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ABSTRACT

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This study examines the factors that impact the utilization of formal support services by Hispanic informal caregivers caring for a person with Alzheimer Disease and related disorders (ADRD) and utilizes data from the Resources for Enhancing Alzheimer Caregiver's Health (REACH) project. The current study examines potential factors that influence the utilization of formal support services and areas of unmet need for Hispanic caregivers. This study also examines the intra-heterogeneity of Hispanic caregivers. To examine utilization of services by Hispanic caregivers, a model for service utilization was analyzed using structural equation modeling. To examine potential group differences between Cuban and non-Hispanic Cuban caregivers, multigroup structural equation modeling was conducted with a covariance structure of variables of interest.

The results of the study did not support this first hypothesis which examines factors that influence service utilization. Only one of the predictors, level of education, was found to be significantly correlated with service utilization. The results of the study supported the second hypothesis that Cuban Hispanic and non-Cuban Hispanic caregivers were not equivalent across the set of predictor variables examined. A significant finding,

however, was that caregiver psychological distress and the care recipient's health status were significantly correlated to service utilization for the non-Cuban Hispanic caregivers, but not for the Cuban Hispanic caregivers.

Treatment implications for this study are that homogenous interventions may not be able to meet the needs of this diverse population. It will be important for interventions and services developed for Hispanic populations to include education about Alzheimer's disease symptoms, progression of the disease, and services available to meet the caregiver and care recipient needs throughout the duration of the caregiving experience. Based on the results of this study, it is important for treatment providers to assist caregivers to increase awareness of opportunities for service utilization. It is important for the psychologist to be mindful the difficulty of seeking services for all home-based caregivers, particularly lower educated Hispanic caregivers. Service providers should work to understand the worldview and the perspective of caregiving that may vary between the different ethnic groups that fall under the Hispanic umbrella.

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To my mother and brother who supported me, loved me, nudged me along, and always had faith in me...

To grandma and grandpa for showing the beauty in being an older adult...

To my new husband...

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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION AND LITERATURE REVIEW

One of the fastest growing sectors of the population in the United States is elderly adults (U.S. Census Bureau, 2001). By the year 2050, individuals age 65 and older are projected to increase to 20% of the total U.S. population, which is an estimated 14 million people, due to improvements in medical care, technology, and nutrition (Administration on Aging, 2006). In addition, the number of adults age 85 and older is expected to triple (Administration on Aging, 2006). During this same period, the White elderly population is expected to double, the African American elderly population will quadruple, and the Hispanic elderly population, the second largest U.S. ethnic minority group, is estimated to increase to 7 times their current numbers (Administration on Aging, 2003; U.S. Census Bureau, 2001). By the year 2028, the Hispanic population is expected to become the largest ethnic minority group of all elderly aged 65 and older (Freeman & Lethbrdge-Cejku, 2006).

A significant cause for impairment in older adulthood is cognitive decline related to a form of dementia. The most prevalent type of dementia that significantly impairs cognitive functioning is Alzheimer's disease (AD). This type of dementia accounts for approximately 50% of all dementia diagnoses (Kennedy, 2003). Alzheimer's disease is a progressive degenerative disorder that afflicts an estimated 4 million people aged

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65 and older (American Health Assistance Foundation, 2004). In the early stages of AD, individuals may not seek treatment and may attribute forgetting valuables or difficulty with learning a new task to normal signs of aging. Without treatment, the mild impairment stage of AD can last from 1-3 years (Doraiswamy, Steffens, Pitchumoni, & Tabrizi, 1998).

Older adults with moderate Alzheimer's disease may require assistance carrying out simple tasks such as preparing food, performing household chores, driving, or assistance with self-care. If left untreated, the progression of the moderate stage of AD can last from 3 to 8 years (Doraiswamy et al., 1998). It is important that, when the AD progresses to the moderate stage, the older adult with Alzheimer's disease has a trusted and familiar caregiver. The last stage of Alzheimer's disease is the most severe and, if untreated, may last from 1-3 years (Doraiswamy et al., 1998). The older adult experiences difficulty recognizing family members, difficulty speaking, personality changes, weight loss, difficulty swallowing, lack of bowel and bladder control and many other self-care deficits (Bonsignore & Heun, 2003). During this stage, the person becomes completely dependent on the caregiver as well as a greater cost for caring for the individual.

At all stages of the disease, individuals have special needs and accommodations that must be made to maintain their quality of life. The estimated national cost for caring for a person with Alzheimer's disease is estimated to be about \$50 billion each year (Cummings, 1998). While the etiology of Alzheimer's disease remains elusive, there

continues to be a strong need for treatment interventions to assist with caregivers providing informal care of individuals with Alzheimer's disease.

Data collected in the 2004 National Health Interview Survey found that 10.4% of Hispanic older adults required help with personal care from other people, while 5.7 % of non-Hispanic Whites and 9.9% of non-Hispanic Blacks had the same need (National Center for Health Statistics, 2006). Family-centered caregiving is prominent in the Hispanic community and with the rising costs in health care, the number of family members caring for their elderly loved one at home is increasing (Aranda & Knight, 1997; Clark & Huttlinger, 1998; Neary & Mahoney, 2005). The value of these informal services offered by family members are estimated at about \$275 billion dollars a year and increasing (Arno, 2002). A survey by the National Alliance for Caregiving (2002) examined the cost of caregiving as a loss of productivity in that they estimated that American businesses lose between \$11 billion and \$29 billion each year due to employee's missing work to care for loved ones age 50 years and older.

Providing long-term care to an elderly loved one or family member strains and stresses the caregiver and can eventually lead to caregiver burnout (Aranda, 2001; Dilworth-Anderson & Gibson, 2002; Ory, Hoffman, Yee, Tennstedt, & Schulz, 1999). Because of the strain, the caregiver often suffers a decline in physical health, as well as psychological well-being, which may be associated with a decreased use of formal support services (Aranda, 2001; Clark, & Huttlinger, 1998).

Review of the Literature

The utilization of formal care services has been primarily research by examining Caucasian dementia caregivers (Brodaty, Thomson, Thompson, & Fine, 2005; McCallion, Toseland, Gerber, & Banks, 2004; Raina et al., 2004). These studies have been beneficial as a starting point for learning about important caregiver behaviors. Raina et al. (2004) found that the increasing disability of the care recipient had a negative impact on the psychological well-being of the caregiver, which was only marginally mediated by the use of formal support services. A study by Brodaty et al. (2005) found that physical disability in a care recipient was significantly associated with formal service use. In addition, this study found that affordability of the services was not a barrier to service use; rather, many caregivers in the study were not using services because they believed the did not need them or did not know what was available (Brodaty, Thomson, Thompson, & Fine, 2005).

A study examining use of an Alzheimer's Association (AA) chapter services found that caregivers with a high school education or less were more likely to want to be referred to an AA chapter when targeted for outreach (McCallion, Toseland, Gerber, & Banks, 2004). This study also found that unmarried caregivers were more likely to want a referral for services (McCallion, Toseland, Gerber, & Banks, 2004). Additionally, McCallion et al. (2004) found that spouse caregivers were less likely to request a referral for services. While the study by McCallion et al. (2004) found that increased community outreach also increased use of AA chapters, they did not find an increase in use of health care services by the caregivers.

Gallagher-Thompson et al. (1996) reported that a significant barrier to services for Hispanic families was lack of sufficient information and knowledge about the nature of Alzheimer's disease. A prominent model of formal service utilization that has used to examine service use with Hispanic caregivers is the behavioral health model developed by Anderson (1986) to predict medical care utilization. This model has been used to explain patterns of health care utilization by examining three sets of factors including predisposing factors, enabling factors, and need factors (Anderson, 1986). Anderson's (1986) model was found useful and culturally relevant when predicting service utilization for Hispanic caregivers(Radina & Barber, 2004). Furthermore, they found service utilization to be predicted by less positive feelings about the role of being a caregiver, smaller size of family networks, and higher levels of acculturation to the mainstream U.S. (Radina & Barber, 2004). The study also found that caregivers who feel more positively about caregiving have large family networks, are less acculturated and are less likely to utilize formal support services (Radina & Barber, 2004).

On average, ethnic minority caregivers use a limited number of formal support services when providing informal care. A study by based on a small sample of Hispanic caregivers (n = 87), found that Hispanic caregivers were more likely to receive assistance in caregiving from formal support services than non-Hispanic Black and White caregivers (Navaie-Waliser, Feldman, Gould, Levine, Kuerbis, & Donelan, 2001). A recent study found that Mexicans and Cubans were less likely than non-Hispanic whites to have an emergency room visit; however Puerto Ricans were more likely to have an emergency room visit (Weinick, Jacobs, Stone, Ortega, & Burstin,

2004). Most research, however, has shown that Hispanic caregivers do have a greater need for formal services such as medical services for the patient or support for caregiver than non-Hispanic White caregivers (Dilworth-Anderson, Williams, & Gibson, 2002; Navaie-Waliser et al., 2001). This gap in the literature regarding what services they do and do not use may be due to the high heterogeneity of the Hispanic population due to high risk populations may be overlooked. This supports the importance of considering the heterogeneity with the Hispanic population when evaluating and implementing service delivery. This study adds to the literature by specifying the factors that influence service utilization by caregivers and care recipients for two different Hispanic ethnic groups. The types of services that will be evaluated include formal support services such as meals delivered to the home, respite care, emergency room visits, nursing visits, and hospital visits.

In the past research, caregivers were often treated as a homogenous group, despite the possible ethnic group differences of worldview that is shaped by their cultural upbringing and life experiences (Katz, 1985; Trevino, 1996). The worldview and cultural heritage for each ethnicity is often reflected in language, food, beliefs and values, in addition to how they care for aging family members (Clark & Huttlinger, 1998). Worldviews affects many aspects of our lives including how we think, define events, make decisions, and behave (Sue & Sue, 2003). A caregivers' worldview may lead to differing experiences of caregiving, in addition to varying beliefs about what services may be necessary in order to relieve the strain of the caregiving as well as what services may benefit the patient if it is experienced as such. For example, one study

found that female Hispanic caregivers reported the caregiving experience as less bothersome and consequentially experienced more benefits from the caregiving experience than their Caucasian counterparts even though they had lower education and income, spent more time caring for their family member, and reported that their care recipient had more behavioral problems (Coon, Rubert, Solano, Mausbach, Kraemer, Arguelles, Haley, Thompson, Gallagher-Thompson, 2004).

Neary and Mahoney (2005) found that Hispanic caregivers often normalize or deny symptoms of dementia and their initial perceptions are that the elderly family member is experiencing changes related to old age. As reported by Gallagher-Thompson et al. (1997), Hispanic beliefs about dementia include that it is a temporary or "craziness" and can be cured by "el cuarandero" (p. 215). Family members may sometimes believe that the person with dementia is pretending in order to get attention from others (Neary & Mahoney, 2005). A diagnosis of dementia or Alzheimer's in the Hispanic community often carries a social stigma (Gallagher-Thompson, Leary, Ossinalde, Romero, Wald, & Fernandez-Gamarra, 1997; Neary & Mahoney, 2005). Respect is another concept in the Hispanic culture that traditionally keeps family members from talking about the first signs and symptoms so as not the bring shame on the family (Gallagher-Thompson et al., 1997). These cultural belief serve as a barrier to services and often lead to a delay of sometimes 3 to 4 years in diagnosis and treatment of the disease (Neary & Mahoney, 2005). As previously mentioned, Hispanic caregivers do utilize some formal support services, however they may not be received in time to alleviate the stress of disease process on the caregiver and the care recipient.

Limited education has been found to be an additional barrier to service utilization. There are many Hispanic ethnic groups that have less than high school education and this adds to the misconceptions about the symptoms of Alzheimer's disease (Gallagher-Thompson et al., 1997). Neary & Mahoney (2005) found that once family members learned about and understood the impact of Alzheimer's disease on their loved one, they were willing to seek formal services for assistance. The lack of education allows the cultural beliefs to persist over the reality of the symptoms the family member is experiencing (Gallagher-Thompson et al., 1997; Neary & Mahoney, 2005).

Financial stress of obtaining formal support services is also a barrier to service utilization. Caregiving for a family member with Alzheimer's disease can continue over many years. During that time, caregivers have reported high percentages of giving up work, retiring early, and having to take less demanding jobs (Ory, Hoffman, Yee, Tennstedt, & Schulz, 1999). Lower education is often associated with lower income. For the caregiver, the decrease in employment status adds to the lower income as well (Ory et al., 1999). Female Hispanic caregivers have been found to have lower levels of education and income than their Caucasian counterparts (Coon, et al., 2004; Cox & Monk, 1996). There is limited research on the impact of caregiver level of education and the utilization of services. Due to the changes in employment status and income that occur as a result of caregiving, level of education will be examined in this study as an influence on caregiver's utilization of services.

Among the Hispanic culture, the concepts of collectivism and reciprocity are an important part of the caregiver ideology (Gallagher-Thompson, Talamantes, Ramirez, & Valverde, 1996). As a result, there is a cultural unacceptability of nursing homes which leads to a greater use of family caregivers (Gallagher-Thompson et al., 1997; Pinquart & Sorensen, 2005). Gallagher-Thompson et al. (1997) reported that there is a trend toward more intergenerational interaction and exchanges of care, such allowing the caregiver to live in the home or the care recipient to provide child care. Reciprocity is often learned in Hispanic culture from multigenerational families living in one home. As children, adult caregivers may have seen their parents caring for older family members and continue the tradition (Neary & Mahoney, 2005).

Caregivers in ethnic minority families are more likely to be women and often adult children, grandchildren or spouses of the family member with dementia (Harrow et al., 2004; Henderson, 1996; Pinquart & Sorensen, 2005; Sörensen & Pinquart, 2005). In the Latino culture, women are highly valued as caregivers and if the family must go outside the nuclear family for a caregiver, the help of an unrelated female would be sought before seeking help from a related male (Henderson, 1996). Neary & Mahoney (2005) found that Hispanic participants in their study strongly emphasized home-based care and reported that if placement were necessary, they would continue to maintain vigilant oversight of the care of their family member. Coon, et al. (2004) reported that female Hispanic caregivers were more likely to perceive the caregiving experience positively than Caucasian caregivers. In addition, this study stated that the female Hispanic caregivers viewed the caregiving process as helping to strengthen the family

structure and provide continuity (Coon, et al., 2004; Philips, Torres De Ardon, Komnenenich, Killeen, & Rusinak, 2000).

This positive view of caregiving may serve as a coping strategy for caring for a family member with dementia (Coon, et al., 2004). In addition, religiosity and spirituality have been reported by Hispanic caregivers as having increased as a source of coping since becoming caregivers (Henderson, 1996; Mausbach, Coon, Cardenas, & Thompson, 2003; Musgrave, Allen, & Allen, 2002; Navaie-Waliser et al., 2001). When compared to Caucasian caregivers, Female caregivers reported greater endorsement of the importance of religion, higher attendance rates for religious services, and were found to pray more often (Mausbach, Coon, Cardenas, & Thompson, 2003). Henderson (1996) found that in the Cuban and Puerto Rican populations, religion and spirituality is utilized as a supportive resource, but does not outweigh the reliance on family-based assistance.

Valle et al. (2004) found that Hispanic caregivers were less likely to identify a friend or non-family within their social network. Network size has been found to be positively correlated with seeking formal care services (Starrett, Decker, Walters, & Rogers, 1990; Valle, Yamada, & Barrio, 2004). Environmental awareness of services available, disseminated through social supports, been found to be a predictor of formal service use (Starrett, Decker, Walters, & Rogers, 1990). Hispanic caregivers were less likely to seek out professional help on their own (Valle, Yamada, & Barrio, 2004). Among certain Hispanic groups such as Cubans, friends are incorporated into the social networks as well as family (Dilworth-Anderson & Marshall, 1996). However, Mexican Americans rely heavily on assistance from family members, which results in smaller

social networks for and a lack of opportunities for information and referrals for formal care services (Gallagher-Thompson et al., 1997; Valle, Yamada, & Barrio, 2004).

Family caregivers who live in the same dwelling as the care recipient have been reported to have increased levels of depression (Cullen, Grayson, & Jorm, 1997; Waite, Bebbington, Skelton-Robinson, & Orrell, 2004). Jarrot et al. (2005) reported that caregivers who were family members worry and distress about caregiving increased as the care recipient's memory or behavior problems changed. This distress may also occur because the caregiver realizes the care recipient's health and cognitive functioning will only continue to decline and it will do so in a way that is out of the caregiver's control and unpredictable (Ory, Hoffman, Yee, Tennstedt, & Schulz, 1999). Increased levels of distress for Hispanic caregivers were found to be related to decrease use of a social network to seek help by the caregiver, according to a study by Valle et al. (2004). Jarrot et al. (2005) study found that as a caregiver's worry decreased the use of formal support services increased (Jarrot, Zarit, Stephens, Townsend, & Greene, 2005).

Cullen, Grayson & Jorm (1997) found physical disability rather than behavioral disability (e.g., cognitive impairment) of a care recipient a great determinant of morbidity in elderly as well as their caregivers. Several studies have shown that, in addition to the elderly person's difficulty of mood, behavioral, and memory problems associated with Alzheimer's disease, Hispanic elderly have high levels of disease and impairment (Aranda & Knight, 1997; Dilworth-Anderson, Williams, & Gibson, 2002; Yeo, Gallagher-Thompson, & Lieberman, 1996). Hispanic populations are susceptible to long-term chronic diseases such as diabetes, heart disease, cancer, and stroke

(Administration on Aging, 2003). These types of disease lead to impairments in functional abilities such as being able to go outside the home alone or cause difficulty in activities of daily living such as bathing, dressing, or getting around inside the home (National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research, 1999).

When a disease such as diabetes has progressed over several years, a caregiver may be caring for an elderly family member with dementia and possibly vision impairments or amputations (Aranda & Knight, 1997). Pinquart & Sorenson (2005) found that Hispanic caregivers provided care to family members with dementia for longer periods of time than non-Hispanic White caregivers. A study by Faison et al. (1999) found that when activities of care such as bathing and dressing as well as preparing meals and doing housework increased, caregivers reported increased levels of caregiver burden. The study also reported that daughters and other relatives reported significantly more burden than sons (Faison, Faria, & Frank, 1999).

There is an increased likelihood that the caregivers, in particular women who are spouses, experience poor health or increased health problems due to the average caregiver being over age 40 (Aranda & Knight, 1997; Covinsky et al., 2003; Sörensen & Pinquart, 2005). Ory et al. (1999) found that women in their study reported more emotional and physical health strain than men. In addition, there have been several studies that have shown a decrease in preventive behaviors and a negative change in health over time for caregivers of family members with impairment (Cox & Monk, 1990). This study focuses on women as family caregivers because this group has been found to be more likely to have increased health problems, lower education levels and

increased psychological distress while caregiving, all of which add additional stress to the role (Pinquart & Sorenson, 2005).

The influence of factors related to the caregivers' ethnicity in the utilization of services may predict important caregiver behaviors. For this study, there is a special interest in examining the behaviors of Hispanic caregivers in particular because some research suggests that they have the highest overall unmet need compared to White and African American caregivers. This study could benefit caregivers by discovering the factors influencing utilization that may be unique to this ethnic group. If the factors that predict utilization of formal support services by Cuban Hispanic caregivers are different from non-Cuban Hispanic caregivers, then the information gathered through this study can be used to design services that are tailored to meet the needs and diversity of these ethnic groups in order to increase service utilization which would then reduce the potential negative impact on the caregivers' and care recipients' health and well-being. *Statement of Hypotheses*

The hypotheses for this study are as follows:

- 1) It is hypothesized that the utilization of formal support services by Hispanic caregivers can be predicted by:
 - a) the severity of the caregiving stressors (i.e. number of hours spent with care recipient and amount of time doing specific activities for care recipients),
 - b) the care recipient's health status (i.e. level of functioning),
 - c) the caregiver's coping strategies (i.e. religiosity and appraisal of caregiving),
 - d) the caregiver's social support (i.e. support from social network),

- e) the caregiver's psychological distress (i.e. depression), and
- f) educational level for the caregiver.
- 2) It is further hypothesized that the predictors specified in hypothesis one are factors on which Cuban Hispanic caregivers will differ from non-Cuban Hispanic caregivers.

CHAPTER II

METHODOLOGY

The purpose of the current study was to investigate the factors that influence the utilization of formal care support services for Cuban Hispanic and non-Cuban Hispanic caregivers. Additionally, the aim was to determine there are significant differences amongst those factors between the two groups. This chapter will discuss the selection of participants, the demographics of participants, the instruments used, and a description of the procedure for conducting the research.

Participants

Data from the Resources for Enhancing Caregiver Health (REACH) were utilized for this study (Schultz, 2003). This database is publicly (http://www.edc.gsph.pitt.edu/Reach/). Family caregivers of individuals with dementia were recruited from memory disorder clinics, primary care clinics, social service agencies, and physicians' offices at two different sites (Wisniewski, Belle, Coon, Marcus, Ory, Burgio, Burns, & Schulz, 2003). Diverse ethnic groups were recruited, including Hispanic/Latino caregivers. Community outreach, which was tailored to the specific racial or ethnic group being recruited, was done for all sites through radio, television, targeted newsletters, public service announcements, or community presentations (Wisniewski et al., 2003).

For the purposes of this study, only female caregivers from the Miami site and at the Palo Alto site will be examined. A total of 196 female participants caregivers were

recruited from both sites, which includes 108 non-Cuban Hispanic caregivers and 88 Cuban Hispanic caregivers (Wisniewski et al., 2003).

For a caregiver to be eligible for the study, they were required to be over the age of 21 (Wisniewski et al., 2003). Caregivers also had to be living with and providing care for a relative with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders for a minimum of 4 hours per day for at least the previous six months prior to recruitment (Wisniewski et al., 2003). Other requirements to be eligible to participate in the study were that the caregivers had to have a telephone, planned on remaining in the geographic area for at least 6 months, and were competent in either English or Spanish, as specified by each study site (Wisniewski et al., 2003). If caregivers were participating in any other caregiver intervention study or had an illness that would prevent them from participating for a minimum of 6 months, then they were excluded from participation in the REACH study (Wisniewski et al., 2003).

In addition, for care recipients to be eligible for the study, they had to have a medical diagnosis of probable Alzheimer's Disease or a related dementia (ADRD) or a Mini Mental Status Exam (MMSE; Folstein, Folstein, & McHugh, 1975) score lower than 24 (Wisniewski et al., 2003). The MMSE is a brief measure of cognitive functioning and a score of 24 on this measure indicates moderate to severe cognitive impairment. The care recipient also had to have at least one limitation in basic activities of daily living (ADLs; Katz, Ford, Moskowitz, Jackson, & Jaffe, 1963) or at least two dependencies in their instrumental activities of daily living (IADLs; Lawton & Brody, 1969; Wisniewski et al., 2003).

Instruments

Sociodemographic variables such as age, gender, ethnicity, marital status, education level, religious preference, employment, and years providing care for the care recipient and the caregiver were assessed using a self-report obtained through a semi-structured interview using a set of screening questions that were developed for the REACH project (Wisniewski et al., 2003). The full measures can be reviewed in Appendix A.

Vigilance Scale (Mahoney, Jones, Coon, Mendelsohn, Gitlin, & Ory, 2003). This instrument was specifically developed for the REACH project and was normed on the population utilized in the REACH project. This measure consists of four time related response questions regarding the amount of time the caregiver may leave the care recipient alone the home, alone a room, how many hours the caregivers feel they are on duty, and how many hours they spend doing things for the care recipients. The purpose of this measure is to serve as an estimate of the cost of in time of caregiving. The response times are recorded in hours and minutes. There are four subscales consisting of each time-related question. The current study has a Cronbach's alpha of .15 for the Vigilance scale (Cuban .23 and non-Cuban .08).

Revised Memory and Behavior Problems Checklist (RMBPC) (Roth et al., 2003; Teri et al., 1992). This instrument measured the perceived burden experienced by the caregiver related to problem behaviors, including information about the care recipients' memory and behavioral problems, such as hiding things and wandering, that the care recipient experienced during the week prior to the interview. The measure is self-

administered and consists of 24 items. The caregiver was asked about behaviors or problems the care recipient had experienced in the past week. The responses were no (0), yes (1), unknown (-3), or refused (-4). In addition, the caregivers are also asked to rate the how bothered they were by the behaviors. The respondents were shown a card with the responses were not at all (0), a little (1), moderately (2), very much (3), extremely (4), unknown (-3), and refused (-4). The RMBPC is a valid and reliable instrument that is often used to assess overall level of behavioral problems and identify specific areas of dysfunction in dementia patients (Teri et al., 1992). This measure has been found to be valid for use with Latino populations (Roth et al., 2003). The current study has a Cronbach's alpha of .82 for the RMBPC (Cuban .79 and non-Cuban .84).

Positive Aspects of Caregiving (Tarlow, Wisniewski, Belle, Rubert, Ory, Gallagher-Thompson., 2004). This instrument was developed for the REACH project to obtain information regarding the positive aspects of caring for the care recipient that the caregivers had experienced (Tarlow et al., 2004). This measure consists of 11 items that are phrased as statements about the caregiver's mental health and affective state with regards to the caregiving experience (Tarlow et al., 2004). Based on the recommendations by Tarlow et al. (2004), two of the items, "given more meaning to my life" and "enabled me to learn new skills," were dropped from the scale and the remaining 9 items were used in this study. The measure is composed of two subscales, Self – Affirmation and Outlook on Life, that can be used as separated subscales and are also well correlated to develop a summative score. Higher scores indicate more positive feelings about the caregiving experience. The respondents were asked to rate each

phrase using a scale ranging with the options: 1 (disagrees a lot), 2 (disagrees a little), 3 (Neither agree nor disagree), 4 (agree a little) or 5 (agree a lot). The scale has been tested with large and divers populations and has been found to be a valid and reliable measure of the positive dimensions of caregiving (Tarlow et al., 2004). The current study has a Cronbach's alpha of .86 for the Positive Aspects of Caring measure (Cuban .85 and non-Cuban .86).

Religiosity Scale (Mausbach, Coon, Cardenas, & Thompson, 2003). This instrument was also developed for the REACH project to measure the positive aspects of caregiving in regards to religious and spiritual beliefs (Mausbach et al., 2003). A global religiosity scale which consisted of three questions comprises the scale. The participants are asked the following questions: (a) How often do you usually attend religious services, meetings, and/or activities, (b) How important is your spirituality or religious faith to you, and (c) How often do you pray or meditate? The response options for attendance and prayer were 1 (never), 2 (once a year), 3 (a few times a year), 4 (at least once a month), 5 (at least once a week, or 6 (nearly every day). For the importance of religion, the respondents could choose four options, 1(not very important), 2 (somewhat important), 3 (important), 4 or (very important). The current study has a Cronbach's alpha of .57 for the Religiosity scale (Cuban .70 and non-Cuban .37).

Social Support Scale-Modified (Barrera, Sandler, & Ramsey, 1981; Krause, 1995; Krause & Markides, 1990). This instrument was modified for the project to measure the kinds and amount of support the caregiver received from friends, neighbors, or family members as well as social networks, negative interactions, and overall

satisfaction with social support. The original scale was developed for use with older adults and has been modified to be use with caregivers by including items regarding social network (Krause & Markides, 1990; Krause, 1995). The current study has a Cronbach's alpha of .83 for the Social Support scale (Cuban .82 and non-Cuban .83).

Formal Care and Services Scale (Wisniewski et al., 2003). This instrument was developed for the REACH project to measure the variety and frequency of usage of community-based medical and other care services with the month prior to the interview (Wisniewski et al., 2003). This scale consists of 22 dichotomous (yes/no) items used to assess whether or not a caregiver utilized a service either for herself or for the care recipient. The items include services such as having a homemaker, receiving meals, visiting the emergency room, and other services obtained in the home, community, physician, and hospital services. Each item was followed by an additional question of how often the services were received. The current study has a Cronbach's alpha of .54 for the Formal Care and Services scale (Cuban .61 and non-Cuban .47).

Center for Epidemiologic Studies- Depression Scale (CES-D) (Radloff, 1977;

Perriera, Deeb-Sossa, Harris, & Bollen, 2005). This instrument is a 20 item self-report measure of depressive symptoms used to measure the psychological distress of the caregiver over the past week (Radloff, 1977). This measure is widely used for the measurement of depression and the identification of individuals who are prone to depression (Perriera et al., 2005). Each item on the CES-D has a potential value ranging from 0 to 3, with 0 = rarely or none of the time, 1 = some of the time, 2 = a lot of the time, and 3 = most or all of the time. The composite score ranges from 0 to 60 with

higher scores over 24 indicating prevalent depressive symptoms. For the purposes of this study, the four subscales (negative affect, positive affect, somatic complaints, and negative interactions) recommended by Perriera et al. (2005) for use with ethnic minority populations were utilized. The current study has a Cronbach's alpha of .79 for the CES-D (Cuban .79 and non-Cuban .79).

Procedures

Family caregivers of individuals with dementia were recruited from memory disorder clinics, primary care clinics, social service agencies, and physicians' offices at two different sites (Wisniewski et al., 2003). Diverse ethnic groups were recruited, including Hispanic/Latino caregivers. Community outreach, which was tailored to the specific racial or ethnic group being recruited, was done for all sites through radio, television, targeted newsletters, public service announcements, or community presentations (Wisniewski et al., 2003).

An initial interview was done at each site participating in the REACH project. The interviews were done by telephone using a common set of screening questions (Gitlin, Burgio, Czaja, Mahoney, Gallagher-Thompson, Burns, Hauck, Belle, Schulz, & Ory, 2003). After a participant was considered eligible for the study, informed consent was obtained and the caregivers were then administered the core battery of assessments to obtain baseline data. Interviewers were trained and established standardized and reliable procedures for interviewing to work on the REACH project (Gitlin et al., 2003). Institutional Review Board approval was obtained for the specific intervention given at each sites and was maintained throughout the study (Gitlin et al., 2003).

All of the assessment instruments were translated into Spanish (Gitlin et al., 2003). The method used to translate the instruments involved translating, then backtranslating the instrument by a professional translation team (Gitlin et al., 2003). After each instrument was translated, it was then modified for dialect differences and reviewed by bilingual, bicultural experts for correctness (Gitlin et al., 2003). Each of the instruments was then pilot tested prior to being used (Gitlin et al., 2003).

This study was approved by the Institutional Review Board (IRB) at Texas A&M University on 06/21/05 (Protocol Number 2005-0327).

CHAPTER III

RESULTS

Preliminary Analysis

Descriptive statistics on the demographic data obtained during the research study were conducted. The mean age of the non-Cuban Hispanic caregiver sample was 51.73 years with 4.6% of the sample age 25-29, 28.3% of the sample age 32-38, 30.7% of the sample age 40-49, 29% of the sample age 50-59, 17.8% of the sample age 60-69, and 8.4% age 70-78 (see Table 1). The mean age of the Cuban Hispanic caregiver sample was 64.33 years with 1.1% of the sample age 29, 1.1% of the sample age 39, 6.7% of the sample age 42-46, 22.6% of the sample age 50-59, 32.8% of the sample age 60-69, 29.6% of the sample age 70-79, and 6.8% age 80-85 (see Table 2).

Table 1
Age Characteristics of the Non-Cuban Hispanic Sample

Age	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
25	1	.9	.9	.9
27	2	1.9	1.9	2.8
28	1	.9	.9	3.7
29	1	.9	.9	4.6
32	1	.9	.9	5.6
33	1	.9	.9	6.5
34	3	2.8	2.8	9.3
35	2	1.9	1.9	11.1
36	2	1.9	1.9	13.0
37	1	.9	.9	13.9
38	3	2.8	2.8	16.7
40	2	1.9	1.9	18.5
41	2	1.9	1.9	20.4
42	3	2.8	2.8	23.1
43	5	4.6	4.6	27.8
45	5	4.6	4.6	32.4
46	2	1.9	1.9	34.3
47	4	3.7	3.7	38.0

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Age	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
48	4	3.7	3.7	41.7
49	6	5.6	5.6	47.2
50	2	1.9	1.9	49.1
51	2	1.9	1.9	50.9
52	2	1.9	1.9	52.8
53	4	3.7	3.7	56.5
54	4	3.7	3.7	60.2
56	8	7.4	7.4	67.6
57	2	1.9	1.9	69.4
58	2	1.9	1.9	71.3
59	3	2.8	2.8	74.1
60	2	1.9	1.9	75.9
61	2	1.9	1.9	77.8
63	3	2.8	2.8	80.6
64	1	.9	.9	81.5
65	3	2.8	2.8	84.3
66	2	1.9	1.9	86.1
68	3	2.8	2.8	88.9
69	3	2.8	2.8	91.7
70	1	.9	.9	92.6
71	1	.9	.9	93.5
75	2	1.9	1.9	95.4
76	3	2.8	2.8	98.1
78	2	1.9	1.9	100.0
Total	108	100.0	100.0	

Table 2
Age Characteristics of Cuban Hispanic Sample

Age Characteristics of Caban Hispanic Sample					
Age	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent	
29	1	1.1	1.1	1.1	
39	1	1.1	1.1	2.3	
42	1	1.1	1.1	3.4	
44	2	2.3	2.3	5.7	
45	1	1.1	1.1	6.8	
46	1	1.1	1.1	8.0	
50	2	2.3	2.3	10.2	
51	2	2.3	2.3	12.5	
52	1	1.1	1.1	13.6	

Table 2 continued

Age	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
53	1	1.1	1.1	14.8
54	1	1.1	1.1	15.9
55	1	1.1	1.1	17.0
56	5	5.7	5.7	22.7
58	3	3.4	3.4	26.1
59	4	4.5	4.5	30.7
60	3	3.4	3.4	34.1
61	3	3.4	3.4	37.5
62	4	4.5	4.5	42.0
63	3	3.4	3.4	45.5
64	3	3.4	3.4	48.9
66	4	4.5	4.5	53.4
67	3	3.4	3.4	56.8
68	3	3.4	3.4	60.2
69	3	3.4	3.4	63.6
70	2	2.3	2.3	65.9
71	3	3.4	3.4	69.3
72	8	9.1	9.1	78.4
73	3	3.4	3.4	81.8
74	2	2.3	2.3	84.1
75	3	3.4	3.4	87.5
76	2	2.3	2.3	89.8
78	2	2.3	2.3	92.0
79	1	1.1	1.1	93.2
80	2	2.3	2.3	95.5
81	1	1.1	1.1	96.6
82	2	2.3	2.3	98.9
85	1	1.1	1.1	100.0
Total	88	100.0	100.0	

The largest number of participants, 44.9%, labeled their ethnicity as Cuban or Cuban American. The second largest group with 39.3%, labeled their ethnicity as Mexican, Mexican American, or Chicano, while 1% were Puerto Rican and .5% were Dominican. A next largest group of participants, with 14.3%, labeled their ethnicity as other which consisted of several different ethnic groups including Bolivian, Central

American, Salvadorean, Chilean, Columbian, Ecuadorian, Guatemalan, Latin American, Nicaraguan, Panamanian, Costa Rican, South American, Peruvian, Spanish and Mexican (see Table 3).

Of the non-Cuban Hispanic participants, 69.4% were married, 13% were never married, and 10.2% were divorced, while 4.6% reported being separated from their spouse and 2.8% were widowed (see Table 4). For the Cuban Hispanic participants, 76.1% reported being married and 11.4% had been divorced and not currently married, while 8% had never been married. In addition, 4.5% of the Cuban Hispanic participants were widowed and not currently married and none of the participants reported being separated from their spouse at the time of the study (see Table 5).

Table 3

Ethnicity of Hispanic Caregivers

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Cuban or Cuban	88	44.9	44.9	84.2
American				
Mexican or	77	39.3	39.3	39.3
Mexican				
American				
Puerto Rican	2	1.0	1.0	85.2
Dominican	1	.5	.5	85.7
Hispanic other	28	14.3	14.3	100.0
Total	196	100.0	100.0	

Table 4
Marital Status of Non-Cuban Hispanic Caregivers

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	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
single, never married	14	13.0	13.0	13.0
married, living as	75	69.4	69.4	82.4
married				

Table 4 continued

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
widowed, not	3	2.8	2.8	85.2
currently married				
divorced, not	11	10.2	10.2	95.4
currently married				
separated	5	4.6	4.6	100.0
Total	108	100.0	100.0	

Table 5

Marital Status of Cuban Hispanic Caregivers

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	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
single, never married	7	8.0	8.0	8.0
married, living as	67	76.1	76.1	84.1
married				
widowed, not	4	4.5	4.5	88.6
currently married				
divorced, not	10	11.4	11.4	100.0
currently married				
separated	0	0	0	0
Total	88	100.0	100.0	

The relationship of the caregivers to the care recipients are listed in Tables 6 and 7. The largest percentage (65.7%) of non-Cuban Hispanic participants reported their relationship as being a daughter of the care recipient, while 21.3% reported being a spouse. The remaining non-Cuban Hispanic caregivers listed their relationship as daughter-in –law (4.6%), sister (2.8%), niece (2.8%), and granddaughter (2.8%). The largest percentage of Cuban Hispanic caregivers (51.1%) reported being a spouse to the care recipient and the next largest group (42%) reported their relationship as being a daughter. The remaining percentage of Cuban Hispanic caregivers reported their relationship to the care recipient at daughter-in-law (2.3%), sister (2.3%), niece (1.1), and sister-in-law (1.1).

Religious preferences were also included for the participants (see Table 8 and Table 9). The largest percentage of non-Cuban Hispanic participants, 67.6%, endorsed having a religious preference of Roman Catholic. The next largest group of participants was 14.8%, which endorsed for other religious preferences including Born Again Christian, Christian, Nazarene, non-Denominational Christian, and Pentecostal. There were 9.3% of the participants that endorsed a preference for other Protestant (Adventist, Christian, Evangelic, and Pentecost), 2.8% for Jehovah's Witness, 1.9% for Orthodox Christian, 1.9% for Baptist, 1.9 % for Presbyterian, and .9% refused to answer. The largest percentage of Cuban Hispanic participants, 81.8%, endorsed a religious preference for Roman Catholic. The religious preference of Baptist was endorsed for 4.5% of the participants, 2.3% for Presbyterian as well as 2.3% for Jewish and 2.3% reported no religious preference. Methodist (1.1%), Protestant (1.1%), Orthodox Christian (1.1%), Jehovah's Witness (1.1%), Spiritual, but not religious (1.1%) and other (Plymouth Congregational) (1.1%) were each endorsed by small percentages of the Cuban Hispanic participants.

Table 6
Relationship of Non-Cuban Hispanic Caregivers to Care Recipient

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	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent	
Wife	23	21.3	21.3	21.3	
Daughter	71	65.7	65.7	87.0	
Daughter-in-Law	5	4.6	4.6	91.7	
Sister	3	2.8	2.8	94.4	
Niece	3	2.8	2.8	97.2	
Granddaughter	3	2.8	2.8	100.0	
Total	108	100.0	100.0		

Table 7
Relationship of Cuban Hispanic Caregivers to Care Recipient

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Wife	45	51.1	51.1	51.1
Daughter	37	42.0	42.0	93.2
Daughter-in-Law	2	2.3	2.3	95.5
Sister	2	2.3	2.3	97.7
Niece	1	1.1	1.1	98.9
Sister-in-Law	1	1.1	1.1	100.0
Total	88	100.0	100.0	

Table 8
Religious Preferences of Non-Cuban Hispanic Caregivers

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
refused	1	.9	.9	.9
Baptist	2	1.9	1.9	2.8
Presbyterian	1	.9	.9	3.7
Protestant	10	9.3	9.3	13.0
Roman Catholic	73	67.6	67.6	80.6
Orthodox Christian	2	1.9	1.9	82.4
Jehovah's Witness	3	2.8	2.8	85.2
Other	16	14.8	14.8	100.0
Total	108	100.0	100.0	

Table 9
Religious Preferences of Cuban Hispanic Caregivers

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Methodist	1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Baptist	4	4.5	4.5	5.7
Presbyterian	2	2.3	2.3	8.0
Other Protestant	1	1.1	1.1	9.1
Roman Catholic	72	81.8	81.8	90.9
Orthodox Christian	1	1.1	1.1	92.0
Jewish	2	2.3	2.3	94.3
Jehovah's Witness	1	1.1	1.1	95.5
Spiritual, but not	1	1.1	1.1	96.6
religious				
Other	1	1.1	1.1	97.7
None	2	2.3	2.3	100.0
Total	88	100.0	100.0	

The non-Cuban Hispanic participants reported that 60.2% had a high school education or less, while 24.1% had attended vocational training, some college or had an associate degree and 10.2% had a college degree or higher. For the Cuban Hispanic participants, 46.6% reported having a high school education or less, while 22.7% had attended vocational training, some college or had an associate degree. In contrast to the non-Cuban Hispanic participants, 30.8% of the Cuban Hispanic participants had a college degree or higher. Table 10 and Table 11 display the education levels separated by ethnic group.

Table 10

Education Level of Non-Cuban Hispanic Participants

Education Level of Non-Cuban Hispanic Participants					
	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent	
no formal education	1	.9	.9	.9	
grade 2	2	1.9	1.9	2.8	
grade 3	4	3.7	3.7	6.5	
grade 4	4	3.7	3.7	10.2	
grade 5	3	2.8	2.8	13.0	
grade 6	12	11.1	11.1	24.1	
grade 7	3	2.8	2.8	26.9	
grade 8	6	5.6	5.6	32.4	
grade 9	5	4.6	4.6	37.0	
grade 10	2	1.9	1.9	38.9	
grade 11	5	4.6	4.6	43.5	
grade 12/high	18	16.7	16.7	60.2	
school/ GED					
vocational/	6	5.6	5.6	65.7	
training after high					
school					
some college/	26	24.1	24.1	89.8	
associate degree					
college graduate	10	9.3	9.3	99.1	
doctoral degree	1	.9	.9	100.0	
Total	108	100.0	100.0		

Table 11

Education Level of Cuban Hispanic Participants

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
grade 2	1	1.1	1.1	1.1
grade 3	1	1.1	1.1	2.3
grade 4	1	1.1	1.1	3.4
grade 5	2	2.3	2.3	5.7
grade 6	5	5.7	5.7	11.4
grade 7	3	3.4	3.4	14.8
grade 8	8	9.1	9.1	23.9
grade 9	2	2.3	2.3	26.1
grade 10	3	3.4	3.4	29.5
grade 11	2	2.3	2.3	31.8
grade 12/high	13	14.8	14.8	46.6
school/ GED				
vocational/	5	5.7	5.7	52.3
training after high school				
some college/ associate degree	15	17.0	17.0	69.3
college graduate	13	14.8	14.8	84.1
master's degree	7	8.0	8.0	92.0
doctoral degree	7	8.0	8.0	100.0
Total		88	100.0	100.0

Participants also reported the country in which they received their last year of formal education. The non-Cuban Hispanic participants reported that 28.7% received their last year of education in Mexico, 50% in the United States, and 19.4 % in other countries including Bolivia, Chile, Columbia, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, Puerto Rico, and Venezuela. Additionally, .9% refused to answer. In contrast to this, 76.1% of the Cuban Hispanic participants received their last year of formal education in Cuba and only 20.1% were in the United States, while 1.1% were in Mexico and 2.3% in Cuba and Puerto Rico. Table 12 and Table 13 display the

statistics for the country in which each participant group received their last year of formal education.

Table 12
Country of Last Year of Formal Education for Non-Cuban Hispanic
Participants

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
refused response	1	.9	.9	.9
United States	54	50.0	50.0	50.9
Mexico	31	28.7	28.7	79.6
Other Country	22	20.4	20.4	100.0
Total	108	100.0	100.0	

Table 13
Country of Last Year of Formal Education for Cuban Hispanic Participants

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	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
United States	18	20.5	20.5	20.5
Cuba	67	76.1	76.1	96.6
Mexico	1	1.1	1.1	97.7
Other Country	2	2.3	2.3	100.0
Total	88	100.0	100.0	

Employment status of the non-Cuban Hispanic and non-Cuban Hispanic participants are displayed in Table 14 and Table 15. The non-Cuban Hispanic participants reported that 30.6% were homemakers, not currently working for pay, 27.8% were employed at a job full-time, for pay, 21.3% were employed at a job part-time, for pay, 12% were currently not employed, retired, and 8.3% were not currently employed, not retired. For the Cuban Hispanic participants, 37.5% were reportedly homemakers, not working for pay, 20.5% were employed part-time, working for pay, 19.3% were employed at a job full-time, for pay, 15.9% were not currently employed,

not retired, and 6.9% were employed at a job part-time, for pay. The total sample consisted of 196 participants with 88 Cuban Hispanic caregivers and 108 non-Cuban Hispanic caregivers, which is an adequate sample size for conducting SEM (Loehlin, 1992).

Table 14
Employment Status of Non-Cuban Hispanic Participants

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
employed at job for	30	27.8	27.8	27.8
pay, full-time				
employed at job for	23	21.3	21.3	49.1
pay, part-time				
homemaker, not	33	30.6	30.6	79.6
currently working for				
pay				
not currently	13	12.0	12.0	91.7
employed, retired				
not employed, not	9	8.3	8.3	100.0
retired				
Total	108	100.0	100.0	

Table 15
Employment Status of Cuban Hispanic Participants

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
employed at job for	17	19.3	19.3	19.3
pay, full-time				
employed at job for	6	6.8	6.8	26.1
pay, part-time				
homemaker, not	18	20.5	20.5	46.6
currently working for				
pay				
not currently	33	37.5	37.5	84.1
employed, retired				
not employed, not	14	15.9	15.9	100.0
retired				
Total	88	100.0	100.0	

Descriptive statistics for the central variables for the Hispanic group are presented in Table 16. The descriptive data indicates a low use of formal care services by the Hispanic group as shown by the fairly low, mean score on the Formal Care and Services measure (form) of 2. Scores on that various scales of the Scales of Care Recipient (CR) Health Status indicate that the care recipients in this study, on average, endorsed a high level of memory problems (crhs) and depressive symptoms (crhs3) as well as slightly elevated levels of disruptive behavior (crhs2). Scores on the Social Support Scale-Modified for the Hispanic group indicated that this group endorsed low levels of received support (socsup2). The groups mean scores also indicated moderately low levels of negative interactions (socup3) and moderately high levels of social networks (socsup) and satisfaction with support (socsup4). Scores on the Caregiver (CG) Psychological Distress scales indicate low endorsement of depressed affect (cgdep), which indicates the caregivers do not often experience feelings of loneliness or of feeling depressed, positive affect (cgdep2), which indicates the caregiver has low levels of experiencing feeling good and hopeful, and somatic complaints (cgdep3), which indicates the caregiver has less experiences of loss of appetite and talking less. In addition, the scores indicated moderately high levels of negative interpersonal relations (cgdep4), which indicates the caregivers may often feel that they are disliked by others or that others were unfriendly.

The mean scores on the Vigilance scale were slightly high on three items including the amount time the caregiver can leave the care recipient home alone (vigil), the amount of time the caregiver can leave the care recipient alone in a room (vigil2),

and the amount of hours the caregiver spends doing things for the care recipient (vigil4). The mean score for the amount of time the caregivers feels she is on duty is high, when compared to the items. These elevated mean scores indicate that the caregivers spend more time in providing direct care to the care recipients. They are less able to leave the care recipients for long periods of time.

Scores on the Religiosity scale indicate moderately high level of endorsement for attending prayer services (relig), how important religion is to the caregiver (relig2), and how often the caregiver prays (relig3). These mean scores indicate that religiosity is highly endorsed by the Hispanic group. Finally, mean scores on the Positive Aspects of Caring scale indicate moderately high levels of self-affirmation (appra), which indicates that caregivers experience feeling useful and needed. Outlook on life (appra2), which indicates the caregivers experience feelings of strengthened relationships and a more positive attitude, was moderately high as well.

Table 16
Descriptive Statistics of Independent and Dependent Variables for the Hispanic Group

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Scales	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std. Deviation
CR Health Status				_
crhs	220.59	320.59	298.7510	18.63809
crhs2	312.55	422.55	371.1180	21.79155
crhs3	368.89	458.89	405.6221	22.99501
CG Social Support				
socsup	211.43	641.43	467.2976	73.94914
socsup2	418.71	738.71	551.2621	65.67693
socsup3	130.38	290.38	202.2138	34.57721
socsup4	105.94	275.94	210.5845	33.76199

Table 16 continued

Scales	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std. Deviation
Formal Care and Services				
form	-5.00	16.00	2.2959	2.74267
CG Psychological Distress				
cgdep	.00	15.00	5.1786	4.06659
cgdep2	-9.00	12.00	6.7143	3.67946
cgdep3	-1.00	23.00	8.2959	5.95403
cgdep4	.00	6.00	.9898	1.63296
Vigilance				
vigil	4.500	195.50	98.50000	43.112851
vigil2	9.00	196.00	98.50000	55.999405
vigil3	2.000	127.500	98.50000	45.758480
vigil4	1.000	191.000	98.50000	56.544967
Religiosity				
relig	1.000	195.500	98.50000	54.306703
relig2	1.000	120.500	98.50000	41.301487
relig3	1.000	113.00	98.50000	34.984355
Positive Aspects of Caring				
appra	6.000	30.00	23.9286	5.91608
appra2	-1.000	15.00	12.1531	3.65107

Analysis Pertaining to Structural Equation Modeling

The purpose of structural models is to determine potential differences in the pattern of regression structure among latent variables. Multigroup analysis allows the measurement and structural model of two different groups to be compared through a series of tests to determine whether a model is equivalent (invariant) across groups. Using a multigroup structural equation analysis, the two hypotheses of this study are addressed. Initially, to address the first hypothesis, structural equation modeling was used to determine whether caregiver psychological distress, caregiver severity of stressors, care recipients health status, caregiver coping strategies, caregiver social support, and caregiver's level of education influence the utilization of formal care

support services for the Hispanic group. In addition, to address the second hypothesis whether the Cuban Hispanic caregivers and non-Cuban Hispanic caregivers differ in measurement and structural model of the predictor variables was analyzed using multigroup modeling.

The latent construct Caregiver (CG) Psychological Distress has four subscales — Depressed Affect (cgdep), Positive Affect (cgdep2), Somatic Complaints (cgdep3), and Interpersonal Relations (cgdep4). The latent construct Severity of Caregiver Stressors was measured by four subscales — Time Alone in Home (vigil), Time Alone in Room (vigil2), Time on Duty (vigil3), Time Doing Things (vigil4). The latent construct Care Recipient (CR) Health Status was measured by three subscales — Memory Problems (crhs), Disruptive Behaviors (crhs2), and Depressive Symptoms (crhs3). The latent construct Caregiver Coping Strategy was measured by two measures consisting of five subscales — Often Attend Services (relig), Importance of Religion (relig2), Often Pray (relig3), Self-Affirmation (appra), and Outlook on Life (appra2). The latent construct of Caregiver (CG) Social Support was measured by four subscales — Social Network (socsup), Received Support, (socsup2), Negative Interactions (socsup3), and Satisfaction with Support (socsup4). Caregiver education is measured by only one scale and is therefore included in the model as a manifest variable (cgedu). In addition, Service Utilization is measure by one scale and is also listed as a manifest variable (form).

As hypothesized, in the baseline model there are predicted relationships between the six factors of Caregiver Coping Strategy, Caregiver Severity of Stressors, Caregiver Psychological Distress, Care Recipient Health Status, and Caregiver Social Supports and the manifest variable Service Utilization (form). In addition, there is a predicted direct relationship between Level of Education (cgedu) and Service Utilization (form). There are no other predicted direct relationships hypothesized. Figure 1 displays the baseline theoretical model.

The model was evaluated using AMOS 6.0 (Arbuckle & Wothke, 1999).

Structural equation modeling allows researchers to gain knowledge about how observed variables and latent variables are related to one another (Byrne, 2001). To do this, the assumption of normality is applied to the data. The dataset was examined for violations to the assumptions of multivariate normality a priori (Byrne, 2001). Violations of the assumption of normality may inflate the Chi-square statistic (Byrne, 2001). Missing data were imputed using the NORM program (Schafer, 1997a). As indicated in Table 17, the skewness value for the Often Pray (relig3) subscale of the Religiosity scale is slightly elevated and the kurtosis value for the Formal Care and Services (form) scale and the Often Pray (relig3) subscale of the Religiosity scale are elevated indicating non-normality which may result in an elevated chi-square. Displayed in Table 17 is a more comprehensive assessment of normality characteristics for the combined Cuban Hispanic and non-Cuban Hispanic group which will be referred to as the Hispanic Group.

Table 17
Assessment of Normality for the Hispanic Group

Variable	min	max	skew	c.r.	kurtosis	c.r.
form	-5.000	16.000	.853	4.878	2.320	6.629
cgdep4	.000	6.000	1.660	9.488	1.785	5.102
cgdep3	-1.000	23.000	.499	2.849	653	-1.866

Table 17 continued

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min	max	skew	c.r.	kurtosis	c.r.
-9.000	12.000	494	-2.822	.356	1.018
.000	15.000	.539	3.082	583	-1.665
-1.000	15.000	-1.384	-7.908	1.272	3.634
4.500	195.500	124	706	1.081	3.090
9.000	196.000	010	055	-1.155	-3.302
1.000	191.000	.004	.025	-1.202	-3.435
2.000	127.500	-1.021	-5.834	789	-2.255
6.000	30.000	901	-5.151	.119	.341
1.000	113.000	-2.008	-11.476	2.082	5.949
1.000	120.500	-1.376	-7.866	011	032
.000	17.000	688	-3.930	554	-1.583
-3.000	7.000	841	-4.809	.648	1.852
211.430	641.430	337	-1.927	145	413
418.711	738.711	.274	1.564	404	-1.153
105.942	275.942	193	-1.105	500	-1.429
130.377	290.377	.653	3.730	147	420
1.000	191.500	173	991	-1.306	-3.733
.000	9.000	.294	1.679	816	-2.332
-2.000	8.000	.430	2.458	580	-1.658
				6.942	1.495
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As goodness of fit measures, chi-square statistic, comparative fit index (CFI), root-mean-square error of approximation (RMSEA) and Tucker-Lewis Index (TLI) were included. A model that fits the data will have a non-significant Chi-Square statistic, CFI and TLI over .95, and a RMSEA less than .06 (Hu & Bentler, 1999). The baseline model tested in this study did not fit the data well, comparative fit index (CFI) = .729, root-mean-square error of approximation (RMSEA) = .076, Tucker-Lewis Index (TLI) = .694 (see Table 18). In addition, the chi-square statistic was significant; χ^2 (df =205) = 438.616, p = .000.

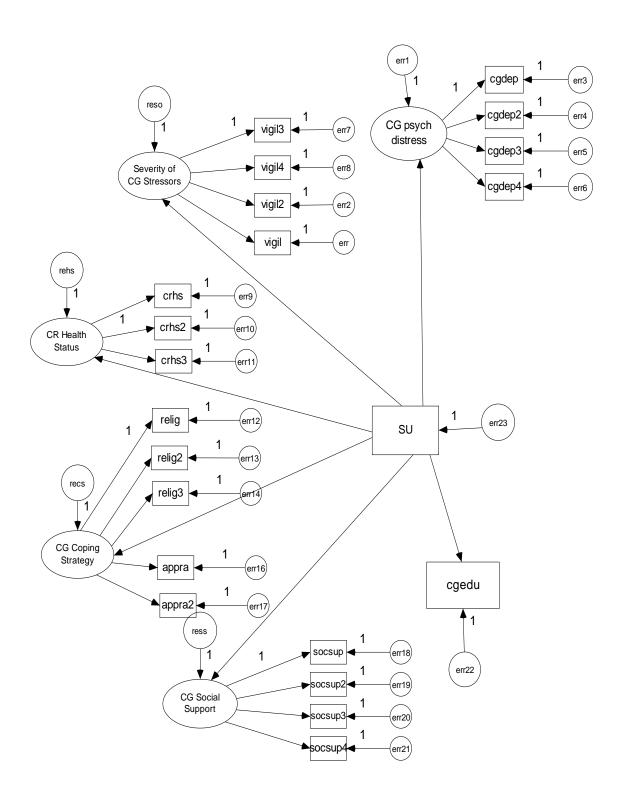


Figure 1: Input Baseline Path Model Hispanic Group

Table 18

Goodness of Fit Measures for Hispanic Baseline Model

Model	TLI	CFI	RMSEA	LO 90	HI 90	PCLOSE
	rho2					
Default model	.694	.729	.076	.067	.086	.000

Modifying indices were used to when evaluating the Hispanic group baseline model to determine possible paths to be added in order to achieve better model fit. After considering whether it made theoretical sense to add certain covariance or regression paths, they were added to the model one at a time and the model was re-estimated each time. The added covariance estimates can be seen in Table 19.

Table 19
Covariance of Estimates for Hispanic Modified Model

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			Estimate
err14	<>	err2	-377.713
err21	<>	err22	-26.400
err13	<>	err14	678.788
err20	<>	err21	-189.497
err20	<>	err22	29.780
err21	<>	err10	8.413
err2	<>	err17	18.837
err22	<>	err17	-1.078
err11	<>	err21	-10.239
err11	<>	err20	9.990
err17	<>	err10	1.260
err7	<>	err10	17.385
err20	<>	err1	42.849
err11	<>	err5	-1.181
err17	<>	err4	2.432
err12	<>	err5	-28.956
err13	<>	err6	8.263

Table 19 continued

			Estimate
err18	<>	err6	-20.526
err8	<>	err17	-29.227

The resulting final modified model had good model fit. The chi-square statistic was not significant; χ^2 (df =184) = 214.825, p = .059; comparative fit index (CFI) = .964, root-mean-square error of approximation (RMSEA) = .029, Tucker-Lewis Index (TLI) = .955 (see Table 20).

Table 20
Goodness of Fit Measures for Hispanic Modified Model

Model	TLI rho2	CFI	RMSEA	LO 90	HI 90	PCLOSE
Default model	.955	.964	.029	.000	.045	.990

In the final modified model for the Hispanic group, the path between caregiver level of education and service utilization (standardized regression weight = .250) was significant at the p< .05 level. The paths between caregiver psychological distress and service utilization (regression weight = .143, p = .115), caregiver severity of stressors and service utilization (regression weight = -.750, p = .115), care recipients health status and service utilization (regression weight = -.053, p = .271), caregivers coping strategy and service utilization (regression weight = -.384, p = .220), and caregivers social supports and service utilization (regression weight = 1.672, p = .102) are not significant. The results do not support the first hypothesis, indicating that the hypothesized theoretical

model is not a good measurement model for predicting influences on service utilization.

Standardized regression weights are shown in Table 21. Unstandardized regression weights for the final model are shown in Figure 2.

Table 21
Standardized Regression Weights for Hispanic Modified Model

Standardized Regression Weights for Hispanic Modified Model							
	Variables		Estimate				
distress	<	form	.143				
health	<	distress	.182				
stressors	<	form	750				
health	<	form	053				
coping	<	form	384				
support	<	form	1.672				
socsup2	<	support	1.660				
vigil2	<	stressors	585				
vigil3	<	stressors	1.000				
vigil	<	stressors	.001				
crhs	<	health	.369				
crhs2	<	health	1.000				
socsup4	<	support	.661				
socsup	<	support	1.000				
socsup3	<	support	.239				
relig	<	coping	1.000				
relig2	<	coping	.024				
relig3	<	coping	553				
appra2	<	coping	.496				
appra	<	coping	.617				
vigil4	<	stressors	1.370				
crhs3	<	health	.851				
cgdep	<	distress	1.000				
cgdep2	<	distress	363				
cgdep3	<	distress	1.484				
cgdep4	<	distress	.247				
cgedu	<	distress	279				
cgedu	<	form	.250				

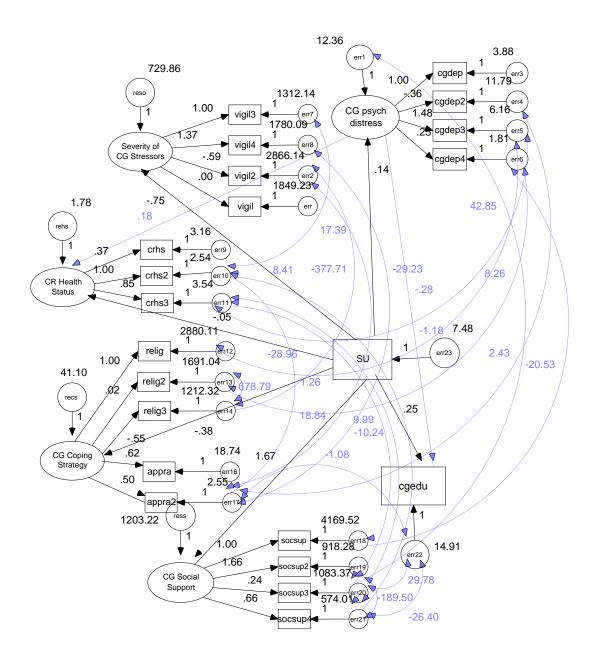


Figure 2: Path Model with Unstandardized Regression Weights and Variances for the Hispanic Modified Model. Note: Dark lines represent original path model; blue lines represent modified model

Analysis Pertaining to Multigroup Modeling

A multigroup model analysis was tested for the non-Cuban Hispanic and Cuban Hispanic participants to address the second hypothesis. Multigroup modeling allows for the testing of the same structure with two groups for measurement of invariance, which means the model is equivalent across groups (Byrne, 2001). The hypothesized baseline model examines the relationships between the endogenous latent variables and the exogenous variables. The confirmatory factor analysis structure is comprised of five endogenous factors: Caregiver Coping Strategy, Caregiver Psychological Distress, Caregiver Social Supports, Care Recipients Health Status, and Caregiver Severity of Stressors, and the manifest variable, Caregiver Level of Education. Each endogenous factor is measure by observed variables, which the reliability of are influenced by random measurement error (see Figure 3).

The latent construct Caregiver (CG) Psychological Distress has four subscales — Depressed Affect (cgdep), Positive Affect (cgdep2), Somatic Complaints (cgdep3), and Interpersonal Relations (cgdep4). The latent construct Severity of Caregiver Stressors was measured by four subscales — Time Alone in Home (vigil), Time Alone in Room (vigil2), Time on Duty (vigil3), Time Doing Things (vigil4). The latent construct Care Recipient (CR) Health Status was measured by three subscales — Memory Problems (crhs), Disruptive Behaviors (crhs2), and Depressive Symptoms (crhs3). The latent construct Caregiver Coping Strategy was measured by two measures consisting of three subscales and one global scale — Often Attend Services (relig), Importance of Religion (relig2), Often Pray (relig3), global score for Positive Aspects of Caregiving (appragl).

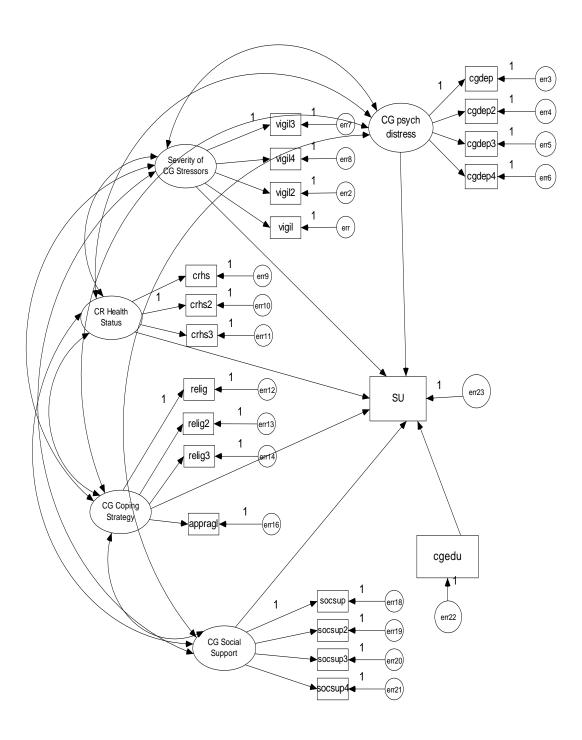


Figure 3: Input Baseline Multigroup Path Model

The latent construct of Caregiver (CG) Social Support was measured by four subscales — Social Network (socsup), Received Support, (socsup2), Negative Interactions (socsup3), and Satisfaction with Support (socsup4). Caregiver education is measured by only one scale and is therefore included in the model as a manifest variable (cgedu). In addition, all items are measured by Service Utilization (form), which is a global score the Formal Care and Services scale.

Initially, the two groups were tested separately to gain an overview of consistencies between the models. This does not test for significant differences in the parameters of the model for each group, but if consistencies between the models are found then multigroup modeling can occur (Byrne, 2000). This multigroup baseline model, when tested with the non-Cuban Hispanic participants, did not fit the data well, comparative fit index (CFI) = .816, root-mean-square error of approximation (RMSEA) = .067, Tucker-Lewis Index (TLI) = .779 (see Table 22). In addition, the chi-square statistic was significant; χ^2 (df =175) = 258.739, p = .000.

Table 22
Goodness of Fit Measures for Non-Cuban Baseline Model

Model	TLI rho2	CFI	RMSEA	LO 90	HI 90	PCLOSE
Default model	.779	.816	.067	.049	.084	.061

Modifying indices were used when re-evaluating the non-Cuban Hispanic participants' baseline model to determine possible paths to be added in order to achieve better model fit. After considering whether it made theoretical sensible to add a certain

covariance or regression paths, they were added to the model one at a time and the model was re-estimated each time. The added covariance estimates can be seen in Table 23.

Table 23
Covariance Estimates for Non-Cuban Modified Model

			Estimate
stressors	<>	distress	15.755
health	<>	distress	2.733
coping	<>	distress	-11.570
support	<>	distress	8.032
stressors	<>	health	17.633
stressors	<>	coping	129.207
support	<>	stressors	13.676
health	<>	coping	4.029
support	<>	health	9.063
support	<>	coping	44.767
err12	<>	err2	569.199
err21	<>	err22	-20.036
err16	<>	err6	2.059
err14	<>	err16	-67.029
err11	<>	err21	-11.374
err8	<>	err22	-43.174

The resulting final modified model had a good fit with the data. The chi-square statistic was not significant; χ^2 (df =166) = 181.866, p = .059; comparative fit index (CFI) = .965, root-mean-square error of approximation (RMSEA) = .030, Tucker-Lewis Index (TLI) = .956 (see Table 24).

Table 24
Goodness of Fit Measures Non-Cuban Modified Model

Model	TLI rho2	CFI	RMSEA	LO 90	HI 90	PCLOSE
Default model	. 956	. 965	. 030	.000	.055	.901

In the final modified multigroup model for the non-Cuban Hispanic participants, parameter estimates between caregiver psychological distress and positive affect (cgdep2) (regression weight = -.476), somatic complaints (cgdep3) (regression weight = 1.150), and interpersonal relations (cgdep4) (regression weight = .269) and the additional paths for negative interactions (socup3) (regression weight = 4.726) and satisfaction with social support (socsup4) (regression weight = -2.522) were significant at the p < .001 level. The paths for psychological distress and service utilization (form) (standardized regression weight = .313) and the additional path for social networks (socsup) (regression weight = -4.761) were significant at the p < .05 level.

The path for care recipient health status and memory problems (crhs) (regression weight = .578) was significant at the p = .001 level and the path for depression (crhs3) (regression weight = 1.055) was significant at the p < .05 level. The parameter estimate for care recipient health status and service utilization (form) (regression weight = -.534, p = .244) was not significant. The parameter estimates for caregiver severity of stressors and time alone in room (vigil2) (regression weight = -.645), time doing things (vigil4) (regression weight = 1.066) and service utilization (form) (regression weight = -.003) were significant at the p = .05 level. The parameter estimate for caregiver severity of stressors and time home alone (vigil) (regression weight = .115) was not significant.

The parameter estimates for caregiver coping strategy and often pray (relig3) (standardized regression weight = 1.166) and importance of religion (relig2) (standardized regression weight = 2.186), were significant at the p< .05 level. The paths between caregivers coping strategy and service utilization (form) (regression weight = .019, p = .486) and the additional path for positive aspects of caregiving (appragl) (regression weight = .107) were not significant parameter estimates.

The paths for caregiver social supports and received support (socsup2) (regression weight = 1.953) and satisfaction with social support (socsup4) (regression weight = .624) are significant at the p = .001 level and for negative interactions (socsup3) (regression weight = .190) at the p = .05 level. The parameter estimate for caregiver social supports and service utilization (form) (regression weight = -.003, p = .816) is not significant. The parameter estimate for caregiver education and service utilization (form) (regression weight = .073, p = .287) is not significant. Standardized regression weights are shown in Table 25. Unstandardized regression weights for the final model are shown in Figure 4.

Table 25
Standardized Regression Weights for Non-Cuban Modified Model

	Variables	Estimate	
socsup2	<	support	1.953
vigil2	<	stressors	645
vigil3	<	stressors	1.000
vigil	<	stressors	.115
crhs	<	health	.578
crhs2	<	health	1.000
socsup4	<	support	.624

Table 25 continued

	Variables		Estimate
socsup	<	support	1.000
socsup3	<	support	.190
relig	<	coping	1.000
relig2	<	coping	2.186
relig3	<	coping	1.166
appragl	<	coping	.107
vigil4	<	stressors	1.066
crhs3	<	health	1.055
cgdep	<	distress	1.000
cgdep2	<	distress	476
cgdep3	<	distress	1.510
cgdep4	<	distress	.269
form	<	health	534
form	<	coping	.019
form	<	stressors	003
form	<	distress	.313
form	<	support	.023
form	<	cgedu	.073
socsup4	<	distress	-2.522
socsup	<	distress	-4.761
socsup3	<	distress	4.726

The baseline multigroup model was then tested with the Cuban Hispanic participants. The model not fit the data well, comparative fit index (CFI) = .805, root-mean-square error of approximation (RMSEA) = .805, Tucker-Lewis Index (TLI) = .766 (see Table 26). In addition, the chi-square statistic was significant; χ^2 (df =175) = 237.102, p = .001.

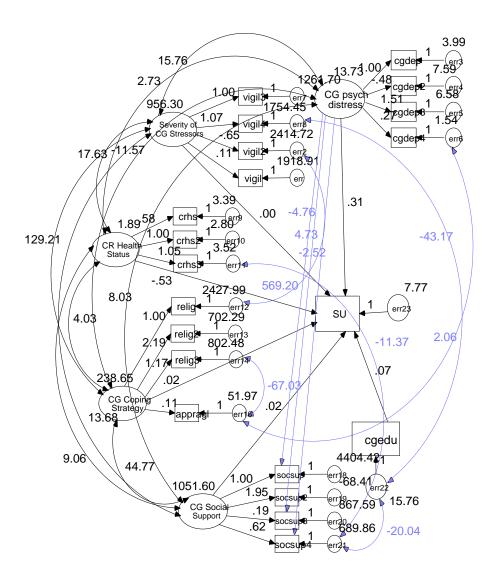


Figure 4: Path Model for Non-Cuban Hispanic Participants with Unstandardized Regression Weights and Variances. Note: Dark lines represent original path model; blue lines represent modified model

Table 26
Goodness of Fit Measures for Cuban Baseline Model

Model	TLI rho2	CFI	RMSEA	LO 90	HI 90	PCLOSE
Default model	.766	.805	.805	.041	.084	.142

Modifying indices were used to when re-evaluating the Cuban Hispanic participants' multigroup baseline model to determine possible paths to be added in order to achieve better model fit. After considering whether it made theoretical sense to add a certain covariance or regression paths, they were added to the model one at a time and the model was re-estimated each time. The added covariance estimates can be seen in Table 27.

Table 27
Covariance Estimates for Cuban Modified Model

			Estimate
stressors	<>	distress	17.470
health	<>	distress	14.024
coping	<>	distress	.276
support	<>	distress	-3.206
stressors	<>	health	133.947
stressors	<>	coping	1.532
support	<>	stressors	-7.586
health	<>	coping	-2.314
support	<>	health	-5.375
support	<>	coping	4.216
err20	<>	err19	3.381
err11	<>	err21	-13.329
err11	<>	err7	-222.674
err14	<>	err2	-460.913
err7	<>	err4	-33.092

The resulting final modified model had a good fit with the data. The chi-square statistic was not significant; χ^2 (df =176) = 179.348, p = .243; comparative fit index (CFI) = .961, root-mean-square error of approximation (RMSEA) = .029, Tucker-Lewis Index (TLI) = .951 (see Table 28).

Table 28
Goodness of Fit Measures for Cuban Modified Model

Model	TLI rho2	CFI	RMSEA	LO 90	HI 90	PCLOSE
Default model	. 951	. 961	. 029	.000	.058	.865

In the final modified multigroup model for the Cuban Hispanic participants, parameter estimates between caregiver psychological distress and somatic complaints (cgdep3) (regression weight = 1.449), interpersonal relations (cgdep4) (regression weight = .228), and the additional paths for received support (socsup2) (regression weight = .568) were significant at the p = .001 level. Paths for caregiver psychological distress and education level (regression weight = -.304) and for negative interactions (socsup3) (regression weight = -.278) were significant at the p < .05 level. Parameter estimates between caregiver psychological distress and positive affect (cgdep2) (regression weight = -.224, p = .054) and for service utilization (form) (regression weight = .001, p = .892) were not significant parameter estimates.

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The path for care recipient health status and memory problems (crhs) (regression weight = .100, p = .388), depression (crhs3) (regression weight = .205, p = .356), and service utilization (form) (regression weight = -.007, p = .470 were not significant parameter estimates. Caregiver severity of stressors parameter estimates for time alone in room (vigil2) (regression weight = -.694) and time doing things (vigil4) (regression weight = 1.525) were significant at the p = .05 level. The paths for caregiver severity of stressors and time alone in home (regression weight = -.368, p = .119) and service utilization (form) (regression weight = -.002, p = .896) were not significant. The parameter estimates for caregiver coping strategy and importance of religion (relig2) (regression weight = 5.905, p = .415), often pray (relig3) (standardized regression weight = 3.873, p = .388) positive aspects of caregiving (appragl) (standardized regression weight = -.300, p = .449), and service utilization (form) (regression weight = -.017, p = .737) were all non-significant parameter estimates.

The paths for caregiver social supports and received support (socsup2) (regression weight = 1.238) and satisfaction with social support (socsup4) (regression

weight = .623) are significant at the p = .001 level. The parameter estimates for caregiver social supports and negative interactions (socsup3) (regression weight = -.039, p = .633) and service utilization (form) (regression weight = .051, p = .405) were not significant. The parameter estimate for caregiver education and service utilization (form) (regression weight = .178) was significant at the p < .05. Standardized regression weights are shown in Table 29. Unstandardized regression weights for the final model are shown in Figure 5.

Table 29
Standardized Regression Weights for Cuban Modified Model

	Variables	S	Estimate
cgedu	<	distress	304
socsup2	<	support	1.238
vigil2	<	stressors	694
vigil3	<	stressors	1.000
vigil	<	stressors	368
crhs2	<	health	1.000
socsup4	<	support	.623
socsup	<	support	1.000
socsup3	<	support	039
relig	<	coping	1.000
relig2	<	coping	5.905
relig3	<	coping	3.873
appragl	<	coping	300
vigil4	<	stressors	1.525
crhs3	<	health	.205
cgdep	<	distress	1.000
cgdep2	<	distress	224
cgdep3	<	distress	1.449
cgdep4	<	distress	.228
form	<	coping	017
form	<	stressors	002

Table 29 continued

	Variables	Estimate	
form	<	distress	.011
form	<	support	.051
form	<	cgedu	.178
crhs	<	health	.110
form	<	health	007
socsup2	<	distress	.568
socsup3	<	distress	.278

The next step in testing for equivalencies across groups is to test the different sets of parameters in a logically ordered and increasingly restrictive manner (Byrne, 2001). Overall, the modified fit of both the models was χ^2 (df =167) = 179.348 for the Cuban Hispanic participants and χ^2 (df =166) = 181.866 for the non-Cuban Hispanic participants. After obtaining the information regarding the two models with goodness of fit indexes that fit the data well separately, the models were run simultaneously to obtain a summed chi-square statistic. This chi-square statistic is equal to the summation of the chi-square statistic of the two models run separately, χ^2 (df =333) is 361.214. This serves as a baseline model for testing invariance and reflects the extent to which the structure fits the data without any cross-group constraints (Byrne, 2001).

Since only one model can be run at a time, the Cuban Hispanic model was chosen as the baseline model due to its smaller sample size. The models were then specified so that additional cross-loadings and additional error variances from the Cuban Hispanic model were assigned a regression weight of zero for the non-Cuban Hispanic Model. The model is then re-run with structural paths constrained equal.

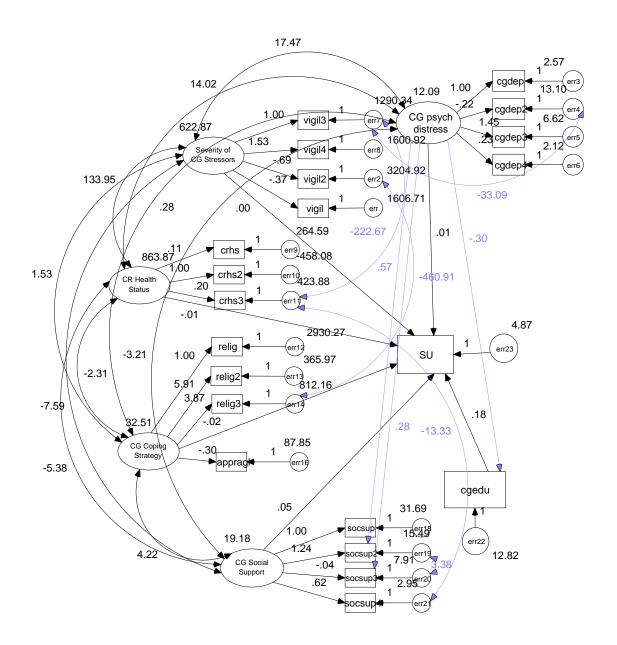


Figure 5: Path Model for Cuban Hispanic Participants with Unstandardized Regression Weights and Variances. Note: Dark lines represent original path model; blue lines represent modified model

As previously mentioned, testing for invariance with multigroup modeling involves a series of tests of the parameter estimates, error variances, and covariance for the measurement and the structural model. The first is to run the model with factor variances, error variances and loadings equally constrained across the groups, Model 1. This test was performed using the model in Figure 6. The resulting chi-square statistic is the key statistic because it is used to determine if the proposed model is equivalent across groups. For the fully constrained model, the χ^2 (df =371) is 489.006, p = .006. The χ^2 difference between the fully constrained model and the baseline model (χ^2 (df =333) = 361.214) is 127.792 with a difference in degrees of freedom of 38. It is statistically significant therefore; the next step of the process is to locate the nonequivalent parameters in the model.

The next logical step in the process is to test the pattern of factor loadings, which are referred to as Model 2. This is considered testing for invariance in the measurement model. This involves constraining only one factor and its loading at a time while allowing the remaining parameters, error variances, and covariances to be freely estimated. The factor loadings were tested and found the measurement model to be non-invariant. The next step, in Model 3, is to test for invariance in structural model. The parameter estimate for caregiver level of education (cgedu) and service utilization (form) was constrained while all other parameters, variances, and covariances remained unconstrained. The resulting χ^2 (df =335) is 389.529, p = .021. The χ^2 difference between the parameter constrained model and the baseline model (χ^2 (df =333) = 361.214) is 28.315 with a difference in degrees of freedom of 2. This chi-square statistic

is statistically significant. Next, the error variances for error 21 and error 11 where constrained and the remaining paths, variances, and covariances were unconstrained. The resulting χ^2 (df =335) is 388.473, p = .023. The χ^2 difference between the parameter constrained model and the baseline model (χ^2 (df =333) = 361.214) is 27.259 with a difference in degrees of freedom of 2. This chi-square statistic is statistically significant, therefore, this parameter is considered to be non-invariant across the groups. The remaining tests involve a series of tests for invariance of the covariances. Each covariance is systematically constrained and tested, then compared to the baseline model.

The results of the tests for the covariances showed that they were non-invariant. The steps for the tests of invariance and the resulting chi-square statistics are displayed in Table 30. The final results of the tests for invariance are that the parameters, variances, and covariances in the measurement and structural model are determined to be not equal across the groups. These findings support the second hypothesis in that there are differences across in groups in the parameters, variances, and covariances in the model tested.

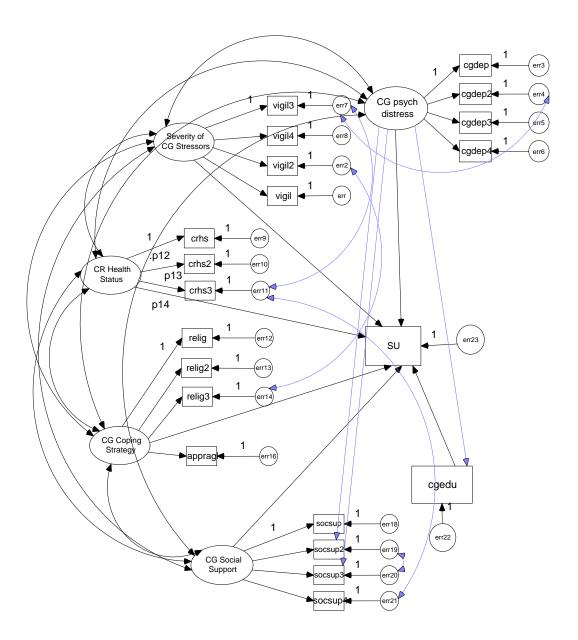


Figure 6: Testing for Invariance with Parameters of CR Health Status Constrained

Table 30 Goodness of Fit Statistics for Test of Invariance Across Cuban and Non-Cuban Hispanic

Participants: Summary

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Model Description	χ^2	df	$\Delta \chi^2$	Δdf	Statistical Significance
1. Combined baseline models (Cuban and non-Cuban Hispanics)	361.214	333	_		_
2. Factor loadings, variances, and covariances constrained equal	489.006	471	127.7792	138	.002
3. Model 2 with all factor loadings constrained equal	454.491	357	93.277	24	.000
4. Model 2 with parameters of CG psychological distress constrained	430.390	340	69.176	7	.000
5. Model 2 with parameter of item 2 on CG psychological distress constrained	391.465	335	30.251	2	.018
6. Model 2 with parameter of item 3 on CG psychological distress constrained	388.384	335	27.17	2	.023
7. Model 2 with parameter of item 4 on CG psychological distress constrained	388.851	335	27.637	2	.023
8. Model 2 with parameter of item 5 on CG psychological distress constrained	393.966	335	32.752	2	.015
9. Model 2 with parameter of item 27 on CG psychological distress constrained	403.793	335	42.579	2	.006

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Model Description	χ^2	df	$\Delta \chi^2$	Δdf	Statistical Significance
10. Model 2 with parameter of item 28 on CG psychological distress constrained	398.418	335	37.204	2	.010
11. Model 2 with parameters of CG severity of stressors constrained.	468.788	338	107.574	5	.023
12. Model 2 with parameter item 7 of CG severity of stressors constrained.	388.545	335	27.331	2	.023
13. Model 2 with parameter of item 8 on CG severity of stressors constrained.	388.364	335	27.15	2	.023
14. Model 2 with parameter of item 9 on CG severity of stressors constrained.	388.320	335	27.106	2	.022
15. Model 2 with parameter of item 10 on CG severity of stressors constrained.	391.067	335	29.853	2	.019
16. Model 2 with parameters of CR health status constrained.	389.239	336	28.025	3	.024
17. Model 2 with parameter of item 12 of CR health status constrained.	338.320	334	22.894	1	.022
18. Model 2 with parameter of item 13 of CR health status constrained.	388.323	335	27.109	2	.024

Table 30 continued

Model Description	χ^2	df	$\Delta \chi^2$	Δdf	Statistical Significance
19. Model 2 with parameter of item 14 of CR health status constrained.	1017.714	344	656.50	10	.000
20. Model 2 with parameters of CG coping strategy	392.202	338	30.988	5	.022
21. Model 2 with parameter of item 16 of CG coping strategy constrained.	388.419	335	27.205	2	.023
22. Model 2 with parameter of item 17 of CG coping strategy constrained.	389.849	335	28.635	2	.021
23. Model 2 with parameter of item 18 of CG coping strategy constrained.	391.101	336	29.887	3	.020
24. Model 2 with parameter of item 19 of CG coping strategy constrained.	390.583	335	29.369	2	.019
25. Model 2 with parameters of CG social supports	392.702	338	31.488	5	.021
27. Model 2 with parameter of item 20 of CG social supports	388.487	335	27.273	2	.023
28. Model 2 with parameter of item 22 of CG social supports	390.912	335	29.698	2	.019

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N	Model Description	χ^2	df	$\Delta \chi^2$	Δdf	Statistical Significance
p	9. Model 2 with parameter of item 23 of CG social supports	389.393	335	28.179	2	.022
p	0. Model 2 with parameter of item 24 of CG social supports	388.323	335	27.109	2	.024
p	1. Model 3 with parameter from cgedu to form constrained	389.529	335	28.315	2	.021
e	2. Model 3 with variance rror for item 21 and item 1 constrained	388.473	335	27.259	2	.023
	3. Model 3 with all ovariances constrained	394.473	344	33.259	10	.032
s p	4. Model 3 with ovariances between CG ocial supports and CG sychological distress onstrained	394.599	335	33.385	2	.014
s p	5. Model 3 with ovariances between CG ocial supports and CG sychological distress onstrained	388.321	335	27.107	2	.024
c h	6. Model 3 with ovariances between CR realth status and CG resychological distress onstrained	388.358	335	27.144	2	.024

Table 30 continued

Model Description	χ^2	df	$\Delta \chi^2$	Δdf	Statistical Significance
37. Model 3 with covariances between CR health status and CG severity of stressors constrained	389.473	335	28.259	2	.023
38. Model 3 with covariances between CG coping strategy and CG psychological distress constrained	388.603	335	27.389	2	.021
39. Model 3 with covariances between CG coping strategy and CR health status constrained	388.320	335	27.106	2	.023
40. Model 3 with covariances between CG social supports and CR health status constrained.	394.379	335	33.165	2	.022
41. Model 3 with covariances between CG coping strategy and CG social support constrained	452.227	357	91.013	24	.000
42. Model 3 with covariances between CG social support and CG severity of stressors constrained	388.384	335	27.17	2	.023
43. Model 3 with covariances between CG social support and CG coping strategy constrained	388.473	335	27.259	2	.023

CHAPTER IV

CONCLUSIONS AND DISCUSSION

This chapter will focus on the results of the analysis of each of the three hypotheses of this study. Generalizability and limitations of this research will be addressed, as will treatment implications and suggestions for future research.

Restatement of Hypothesis One

The first hypothesis stated that the utilization of formal support services by Hispanic caregivers can be predicted by the severity of the caregiving stressors, the care recipient's health status, caregiver coping strategies, caregiver social support, caregiver psychological distress, and educational level for the caregiver. The results of this study did not support this hypothesis. The model was determined to not be a good measurement model for predicting utilization of services. Additionally, only one of the six factors, level of education, was found to be positively correlated with formal service use. This factor has been reviewed in the literature; however, it has not been empirically supported in the research (Gallagher-Thompson et al., 1997; Radina & Barber, 2004; Starrett, Decker, Walters, & Rogers, 1990). This finding adds to the current literature on service utilization for Hispanic caregivers. The level of education for caregivers was found to be positively correlated with formal service use.

The greater the level of the education the caregiver reported the more formal support services they utilized. There are several reasons this result occurred with the Hispanic caregivers. One may be that the more education a caregiver has, the more knowledgeable she may be about the progression of the disease and the impact it will

have the elderly family members cognitive and physical functioning. In addition, the caregiver's level of education may often be overlooked because it may not accurately reflect the socioeconomic status of the caregiver. Many caregivers are homemakers because they have had to leave their employment to care for their family member. These caregivers may be more cognizant of the effect long-term caregiving may have on their own mental and physical health; therefore, may be more proactive in seeking formal support services to alleviate the stress of daily caregiving such as ordering meals, seeking transportation, or regularly attending medical appointments. Finally, the higher education caregivers may have larger social networks and more possibilities of getting assistance with seeking services. The lower educated Hispanic caregivers may have less access to services or be unwilling to accept services due to limited understanding of the disease and its impact on the care recipient and caregiver's health long-term.

The baseline model developed for the Hispanic caregivers for predicting factors that influence service utilization did not fit the data well. Although the modified model had adequate fit for the data, there were a significant number of variables with large error variances (e.g., relig, socsup, socsup2). These large error variances and covariances seemed to be necessary for achieving goodness of fit for the models. This suggests that the model is not a good measurement model, due to the large additional correlations among the independent components, and that another model would better fit the data. It is outside the scope of this study to determine what model for predicting service utilization would better fit the data.

Restatement of Hypothesis Two

The second hypothesis of this study stated that the predictors specified in hypothesis one are factors on which Cuban Hispanic caregivers will differ from non-Cuban Hispanic caregivers. Results support this hypothesis that the Cuban Hispanic and non-Cuban Hispanic caregivers were not equivalent across the set of variables in the model designed based on the first hypothesis. Separate analyses were initially tested for each ethnic based on the structural model. Comparing the differences in the results of these models is not an accurate test of determining invariance between the groups (Byrne, 2001).

There are several factors regarding the sociodemographic data of the caregivers that may account for the non-invariance between the Cuban Hispanic caregivers and the non-Cuban Hispanic caregivers. The non-Cuban Hispanic caregivers were found to be younger, less likely to be married, and less educated. These findings similar to results found in previous ethnic minority caregiver research (Calderon-Rosado, Morrill, Chang, & Tennstedt, 2002; Gallagher-Thompson et al., 2003; Navaie-Waliser et al., 2001; Neary & Mahoney, 2005). The Cuban Hispanic caregivers were more likely to be married, have increased religious beliefs and spirituality, be more educated, and have completed their last year of education outside of the United States. While there is limited literature regarding the Cuban Hispanic population and service use, the current research does not support the findings of the study by Henderson (1996), which found that beliefs in the church and religion were of only minor importance in this population.

Another factor on which both groups differed was that the majority of non-Cuban Hispanic caregivers were daughters of the care recipient, while the majority of the Cuban Hispanic caregivers were spouses. These findings are similar to those found in other research studies of Hispanic caregivers that found that caregivers were more likely to be a spouse or a daughter (Aranda & Knight, 1997; Covinsky et al., 2003; Sörensen & Pinquart, 2005).

An equally important conclusion was found when the results of the multigroup model were fit to the original models. With the non-Cuban Hispanic caregivers, the factors of psychological distress and care recipient's health were significant predictors of service utilization. These same factors were not significant for the Cuban Hispanic caregivers. Therefore, the greater psychological distress and the more impairment the elderly family member is experiencing for non-Cuban Hispanic caregivers leads to a decrease in the amount of formal support services utilized. This may not be an issue for the Cuban Hispanic caregivers because they may understand the disease

It is interesting to note that of the Cuban Hispanic participants a significantly larger percentage had obtained a college education or higher when compared to the non-Cuban Hispanic participants. As previously mentioned, a significant proportion of the Cuban Hispanic caregivers had an education level of college or higher. This is contrary to much of the literature which reports that Hispanic caregivers have lower education levels than Caucasian and African American caregivers (Coon, et al., 2004; Cox & Monk, 1990; Gallagher-Thompson, Talamantes, Ramirez, & Valverde, 1996; Neary & Mahoney, 2005). As a result, it is determined that education level may be a

confounding factor in service utilization. The level of education the caregiver has obtained may influence the interpretation of their elder's health and level of need as well as how they understand the disease and its impact on both the caregiver and care recipient.

The results found in this study may be influenced by several factors including sociodemographic differences in the groups, site differences, and the confounding factor of level of education. Nonetheless, there are important findings resulting from this study that should be accounted for in the development of services for the ethnic minority caregivers.

Treatment Implications

Though this study was unable to develop a model for predicting service utilization, the findings of non-invariance between the groups has important implications for treatment. Homogenous interventions may not be able to meet the needs of this diverse population. It will be important for interventions and services developed for Hispanic populations to include education about Alzheimer's disease symptoms, progression of the disease, and services available to meet the caregiver and care recipient needs throughout the duration of the caregiving experience. The positive correlation found in this study between level of education and use of formal support services, as well as previous literature in this area, emphasizes that increasing a caregivers knowledge about the disease and working to enhance the caregiver's perceptions in order decrease the social stigma learned from the culture need to be accounted for in

treatment services (Coon, et al., 2004; Cox & Monk, 1990; Gallagher-Thompson, et al. 1996; Neary & Mahoney, 2005).

Though many Hispanic caregivers may feel a filial obligation and positive feelings of being a caregiver, treatment services should include information about caregiver burnout and the benefits of supplementing their caregiving with formal support services. Based on the results of this study, it is important for treatment providers to assist caregivers to increase awareness of opportunities for service utilization. It is also important to understand that ideology, values, and beliefs that are supported and found to be important for the Hispanic culture should be utilized with caution when working with a particular ethnic group such as Mexican American or Cuban. Service providers should work to understand the worldview and the perspective of caregiving that may vary between the different ethnic groups that fall under the Hispanic umbrella.

For Counseling Psychologists working with families and caregivers, it will be important to be knowledgeable about resources available and the progression of the disease; however, this should merely be a starting point in treatment. It will be important to understand the different roles the caregiver may have such as wife, mother, sister, and employee. These roles add additional stress to the caregiving experience. In addition, working with the caregiver to understand the impact and experience of caring for an elder family member with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders should also be emphasized. Often the caregiver has experienced a close interpersonal relationship with their care recipient and the progression of the disease will be a difficult transition for the caregiver to witness over time. Another factor that will be important to process in the

therapeutic environment is the difficulty experienced by the caregiver to simply attend services for him or herself. It is important for the psychologist to be mindful the difficulty of seeking services for all home-based caregivers, particularly lower educated Hispanic caregivers.

Limitations of the Study

The generalizability of the study is limited due to several factors related to the original study. The caregivers that participated in the REACH study were volunteers who were interested and able to be involved in an intervention treatment. Therefore, this group may not be representative of caregivers that may be experiencing a greater need yet do not have the time or assistance to participate in a longitudinal research project. There may also have been selective biases due to the project sampling large numbers of caregivers of color. While the small sample size (n = 88) of the Cuban American population was homogeneous, the non-Cuban Hispanic caregivers was a more heterogeneous group made of primarily Mexican Americans as well as Puerto Ricans, Dominicans, and several other Latin ethnicities. Another limitation is that the level of acculturation of the Hispanic caregivers was not examined during this study. The heterogeneity of one of the groups and the lack of an acculturation may have contributed to some of the differences between the groups.

An additional limitation is that the participants are from site differences related to the recruitment of primarily Cuban Hispanic participants Miami, Florida and primarily Mexican American as well as other ethnic group participants from Palo Alto, California. Though the sites had similar recruitment procedures and inclusion/exclusion criteria, the

differences for the ethnic minority caregivers and care recipients existed in several areas. The main differences in the two primary ethnic groups of Cuban and Mexican participants are immigration patterns, sociodemographic status, and area resources, in addition to the varying physical health the care recipients. An example of differences in immigration are that the Cuban participants often came to the United States fleeing from political oppression, while the Mexican participants come to the United States searching from a life of poverty in search of a better life. Issues concerning sociodemographic status include the differences mentioned discussed including education level, age, and marital status. The factor involving area resources pertains to the number of resources that may be available in the area as well as how accessible they are the caregivers and care recipients. Another aspect of this factor is how acceptable the particular services are to these particular ethnic groups. A Cuban or Mexican caregiver may not attend a group therapy service due to unwillingness to share personal family matters with a group of strangers.

A final limitation was that several measures in the study were developed specifically for use with the REACH project and are still in the process of gaining psychometric evidence to support their use with diverse populations. Further research regarding these measures is highly encouraged in an effort to develop better measures to capture diverse experiences in caregiving. Regarding these measures, some such as the Vigilance scale, were found to have low reliability with these ethnic groups. Though the measures were translated and back translated for use with Spanish speaking participants,

there may still be difficulties with the cultural equivalences of the constructs and how they are perceived in a different language for many of the measures.

Future Research

The model for predictor service utilization hypothesized in this study did not fit the data for this caregiver group. While the modified model was determined to have adequate fit, the larger error variances and additional regression paths and covariances indicates that there may be other factors, not included in the original model, that influence service utilization for this caregiver group. Further research is needed to find a better model that would more accurately predict service utilization patterns for diverse groups of Hispanic caregivers of family members with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders in order to enhance the caregiving experience and the quality of life for the care recipient.

A next step in the research process with this data would be to look at education level as a confounding variable for care recipient's health status and caregiver psychological distress with regard to service utilization to determine which factor is most influential for Mexican American caregivers. Another option would be to generate a propensity score on which to match different ethnic groups on all the variables except service utilization.

In addition, the result that the groups were found to be non-equivalent across the set of variables examined in the study indicates a possible need for focus group and qualitative research, as well as quantitative research, as a basis for learning about the unique variances that exist within the Hispanic population. Further examination of the

pathways in which ethnicity, race and culture influence the caregiving experience and types of formal supports services that would benefit the Hispanic caregivers and care recipients.

Finally, there is an additional need to examine the impact of level of education on utilization of services and knowledge of Alzheimer's disease and related disorders.

Determining the importance of these factors and their impact on the caregiving experience may help with tailoring services for this ethnic minority groups. With the population of Hispanics predicted to be the largest ethnic minority group of elderly over the age of 65 by the year 2028, the importance of learning about and understanding the culture, values, and beliefs of this ethnic minority group will only continue to grow in importance in order to develop adequate services to meet the diverse needs of this population.

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APPENDIX A

INSTRUMENTATION

SCREENING QUESTIONNAIRE

INTRODUCTION

See site specific script.

CAREGIVER

1. Sex of the caregiver.

Male 1 ()

Female 2 ()

2. Do you take care of any other adult in addition to (CR)?

 No
 0 ()

 Yes
 1 ()

 Unknown
 -3 ()

 Refused
 -4 ()

2.1 Does he/she have memory problems?

No 0 () Yes 1 () Unknown -3 () Refused -4 ()

2.2 Does he/she live with you?

No 0 () Yes 1 () Unknown -3 () Refused -4 ()

2.3 Which person requires more time?

CR 1 () Other 2 ()

3. What is the sex of (CR)?

Male 1 () Female 2 ()

4. What is your date of birth? //

month day year

5. What is the date of birth for (CR)?: //

month day year

6. Are you related to (CR)?

 No
 0 ()

 Yes
 1 ()

 Unknown
 -3 ()

 Refused
 -4 ()

6.1 What is your relationship to (CR)?

	4.43
Husband	1()
Wife	2()
Son	3()
Daughter	4()
Son-in-Law	5()
Daughter-in-Law	6()
Brother	7()
Sister	8()
Nephew	9()
Niece	10()
Grandson	11 ()
Granddaughter	12()
Stepson	13 ()
Stepdaughter	14 ()
Other	15 ()

6.1.1 Specify: _____

Unknown -3 () Refused -4 ()

7. Does (CR) live with you? We consider living together as sharing cooking facilities.

 No
 0 ()

 Yes
 1 ()

 Unknown
 -3 ()

 Refused
 -4 ()

8. Have you been told by a doctor or have you noticed that (CR) has a memory problem?

 No
 0 ()

 Yes
 1 ()

 Unknown
 -3 ()

 Refused
 -4 ()

9. How many years have you taken care of (CR)? years

Exclude if less than 6 months.

10. So yo <i>No</i>	ou've been a caregiver since (year)
	0()
Yes	1()
Unknown	
Refused	-4 ()
-	R) on a waiting list for a nursing home or other live-in institution?
No	0()
Yes	1()
Unknown	
Refused	-4 ()
	.1 When are you planning to actually place (CR) into the stitution?
im	on a waiting list as a form of "insurance" planning and not planning to minently place, caregiver is eligible. If the plan is to place (CR) within a months or when there is a bed available, the caregiver is excluded.
	caregiver excluded due to imminent placement into nursing home or -in institution?
No	0 ()
Yes	1()
163	1 ()
	typical day, how many hours do you spend directly caring for or ing (CR)?
	f less than 4 hours.
14. Are y	ou currently in a study to help you take care of (CR)?
No	0 ()
Yes	1 ()
Unknown	-3 ()
Refused	-4 ()
15.1 Is t h	is a study to assist you with your physical or mental health?
No	0()
Yes	1 ()
Unknown	
Refused	-4 (´)
16. Can y <i>No</i>	you be reached at this phone number if I needed to contact you?
Yes	1()

Unknown -3 () Refused -4 ()

16.1 Is there a phone number where I can reach you?

No 0 ()
Yes 1 ()
Unknown -3 ()
Refused -4 ()

17. Are you planning to move away from the area where you live in the next year

and a half?

 No
 0 ()

 Yes
 1 ()

 Unknown
 -3 ()

 Refused
 -4 ()

I am going to ask you about your health. These are questions that I ask everyone.

18. How is your physical health?

 Poor
 1 ()

 Fair
 2 ()

 Good
 3 ()

 Very Good
 4 ()

 Excellent
 5 ()

 Unknown
 -3 ()

 Refused
 -4 ()

21. Have you been in the hospital overnight more than three times in the past year?

 No
 0 ()

 Yes
 1 ()

 Unknown
 -3 ()

 Refused
 -4 ()

22. Do you currently have any type of cancer?

No 0 ()
Yes 1 ()
Unknown -3 ()
Refused -4 ()

22.1 Are you receiving chemotherapy, other than tamoxifen, or radiation therapy for your cancer?

No	 0()
Yes	1()
Unknown	-3()
Refused	-4()

CARE RECIPIENT

The next set of questions are about (CR). I would like to know, if you were not able to help him/her, would (CR) need assistance with any of the following tasks?

IADL Tasks

23. Using the telephone?

No	0()
Yes	1()
Unknown	-3()
Refused	-4()

24. Shopping?

No	0()
Yes	1()
Unknown	-3()
Refused	-4()

25. Food preparation?

No	0()
Yes	1()
Unknown	-3()
Refused	-4 ()

26. Housekeeping?

No	0()
Yes	1()
Unknown	-3()
Refused	-4()

28. Doing laundry?

No	0()
Yes	1()
Unknown	-3()
Refused	-4()

29. Traveling independently by car or bus?

 No
 0 ()

 Yes
 1 ()

 Unknown
 -3 ()

 Refused
 -4 ()

30. Paying bills or handling money?

No 0 ()
Yes 1 ()
Unknown -3 ()
Refused -4 ()

The next set of questions are also about (CR). These questions are more personal, and some people feel a bit uncomfortable answering them. We ask these questions so that we can tell whether we are the right program for you. If you do not feel like answering a question, it is okay, but we ask that you try to answer them all.

I would like to know if you were not able to help him/her, would (CR) need assistance with any of the following tasks?

ADL Tasks

31. Does (CR) need any kind of help with getting in and out of a bed or chair?

 No
 0 ()

 Yes
 1 ()

 Unknown
 -3 ()

 Refused
 -4 ()

32. Does (CR) need any kind of help when brushing teeth, combing or brushing hair, washing hands, washing face or (either) applying make-up (or) shaving?

 No
 0 ()

 Yes
 1 ()

 Unknown
 -3 ()

 Refused
 -4 ()

33. Does (CR) need any kind of help when washing, rinsing or drying his/her body?

No 0 ()
Yes 1 ()
Unknown -3 ()
Refused -4 ()

34. Does he/she need any kind of help when dressing above the waist?

 No
 0 ()

 Yes
 1 ()

 Unknown
 -3 ()

 Refused
 -4 ()

35. Does he/she need any kind of help when dressing from the waist down?

 No
 0 ()

 Yes
 1 ()

 Unknown
 -3 ()

 Refused
 -4 ()

36. Does (CR) need any kind of help with feeding himself/herself?

No 0 ()
Yes 1 ()
Unknown -3 ()
Refused -4 ()

37. Does he/she need any kind of help with toileting such as getting to the toilet or adjusting clothes before and after toilet use or cleansing?

 No
 0 ()

 Yes
 1 ()

 Unknown
 -3 ()

 Refused
 -4 ()

38. Does he/she have any bladder or bowel accidents, for example wetting himself/herself?

 No
 0 ()

 Yes
 1 ()

 Unknown
 -3 ()

 Refused
 -4 ()

39. Does care recipient require assistance with at least two IADLs or at least one ADL?

No 0() Yes 1()

40. Has (CR) been in the hospital overnight more than three times in the past year?

 No
 0 ()

 Yes
 1 ()

 Unknown
 -3 ()

 Refused
 -4 ()

41. Has a doctor told you that (CR) is very sick, other than his/her memory problems? No 0() Yes 1() -3() Unknown Refused -4() 42. Does (CR) currently have any type of cancer? No 0 () Yes 1 () Unknown -3 () Refused -4 () 43.1 Is (CR) receiving chemotherapy, other than tamoxifen, or radiation therapy for their cancer? No 0() Yes 1() Unknown -3() Refused -4() 44. Have you ever been told that (CR) had a severe mental illness before the age of 45? (Probe: for example, schizophrenia, hallucinations, paranoia, or nervous breakdowns.) No 0() Yes 1() Unknown -3() Refused -4() 45. Have you ever been told that (CR) has memory problems because of a past head injury? No 0() Yes 1() Unknown -3() Refused -4() 43.1 Specify:

If no other exclusion criteria are met, participant should be classified as a

"maybe" and referred to PI. If no other exclusion criteria are met, participant should be classified as a "maybe" and referred to Pl.

46. Is (CR) blind or deaf? 0() No

Yes 1()

Unknown -3()

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-4()
Refused
47. Does (CR) spend at least 22 hours a day in a bed or chair?
No
                   0()
                   1()
Yes
Unknown
                   -3()
                   -4()
Refused
      47.1 Has this occurred for at least 4 of the past 7 days?
                         0()
      Yes
                         1()
      Unknown
                         -3()
      Refused
                         -4()
48. Has an MMSE Score been collected within the past 4 months?
No
            0()
            1()
Yes
      48.1 Date MMSE Administered: / /
      month day year
      48.2 What is the source of the MMSE Score?
      Reach Interview 0 ()
      Other 1 ()
      48.3 Record the MMSE Score:
      If MMSE = 0 and the Participant is bedbound, the Participant is not
      eligible.
49. Were all site-specific criteria for inclusion met?
No
            0()
Yes
            1()
Unknown
            -3()
Refused
            -4()
50. Were any site-specific criteria for exclusion met?
No
            0()
            1()
Yes
Unknown
            -3()
Refused
            -4()
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Exclude respondent if there is a check by an underlined response or meets other exclusion criteria.

51. Is No Yes Maybe	the caregiver eligible to participate in the study? 0 () 1 () 2 ()
it doe: permi	really appreciate you taking time to answer my questions. At this time, s not appear that this program would best benefit you. With your ssion, however, we would like to retain your name in our files should be a program in the future that might be better suited to your needs.
appea	eally appreciate you taking time to answer my questions. At this time, it are that this program might be right for you. Do you have any questions? ou willing to participate in the study? $0\ (\)$
Yes	52.1 Could you please tell me why not? 1 ()
Insert	site specific text describing the next step.
would	eally appreciate you taking time to answer my questions. At this time, I il like to evaluate the information you have given me, and call you back to u know if you qualify for the program. Is this okay? 0 () 53.1 Could you please tell me why not? 1 ()
	nd time (military time)::: minutes
55. W No Yes	/as the SPMSQ administered? 0 () 55.1 Why not? 1 () 55.2 Score:
	55.3 Record all other relevant information that was used for resolution of maybe status.

Based on decision in question 56.4, the respondent should be contacted and informed of their eligibility.

55.4 <i>I</i> No Yes	s the caregiver eligible to participate in the study? 0 () 1 ()
If no, earlie this p howe be a	I really appreciate you taking time to answer my questions r about the REACH project. At this time, it does not appear that rogram would best benefit you. With your permission, ver, we would like to retain your name in our files should there program in the future that might be better suited to your
needs	55.4.1 I really appreciate you taking time to answer my questions earlier about the REACH project. At this time, it appears that this program might be right for you. (Insert Site Specific text.) Do you have any questions? Are you willing to participate in the study? No 0 ()
	55.4.1.1 Could you please tell me why not? Yes 1 ()
Screening Q	uality Form
the interview required freq No Yes	espondent have frequent difficulty comprehending the questions in (e.g., respondent had difficulty hearing, concentrating, respondent uent repetition of questions)? 0 () 1 ()
the interview required freq No Yes If yes, please	espondent have frequent difficulty comprehending the questions in refe.g., respondent had difficulty hearing, concentrating, respondent nuent repetition of questions)? 0 () 1 () e explain eel that the respondent gave inaccurate or misleading information to nestions? 0 () 1 ()

If yes, please explain

59. Did the respondent have frequent difficulty recalling information (e.g., recent events, prior questions, basic information about himself/herself such as age or address)?

No 0 () Yes 1 () If yes, please explain

Current Year = 1996		Current Year = 1997	
Years caregiving	Year started	Years caregiving	Year started
	caregiving		caregiving
0.00	1996	0.00	1996
1	1995	1	1995
2	1994	2	1994
3	1993	3	1993
4	1992	4	1992
5	1991	5	1991
6	1990	6	1990
7	1989	7	1989
8	1988	8	1988
9	1987	9	1987
10	1986	10	1986
Current Year = 1998			
Current Ye	ear = 1998	Current Ye	ear = 1999
Current Ye Years caregiving	ear = 1998 Year started	Current Ye Years caregiving	ear = 1999 Year started
	Year started		Year started
Years caregiving 0.00 1	Year started caregiving	Years caregiving 0.00 1	Year started caregiving
Years caregiving 0.00 1 2	Year started caregiving 1998	Years caregiving 0.00 1 2	Year started caregiving 1999
Years caregiving 0.00 1	Year started caregiving 1998 1997	Years caregiving 0.00 1 2 3	Year started caregiving 1999 1998
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Years caregiving 0.00 1 2 3 4 5	Year started caregiving 1998 1997 1996 1995	Years caregiving 0.00 1 2 3 4 5	Year started caregiving 1999 1998 1997 1996
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Care Recipient Sociodemographic Information (RS) Questionnaire

 During which visit is this interview taking place? baseline 6 month follow-up visit 12 month follow-up visit 18 month follow-up visit Other 	
1.1 Specify	
3. What language was used for most of the interview? Spanish 1 () English 2 ()	
I would like to start by asking you some background informatic (CR).	on about
4. What is (CR)'s marital status? Never married Married or living as married Widowed, not currently married Divorced, not currently married Separated 4 () Unknown Refused	0() 1() 2() 3() -3() -4()
5. How many years of formal education did (CR) complete? No formal education Grade 1 Grade 2 Grade 3 Grade 4 Grade 5 Grade 6 Grade 7 Grade 8 Grade 9 Grade 10 Grade 11	0() 1() 2() 3() 4() 5() 6() 7() 8() 9() 10() 11()

Grade 12/ High school diploma/ GED (General	12 ()		
Education Diploma) Vocational/ training school after high school	12 () 13 ()		
Some college/ associate degree	14 ()		
College graduate (4 or 5 year program)			
Master's degree (or other post-graduate training)	15 () 16 ()		
Doctoral degree (PhD, MD, EdD., DVM., DDS., JD, etc.)	17 ()		
Unknown	-3 (`)´		
Refused	-4 ()		
6. In which country did (CR) reside during his/her last ye	ar of formal		
education?			
United States	1()		
Canada	2()		
Cuba	3()		
Mexico	4()		
Other	5 ()		
6.1 <i>Specify:</i>			
Unknown	-3()		
Refused	-4 ()		
7. How would (CR) describe his/her primary racial or eth	nic group?		
White, Caucasian	1()		
Black, African-American	2()		
Native American, Eskimo, Aleut	3()		
Asian or Pacific Islander	4 ()		
Hispanic, Latino	5 ()		
7.1 Would (CR) describe himself/herself as			
Mexican, Mexican American, Chicano	1()		
Cuban or Cuban American	2()		
Puerto Rican	3 ()		
Dominican	4 ()		
Other	5 ()		
7.1.1 <i>Specify:</i>			
No primary group	6()		
7.2 Specify:			
Other	7()		

7.3 S	pecify:	
Unkn	own	-3 ()
Refus	ed	-4 ()
8. In which countr United States Canada Cuba Mexico Other	y was (CR) born? 1 () 2 () 3 () 4 () 5 ()	
8.1 Specify:_		
Unknown Refused	-3 () -4 ()	
9. How many year	s has (CR) lived in the United S	tates? Years
10. Other than prothe physical healt Poor Fair Good Very good Excellent Unknown Refused	1() 2() 3() 4()	on, how would you rate

CAREGIVER SOCIODEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION (GS) QUESTIONAIRE

1. Dur	ring which visit is this interview tal	sing place?
1()	Baseline	
2()	6 month follow-up visit	
	12 month follow-up visit	
4()	18 month follow-up visit	
5()	Other	
	1.1 Specify	
2. Date month	te of interview:/ // day year	
Now I	would like to obtain some gener	al information about you.
3. Wh	at is your marital status?	
Never	· married	0()
Marri	ied or living as married	1()
	wed, not currently married	2()
	ced, not currently married	3 ()
Separa		4()
Unkno		-3 ()
Refuse	ed	-4 ()
	working life? Since many people	tion your spouse has had most of his/her e have more than one job at a given time, e job that is/was your spouse's primary

	s of formal education did you compl	
No formal educatio	\imath	0()
Grade 1		1()
Grade 2		2()
Grade 3		3()
Grade 4		4()
Grade 5		5()
Grade 6		6()
Grade 7		7()
Grade 8		8()
Grade 9		9()
Grade 10		10()
Grade 11		11()
Grade 12/ High sch	ool diploma/ GED (General Education	n Diploma) 12 ()
Vocational/training	g school after high school	13()
Some college/assoc	riate degree	14()
College graduate (4	or 5 year program)	15()
Master's degree (or	other post-graduate training)	16()
Doctoral degree (P	hD, MD, EdD., D.V.M., DDS., JD, etc.	
Unknown		-3()
Refused		-4 ()
•	id you reside in during the last year	of formal education?
United States	1()	
Canada	2()	
Cuba	3()	
Mexico	4()	
Other	5()	
5.1 Specify		
Unknown	-3 ()	
Refused	-4()	
Кејизеи	()	
6. How would you	describe your primary racial or eth	nic group?
White, Caucasian	1()	
Black, African-Ame	rican 2()	
Native American, E	skimo, Aleut 3 ()	
Asian or Pacific Isl	* *	
Hispanic, Latino	5 ()	
-		

6.1 Would you describe yourself as	
Mexican, Mexican American, Chicano	1()
Cuban or Cuban American	2()
Puerto Rican	3()
Dominican	4()
Other	5()
Unknown	-3()
Refused	-4 ()
6.1.1 Specify:	-4 ()
No primary group	6()
6.2 Specify:	• ()
0.2 specify.	
7. In which country were you born?	
United States	1()
Canada	2 ()
Cuba	3()
Mexico	4()
Other	5()
Omer .	3 ()
7.1 <i>Specify:</i>	
Unknown	-3()
Refused	-4 ()
O Harry manner woong house way lived in the Heited Ctates?	V
8. How many years have you lived in the United States?	rears
9. What is the primary occupation you have had most o many people have more than one job at a given time, we the job that is/was your primary source of income.	·
10. What is your current employment status?	
Employed at a job for pay, full-time	1()
Employed at a job for pay, part time	2 ()
Homemaker, not currently working for pay	3 ()
Not currently employed, retired	4()
Not currently employed, not retired	5()
Unknown	-3()
Refused	-4()
10.1 Are you employed outside of the home?	
	Paragad A()
<i>No</i> 0 () <i>Yes</i> 1 () <i>Unknown</i> -3 ()	Refused -4 ()

10.2 How many hours per week do you work at your paid job?

hours minutes

10.3 Have you had to reduce the number of hours that you work in an average week in order to provide care to (CR)?

No 0 () Yes 1 () Unknown -3 () Refused -4 ()

10.4 Did you stop working because of (CR)'s need for care?

No 0 () Yes 1 () Unknown -3 () Refused -4 ()

10.4.1 **Why?**

You anticipated having to care for (CR) 1 ()
To provide additional care for (CR) 2 ()
Other 3 ()

10.4.1.1 *Specify:*

Next, I would like to ask you about your household income. Some people may not be comfortable answering this question, but I want to assure you that your responses will be kept strictly confidential. This information is very important to the project because it helps us understand how caregiving affects people with different incomes.

11. Which category on this card [give respondent card] best describes your yearly household income before taxes? Do not give me the dollar amount, just give me the category. Include all income received from employment, social security, support from children or other family, welfare, Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC), bank interest, retirement accounts, rental property, investments, etc.

Less than \$5000	0()
\$5000 - \$9,999	1()
\$10,000 - \$14,999	2()
\$15,000 - \$19,999	3()
\$20,000 - \$29,999	4()
\$30,000 - \$39,999	5()
\$40,000 - \$49,999	6()
\$50,000 - \$59,999	7()
\$60,000 - \$69,999	8()
\$70,000 or more	9()
Unknown	-3()
Refused	-4()

12. How hard is it for you t	to pay for the very basics like f	ood, housing, medical
care, and heating? Would	you say it is:	
Not difficult at all	1()	
Not very difficult	2()	
Somewhat difficult	3()	
Very difficult	4 ()	
Unknown	-3 ()	
Refused	-4 ()	
13. How many people are l	iving with you in your home ex	ccluding yourself?
14. How long have you live	d with (CR)? years	
15. Did you and (CR) start	living together so that you cou	ld take care of him/her?
No 0 () Yes 1 () Unknown -	3 () Refused -4 ()	

Vigilance (VG) Questionnaire

1() 2() 3() 4()	baselii 6 mon 12 mo	ne th follow-up nth follow-up nth follow-up	o visit	lace?	
	1.1 Sp	ecify			
	te of inte day ye		<i>JJ</i>		
with c	daily ac	tivities. Wh		cinds of assistance (CR) required now concerns the time you for (CR).	
		•	y emergency, are y ne else there?	ou able to leave (CR) home	
No 0 (()	Yes 1 ()	Unknown -3 ()	Refused -4 ()	
		ow long can : <i>minut</i> es	you leave (CR) ho	ome alone? : :	
4. Car	n (CR) I	be left alone	e in a room as lonç	g as someone is in the hous	e ?
No 0 (()	Yes 1 ()	Unknown -3 ()	Refused -4 ()	
		ow long can : <i>minute</i> s	you leave (CR) ald	one in a room? : :	
consusome to "be need	uming j thing s e there'	ob. They sate pecial for o	ay that even when or with their relative	I their caregiving is a time- they aren't actually doing e, they feel "on duty" or the y hours a day do you feel th r (CR)?	
doing		w many hou s for (CR)?	ırs a day do you es	stimate that you are actually	,

Positive Aspects of Caregiving (PC)

1() 2() 3()	ring which visit is the Baseline 6 month follow-up 12 month follow-u 18 month follow-u Other	visit p visit	iew takin	g place?				
	1.1 Specify							
	te of interview: h day year	_/	/					
care thave few of the head of	e caregivers say the come out of their of the good things ow much you agrees ponses listed or	er with n caregiver reported ee or dis	nemory of ing expe d by son sagree w	or health rience to ne caregi ith these	proble oo. I'm ivers. I stater	ems, go going would nents.	ood thing to go ove like you	gs er a to tell
Provi has	iding help to (CR) 	Disagree a lot	_	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot	Unknown	Refused
		1()	2()	3 ()	4 ()	5()	-3 ()	-4 ()
3.1	made me feel more useful.	1()	2()	3()	4()	5()	-3()	-4 ()
Provi has	iding help to (CR) 	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot	Unknown	Refused
3.2	made me feel good about myself.	1()	2()	3()	4()	5()	-3 ()	-4 ()
3.3	made me feel needed.	1()	2()	3()	4()	5()	-3 ()	-4 ()
3.4	made me feel	1()	2()	3 ()	4()	5()	-3 ()	-4 ()

Provi has	ding help to (CR) 	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot	Unknown F	Refused
3.5	made me feel important.	1()	2()	3()	4()	5()	-3 ()	-4 ()
3.6	made me feel strong and confident.	1()	2()	3()	4()	5()	-3()	-4 ()
3.7	given more meaning to my life.	1()	2()	3()	4 ()	5()	-3 ()	-4 ()
3.8	enabled me to learn new skills.	1()	2()	3()	4()	5()	-3 ()	-4 ()
3.9	enabled me to appreciate life more.	1()	2()	3()	4()	5()	-3()	-4 ()
Provi has	ding help to (CR) 	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot	Unknown F	Refused
3.10	enabled me to develop a more positive attitude toward life.	1()	2()	3()	4()	5()	-3()	-4()
3.11	strengthened my relationships with others.	1()	2()	3()	4()	5()	-3 ()	-4 ()

Religiosity (RG) Questionnaire

1() 2() 3() 4()	ring which visi baseline 6 month follo 12 month foll 18 month foll Other	ow-up visit Iow-up visit	view taking piac	ce?	
	1.1 Specify_				
	te of interview. n day year	:/	_/		
	would like to piritual beliefs		ew questions a	oout your religious	preference
Luther Metho Baptis Episco Presb	at is your curi ran odist st opal yterian Protestant	1() 2() 3() 4() 5()	s preference?		
	3.1 Specify _				
	n Catholic dox Christian (e.g. Greek, F h	8 ()	tern)		
	Other Unknown Refused	1 () 2 () 3 () 4 () -3 () -4 ()	yourself?		
		Specify			
	Islamic Buddhist		10 () 11 ()		

Confucian	12 ()
Shintoist	13 ()
Hindu	14 ()
Jehovah's Witness	15 ()
Spiritual, not religious	16 ()
Other 17 ()	•
3.3 <i>Specify:</i>	
None	18 ()
Unknown	-3 ()
Refused	-4 ()

4. How often do you usually attend religious services, meetings and/or activities?

Never		1()
Once a year		2()
A few times a year		3()
At least once a month		4()
At least once a week		5()
Nearly every day		6()
Unknown		-3()
Refused	-	-4 ()

4.1 To what extent has participation in religious services, meetings and/or activities been a source of help and comfort to you in providing care to (CR)?

Not at all 1 ()
Some 2 ()
Quite a bit 3 ()
A great deal 4 ()
Unknown -3 ()
Refused -4 ()

5. How important is your spirituality or religious faith to you?

Not important	1()
Somewhat important	2()
Important	3()
Very Important	4()
Unknown	-3()
Refused	-4()

6. How often do you pray or meditate?

Never	1()
Once a year	2()
A few times a year	3()
At least once a month	4 ()
At least once a week	5()
Nearly every day	6()
Unknown	-3()
Refused	-4()

6.1 To what extent has prayer or meditation been a source of help and comfort to you in providing care to (CR)?

Not at all	1()
Some	2()
Quite a bit	3()
A great deal	4()
Unknown	-3 ()
Refused	-4 ()

Social Support (SS) Questionnaire

1() 2() 3() 4()	uring which visit is this interview taking place? Baseline 6 month follow-up visit 12 month follow-up visit 18 month follow-up visit Other					
	1.1 Specify_					
2. Dat month	te of interview n day year	r:/	<i>J</i>			
	Networks would like to	o ask you so	me questions	s abou	t your friends	s and family.
	•		you been in s, neighbors,			•
	Not at all	A little	Moderately	Very	Unknown	Refused
	1()	2()	3 ()	5()	-3 ()	-4 ()
1 () 2 () 3 () 5 () -3 () -4 () 4.1 How many relatives other than (CR) do you see or hear from at least once a month? None 0 () One 1 () Two 2 () Three or four 3 () Five to eight 4 () Nine or more 5 () Unknown -3 () Refused -4 ()						

4.2 Think about the relative other than (CR) with whom you have the most contact. How often do you see or hear from that person?

Less than monthly	0()
Monthly	1()
A few times a month	2()
Weekly	3()
A few times a week	4()
Daily	5()
Unknown	-3()
Refused	-4()

4.3 How many relatives other than (CR) do you feel close to? That is, how many do you feel at ease with, can talk to about private matters, or can call on for help?

None	0()
One	1()
Two	2()
Three or four	3()
Five to eight	4()
Nine or more	5()
Unknown	-3()
Refused	-4 ()

4.4 How many friends do you feel close to? That is, how many friends (not including relatives) do you feel at ease with, can talk to about private matters, or can call on for help?

None	0()
One	1()
Two	2()
Three or four	3()
Five to eight	4 ()
Nine or more	5()
Unknown	-3()
Refused	-4 ()

4.5 How many of these friends do you see or hear from at least once a month? (not including relatives)

None	0()
One	1()
Two	2()
Three or four	3()
Five to eight	4()
Nine or more	5()
Unknown	-3()

Refused -4()

4.6 Think about the friend (not including relatives) with whom you have the most contact. How often do you see or hear from that person?

Less than monthly	0()
Monthly	1()
A few times a month	2()
Weekly	3()
A few times a week	4()
Daily	5()
Unknown	-3()
Refused	-4 ()

4.7 When you have an important decision to make, do you have someone other than (CR) you can talk to about it?

Never	0()
Seldom	1()
Sometimes	2()
Often	3()
Very often	4()
Always	5()
Unknown	-3()
Refused	-4()

4.8 When other people you know have an important decision to make, do they talk to you about it?

Never	0()
Seldom	1()
Sometimes	2()
Often	3()
Very often	4 ()
Always	5()
Unknown	-3()
Refused	-4 ()

Received Support and Satisfaction

5.1 In the past month, how often has someone, such as a friend, neighbor, or family member other than (CR), provided transportation for you?

Never	0()
Once in awhile	1()
Fairly often	2()
Very often	3()

Unknown	-3 ()
Refused	-4 ()

5.2 In the past month, how often has someone, such as a friend, neighbor, or family member other than (CR), pitched in to help you do something that needed to get done, like household chores or yardwork?

Never	0()
Once in awhile	1()
Fairly often	2()
Very often	3()
Unknown	-3()
Refused	-4 ()

5.3 In the past month, how often has someone helped you with shopping?

Never	0()
Once in awhile	1 ()
Fairly often	2()
Very often	3()
Unknown	-3()
Refused	-4 ()

5.4 Overall, how satisfied have you been in the last month with the help you have received with transportation, housework and yardwork, and shopping?

Not at all	0()
A little	1 ()
Moderately	2 ()
Very	3 ()
Unknown	-3()
Refused	-4 ()

5.5 In the past month, how often was someone right there with you (physically) in a stressful situation?

11 3 37	
Never	0()
Once in awhile	1()
Fairly often	2()
Very often	3()
Unknown	-3()
Refused	-4 ()

5.6 In the past month, how often has someone provided comfort to you?

Never	0()
Once in awhile	1()
Fairly often	2()

Very often	3()
Unknown	-3 ()
Refused	-4 ()

5.7 In the past month, how often has someone listened to you talk about your private feelings?

Never	0()
Once in awhile	1()
Fairly often	2()
Very often	3()
Unknown	-3()
Refused	-4 ()

5.8 In the past month how often has someone expressed interest and concern in your well-being?

Never	0()
Once in awhile	1()
Fairly often	2()
Very often	3()
Unknown	-3()
Refused	-4 ()

5.9 In the past month, how satisfied have you been with the support received during difficult times, comforting from others, how others have listened, and interest and concern from others?

Not at all	0()
A little	1 ()
Moderately	2()
Very	3()
Unknown	-3()
Refused	-4 ()

5.10 In the past month, how often has someone suggested some action you should take in dealing with a problem you were having?

Never	0()
Once in awhile	1 ()
Fairly often	2()
Very often	3()
Unknown	-3()
Refused	-4 ()

5.11 In the past month, how often has someone made a difficult situation clearer and easier to understand?

0()

Once in awhile	1()
Fairly often	2()
Very often	3()
Unknown	-3()
Refused	-4 ()

5.12In the past month, how often has someone helped you understand why you did not do something well?

Never	0()
Once in awhile	1()
Fairly often	2()
Very often	3()
Unknown	-3()
Refused	-4 ()

5.13 In the past month, how often has someone told you what they did in a situation that was similar to one you were experiencing?

Never	0()
Once in awhile	1()
Fairly often	2()
Very often	3()
Unknown	-3 ()
Refused	-4 ()

5.14 Overall, how satisfied in the last month have you been with the suggestions, clarifications, and sharing of similar experiences you have received from others?

Not at all	0()
A little	1()
Moderately	2()
Very	3 ()
Unknown	-3()
Refused	-4 ()

I'd like to ask you a few more questions about your relationship with others. Remember, when the term "others" is used, it includes friends, neighbors, or family members other than (CR).

Negative Interaction

6.1 In the past month, how often have others made too many demands on

you:	
Never	0()
Once in awhile	1()
Fairly often	2()
Very often	3()

Unknown -3 () Refused -4 ()

6.2 In the past month, how often have others been critical of you?

Never	0()
Once in awhile	1 ()
Fairly often	2()
Very often	3()
Unknown	-3()
Refused	-4()

6.3 In the past month, how often have others pried into your affairs?

Never	0()
Once in awhile	1()
Fairly often	2()
Very often	3()
Unknown	-3()
Refused	-4 ()

6.4 In the past month, how often have others taken advantage of you?

Never	0()
Once in awhile	1()
Fairly often	2()
Very often	3()
Unknown	-3 ()
Refused	-4 ()

FORMAL CARE AND SERVICES (FC) QUESTIONAIRE

the past month fr	om an agency or fro	services that you or (CI om someone paid private make use of/receive this	ely to provide this hel	
4.1 Do you or preparing mea		naker who helps with sh	opping, cleaning, lau	ndry
0 () No	1 () Yes	-3 () Unknown		
	(CR) have a home hang, feeding, and healt	nealth aid come to the hothcare tasks)?	ome to help with pers	onal
0 () No	1 () Yes	-3 () Unknown		
4.3 Do you or cost meals?	(CR) have cooked n	neals delivered to home	or go to a center for l	low
0 () No	1 () Yes	-3 () Unknown	-4 () Refused	
In the past mo	onth how often did y	ou make use of/ receive	this service?	
	(CR) have a formal ome (i.e. doctors, clin	service that provides tr ics, shopping)?	ansportation to place	S
0 () No	1 () Yes	-3 () Unknown	* *	
4.5 Do you or or other medi		g nurse come to check m	edications, blood pre	ssure
0 () No	1 () Yes	-3 () Unknown	-4 () Refused	
4.6 Do you or	(CR) attend a senio	r day care or senior day	health program?	
0 () No	1 () Yes	-3 () Unknown	-4 () Refused	

4.7 Are you (CG only) attending any support groups on a regular basis?						
0 () No	1 () Yes	-3 () Unknown	-4 () Refused			
In the past month he	ow often did you mak	e use of/receive this s	ervice?			
4.8 Have you (CG or	nly) had any visits to a	n physician?				
0 () No	1 () Yes	-3 () Unknown	-4 () Refused			
4.9 Has (CR) had ar	ny visits to a physiciar	n?				
0 () No	1 () Yes	-3 () Unknown	-4 () Refused			
4.10 Have you (CG of nonphysician practi	only) had any visits to tioner?	a nurse, physician's a	assistant, or			
0 () No	1 () Yes	-3 () Unknown	-4 () Refused			
4.11 Has (CR) had a practitioner?	any visits to a nurse, p	ohysician's assistant, o	or nonphysician			
0 () No	1 () Yes	-3 () Unknown	-4 () Refused			
In the past month he	ow often did you mak	te use of/ receive this	service?			
4.12 Do you or (CR) with personal or fan	see a counselor, psychily problems?	chiatrist, psychologist	, or clergy for help			
0 () No	1 () Yes	-3 () Unknown	-4 () Refused			
4.13 Have you (CGonly) had any visits to an emergency room?						
0 () No	1 () Yes	-3 () Unknown	-4 () Refused			

4.14 Has (CR) I	had any visits to ar	n emergency room?	
0 () No	1 () Yes	-3 () Unknown	-4 () Refused
4.15 Have you (scans?	(CG only) had any	xrays, blood tests, urine	tests, MRIs, or CAT
0 () No	1 () Yes	-3 () Unknown	-4 () Refused
4.16 Has (CR) l	had any x-rays, blo	ood tests, urine tests, MF	RIs, or CAT scans?
0 () No	1 () Yes	-3 () Unknown	-4 () Refused
-	-	atient in a hospital overr ed on the same day?	night or admitted as a
0 () No	1 () Yes	-3 () Unknown	-4 () Refused
	been a patient in a scharged on the sa	hospital overnight or adme day?	lmitted as a patient to a
0 () No	1 () Yes	-3 () Unknown	-4 () Refused
4.19 Have you ((CG only) been a pa	atient in a nursing home	?
0 () No	1 () Yes	-3 () Unknown	-4 () Refused
4.20 Has (CR) I	been a patient in a	nursing home?	
0 () No	1 () Yes	-3 () Unknown	-4 () Refused

CES-D Questionnaire

1. <i>Dur</i>	ing which visit is this interview taking place?
1()	Baseline
2()	6 month follow-up visit
3()	12 month follow-up visit
4()	18 month follow-up visit
5()	Other
. ,	1.1 Specify
	e of interview:// day year

This section deals with statements people might make about how they feel. Let me give you a card with possible responses. [Give respondent card.] For each of the statements, please indicate how often you felt that way during the past week.

	Rarely or none of the time	Some or a little of the time	Occasion- ally or a moderate amount of time	Most or almost all of the time	Unknown	Refused
4.1 I was bothered by things that usually don't bother me.	(< 1 day) 0 ()	(1-2 days) 1 ()	(3-4 days) 2 ()	(5-7 days) 3 ()	-3()	-4 ()
4.2 I did not feel like eating; appetite was poor.	: 0()	1()	2()	3()	-3()	-4 ()
4.3 I felt that I could not shake off the blues, even with help from my family a friends.	V	1()	2()	3()	-3()	-4()

	Rarely or none of the time	Some or a little of the time	Occasion- ally or a moderate amount of time	Most or almost all of the time	Unknown	Refused
4.4 I felt that I was just as good as other people.		(1-2 days) 1 ()	(3-4 days) 2 ()	(5-7 days) 3 ()	-3()	-4 ()
4.5 I had trouble keeping my mind on what I was doing.	0()	1()	2()	3()	-3 ()	-4 ()
4.6 I felt depressed.	0()	1()	2()	3()	-3 ()	-4 ()
4.7 I felt that everything I did was an effort.	t 0()	1()	2()	3()	-3()	-4 ()
4.8 I felt hopeful about the future.	0()	1()	2()	3()	-3 ()	-4()
4.9 I though my life had been a failure.	t 0 ()	1()	2()	3()	-3()	-4 ()
4.10 I felt fearful.	0()	1()	2()	3()	-3()	-4 ()
4.11 My slee was restless		1()	2()	3 ()	-3 ()	-4 ()

4.12 I was happy.	0()	1()	2()	3()	-3 ()	-4 ()	
	Rarely or none of the time	Some or a little of the time	Occasion- ally or a moderate amount	Most or almost all of the time	Unknown	Refused	
	(< 1 day)	(1-2 days)	of time (3-4 days)	(5-7 days)			
4.13 I talked less than usual.	10()	1()	2()	3()	-3()	-4 ()	
4.15 People were unfriendly.	0()	1()	2()	3()	-3 ()	-4 ()	
4.16 I enjoye life.	ed 0 ()	1()	2()	3()	-3 ()	-4 ()	
4.17 I had crying spells.	0()	1()	2()	3()	-3 ()	-4 ()	
4.18 I felt sa	nd. 0()	1 ()	2()	3()	-3 ()	-4 ()	
4.19 I felt th people disliked me.	at 0()	1()	2()	3()	-3()	-4 ()	
4.20 I could get going.	not 0 ()	1()	2()	3()	-3 ()	-4 ()	
5. CES-D Score							
6. Is the CES-D score greater than or equal to 28? No () Yes () 6.1 Has the Principal Investigator or appropriate site personnel been notified? No () Yes () Please notify the Principal Investigator or appropriate site personnel.							

Revised Memory and Behavior Problems Checklist (MB) Questionnaire

1() 2() 3() 4()	baseline 6 month 12 month	follov h follo		ew taking plad	ce?		
	1.1 <i>Spec</i>	cify _					
	e of interv day year			′			
encou	'd like to intered w j for (CR)	hile	you about so	ome of the pr	roblems you	may have	
4.0 W	-	past	week, has (0	CR) experien	ced any men	nory or beha	avior
	<i>No</i> 0 ()		Yes 1 ()	Unknown -3 ()	Refus -4 ()	sed	
	How both on this c		•	ere you by th	is? Possible	responses	are
Not at a 0 ()	II A I 1 (little ()	Moderately 2 ()	Very much 3 ()	Extremely 4 ()	Unknown -3 ()	Refused -4 ()
I will read a list of specific problems participants sometimes have. Please indicate if any of these problems have occurred during the past week. If so, how much has this bothered or upset you when it happened.							
4.1 W and o		past	week, has (0	CR) been ask	ing the same	e question o	ver
	<i>No</i> 0 ()		Yes 1 ()	Unknown -3 ()	Refu: -4 ()	sed	

4.1.1 How be listed on this		•	ere you by th	is? Possible	responses	are	
Not at all 0 ()	A little 1 ()	Moderately 2 ()	Very much 3 ()	Extremely 4 ()	Unknown -3 ()	Refused -4 ()	
4.2 Within the past week, has (CR) had trouble remembering recent events (e.g., items in the newspaper or on TV)?							
<i>No</i> 0 ()		Yes 1 ()	Unknown -3 ()	Refu -4 ()	sed		
4.2.1 How b	othere	d or upset w	ere you by th	is?			
Not at all 0 ()	A little 1 ()	Moderately 2 ()	Very much 3 ()	Extremely 4 ()	Unknown -3 ()	Refused -4 ()	
4.3 Within the past events	•	t week, has (CR) had trou	ble remembe	ering signific	cant	
<i>No</i> 0 ()		Yes 1 ()	Unknown -3 ()	Refu -4 ()	sed		
4.3.1 How b	othere	d or upset w	ere you by th	is?			
Not at all 0 ()	A little 1 ()	Moderately 2 ()	Very much 3 ()	Extremely 4 ()	Unknown -3 ()	Refused -4 ()	
4.4 Within th	he pas	t week, has (CR) been los	ing or mispla	acing things	?	
<i>No</i> 0 ()		Yes 1 ()	Unknown -3 ()	Refu -4 ()	sed		
4.4.1 How b	othere	d or upset w	ere you by th	is?			
Not at all 0 ()	A little 1 ()	Moderately 2 ()	Very much 3 ()	Extremely 4 ()	Unknown -3 ()	Refused -4 ()	
4.5 Within th	he pas	t week, has (CR) been for	getting what	day it is?		
<i>No</i> 0 ()		Yes 1()	Unknown -3 ()	Refu -4 ()	sed		

4.5.1 How b	othere	d or upset w	ere you by th	is?		
Not at all 0 ()	A little 1 ()		Very much 3 ()	Extremely 4 ()	Unknown -3 ()	Refused -4 ()
4.6 Within th	ne pas	t week, has (CR) been sta	rting but not	finishing tl	nings?
<i>No</i> 0 ()		Yes 1 ()	Unknown -3 ()	Refus -4 ()	sed	
4.6.1 How b	othere	d or upset w	ere you by th	is?		
Not at all 0 ()		Moderately 2 ()	Very much 3 ()	Extremely 4 ()	Unknown -3 ()	Refused -4 ()
4.7 Within th	ne pas	t week, has (CR) had diffi	culty concen	trating on a	ı task?
<i>No</i> 0 ()		Yes 1 ()	Unknown -3 ()	Refu: -4 ()	sed	
4.7.1 How b	othere	d or upset w	ere you by th	is?		
Not at all 0 ()	A little 1 ()		Very much 3 ()	Extremely 4 ()	Unknown -3 ()	Refused -4 ()
4.8 Within th	ne pas	t week, has (CR) been des	stroying prop	erty?	
<i>No</i> 0 ()		Yes 1 ()	Unknown -3 ()	Refus -4 ()	sed	
4.8.1 How b	othere	d or upset w	ere you by th	is		
Not at all 0 ()	A little 1 ()	Moderately 2 ()	Very much 3 ()	Extremely 4 ()	Unknown -3 ()	Refused -4 ()
4.9 Within th	ne pas	t week, has (CR) been doi	ng things tha	at embarras	ss you?
<i>No</i> 0 ()		Yes 1 ()	Unknown -3 ()	Refus -4 ()	sed	
4.9.1 How b	othere	d or upset w	ere you by th	is?		
Not at all 0 ()	A little 1 ()	Moderately 2 ()	Very much 3 ()	Extremely 4 ()	Unknown -3 ()	Refused -4 ()

4.10 Within members u	•	•	(CR) been w	aking you	or other fam	nily
<i>No</i> 0 ()		Yes 1 ()	Unknown -3 ()	Re -4 (fused)	
4.10.1 How	bother	ed or upset	were you by	this?		
Not at all 0 ()	A little 1 ()	Moderately 2 ()	Very much 3 ()	Extremely 4 ()	Unknown -3 ()	Refused -4 ()
4.11 Within	the pa	st week, has	(CR) been ta	alking loudl	y and rapidl	y?
<i>No</i> 0 ()		Yes 1 ()	Unknown -3 ()	Re -4 (fused)	
4.11.1 How	bother	ed or upset	were you by	this?		
Not at all 0 ()	A little 1 ()	Moderately 2 ()	Very much 3 ()	Extremely 4 ()	Unknown -3 ()	Refused -4 ()
4.12 Within	the pa	st week, has	s (CR) appea	red anxious	or worried	?
<i>No</i> 0 ()		Yes 1 ()	Unknown -3 ()	Re -4 (fused)	
4.12.1 How	bothe	red or upset	were you by	this?		
Not at all 0 ()	A little 1 ()	Moderately 2 ()	Very much 3 ()	Extremely 4 ()	Unknown -3 ()	Refused -4 ()
		•	s (CR) been e nerself or oth		behavior th	at is
<i>No</i> 0 ()		Yes 1 ()	Unknown -3 ()	Re -4 (fused)	
4.13.1 How	bother	ed or upset	were you by	this?		
Not at all 0 ()	A little 1 ()	Moderately 2 ()	Very much 3 ()	Extremely 4 ()	Unknown -3 ()	Refused -4 ()
4.14 Within	the pa	st week, has	(CR) threate	ned to hurt	him/herself	i?
<i>No</i> 0 ()		Yes 1 ()	Unknown -3 ()	Re -4 (fused)	

4.14.1 How	bother	ed or upset	were you by	this?		
Not at all 0 ()	A little 1 ()	Moderately 2 ()	Very much 3 ()	Extremely 4 ()	Unknown -3 ()	Refused -4 ()
4.15 Within	the pa	st week, has	(CR) threate	ned to hurt o	thers?	
<i>No</i> 0 ()		Yes 1 ()	Unknown -3 ()	Refused -4 ()		
4.15.1 How bothered or upset were you by this?						
Not at all 0 ()	A little 1 ()	Moderately 2 ()	Very much 3 ()	Extremely 4 ()	Unknown -3 ()	Refused -4 ()
4.16 Within the past week, has (CR) been aggressive to others verbally?						
<i>No</i> 0 ()		Yes 1 ()	Unknown -3 ()	Refused -4 ()		
4.16.1 How bothered or upset were you by this?						
Not at all 0 ()	A little 1 ()	Moderately 2 ()	Very much 3 ()	Extremely 4 ()	Unknown -3 ()	Refused -4 ()
4.17 Within	the pa	st week, has	(CR) appear	ed sad or de	pressed?	
<i>No</i> 0 ()		Yes 1 ()	Unknown -3 ()	Refused -4 ()		
4.17.1 How bothered or upset were you by this?						
Not at all 0 ()	A little 1 ()	Moderately 2 ()	Very much 3 ()	Extremely 4 ()	Unknown -3 ()	Refused -4 ()
4.18 Within the past week, has (CR) been expressing feelings of hopelessness or sadness about the future (Such as, "Nothing worthwhile ever happens", or "I never do anything right")?						
<i>No</i> 0 ()		Yes 1 ()	Unknown -3 ()	Refused -4 ()		
4.18.1 How bothered or upset were you by this?						
Not at all 0 ()	A little 1 ()	Moderately 2 ()	Very much 3 ()	Extremely 4 ()	Unknown -3 ()	Refused -4 ()

4.19 Within	the pa	st week, ha	as (CR) been c	rying and te	earful?	
<i>No</i> 0 ()		Yes 1 ()	Unknown -3 ()		Refused -4 ()	
4.19.1 How	bother	ed or upse	t were you by	this?		
Not at all 0 ()	A little 1 ()	Moderately 2 ()	Very much 3 ()	Extremely 4 ()	Unknown -3 ()	Refused -4 ()
			as (CR) been c as, "Life isn't w			
<i>No</i> 0 ()		Yes 1 ()	Unknown -3 ()	Refused -4 ()		
4.20.1 How	bother	ed or upse	t were you by	this?		
Not at all 0 ()	A little 1 ()	Moderately 2 ()	Very much 3 ()	Extremely 4 ()	Unknown -3 ()	Refused -4 ()
4.21 Within	the pa	st week, ha	as (CR) been ta	alking about	feeling lon	ely?
<i>No</i> 0 ()		Yes 1 ()	Unknown -3 ()	Refused -4 ()		
4.21.1 How	bother	ed or upse	t were you by	this?		
Not at all 0 ()	A little 1 ()	Moderately 2 ()	Very much 3 ()	Extremely 4 ()	Unknown -3 ()	Refused -4 ()
	•	•	as (CR) made o to others?	comments a	bout feelinç	9
<i>No</i> 0 ()		Yes 1 ()	Unknown -3 ()	Refused -4 ()		
4.22.1 How	bother	ed or upse	t were you by	this?		
Not at all 0 ()	A little 1 ()	Moderately 2 ()	Very much 3 ()	Extremely 4 ()	Unknown -3 ()	Refused -4 ()

failure or al	out no	ot having an	y worthwhile	accomplish	ments in lif	e?
<i>No</i> 0 ()			Unknown -3 ()	Refused -4 ()		
4.23.1 How	bother	ed or upset	were you by	this?		
			Very much 3 ()			Refused -4 ()
4.24 Within complaining	•	st week, ha	s (CR) been a	rguing, irrita	able, and/or	
<i>No</i> 0 ()			Unknown -3 ()	Refused -4 ()		
4.24.1 How	bother	ed or upset	were you by	this?		
Not at all 0 ()		Moderately 2 ()	Very much 3 ()			Refused -4 ()
5. Within the that I haven't	-		R) had any othe	r memory or	behavior pro	blems
	No Ye.			Refused -4 ()		
5.1 Sp	pecify: _					
5.2 How both	nered o	r upset were	you by this?			
		Moderately 2 ()	Very much 3 ()	Extremely 4 ()	Unknown -3 ()	Refused -4 ()
5.3 Any othe	r proble	ems?				
		Yes 1 ()	Unknown -3 ()	Refused -4 ()		
5.3.1	Specify:					
5.3.2 How bo	thered	or upset we	re you by this?			
Not at all 0 ()	A little	Moderately	Very much	Extremely	Unknown	Refused

4.23 Within the past week, has (CR) made comments about feeling like a

5.3.3 Any other problems?

 No
 Yes
 Unknown
 Refused

 0 ()
 1 ()
 -3 ()
 -4 ()

5.3.3.1 Specify: _____

5.3.3.2 How bothered or upset were you by this?

Not at all A little Moderately Very much Extremely Unknown Refused 0() 1() 2() 3() 4() -3() -4()

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