

Aging-Friendly Communities and Older Immigrants

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Concepts for Healthy Aging

- Continuity
- Compensation
- Connection
- Contribution
- Challenge

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“Aging-Friendly” Domains

- Physical infrastructure (“hardware”)
 - ◆ Built environment
 - ◆ Technological innovations
 - ◆ “Goods”
- Social infrastructure (“software”)
 - ◆ “Services”
 - ◆ Social capital development
 - ◆ Social participation
 - ◆ Individual empowerment

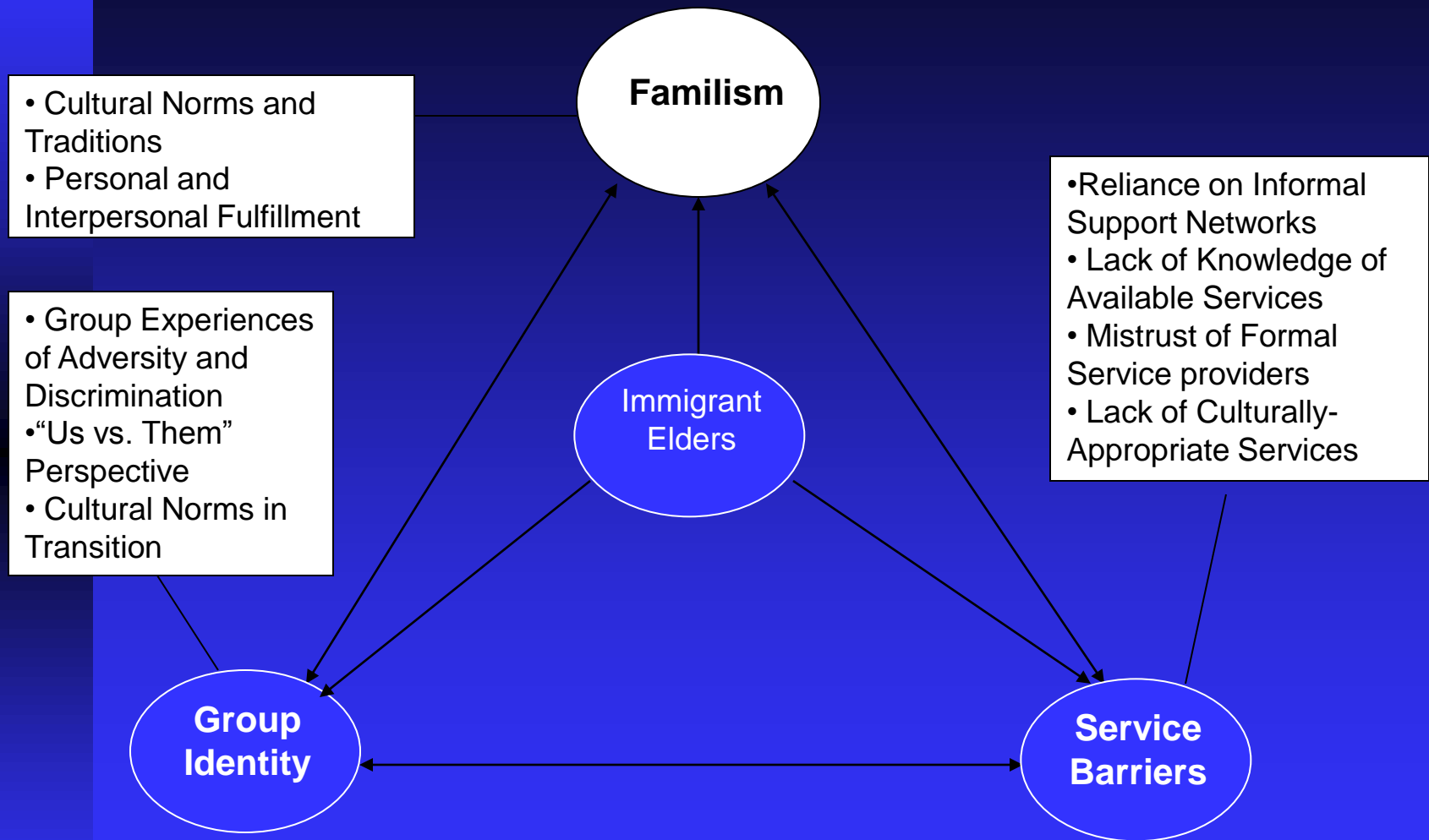


Figure 1. Themes Identified by Family Caregivers

“A Society for All Ages”

“A society for all ages is multigenerational. It is not fragmented, with youths, adults and older persons going their separate ways. Rather, it is age-inclusive, with different generations recognizing – and acting upon – their commonality of interest.”

UN Secretary General Kofi Annan, October, 1998