award. Her research has been cited in New York Times, Los Angeles Times, Atlantic Monthly, Washington Post, and the Time magazine. She has appeared in a PBS series called This Emotional Life , CCTV Full Frame on Cyberbullying, and an up-coming documentary Bullied.

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