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# **Childrearing Attitudes and Practices Among Asian Americans in NYC**

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## Study Aims

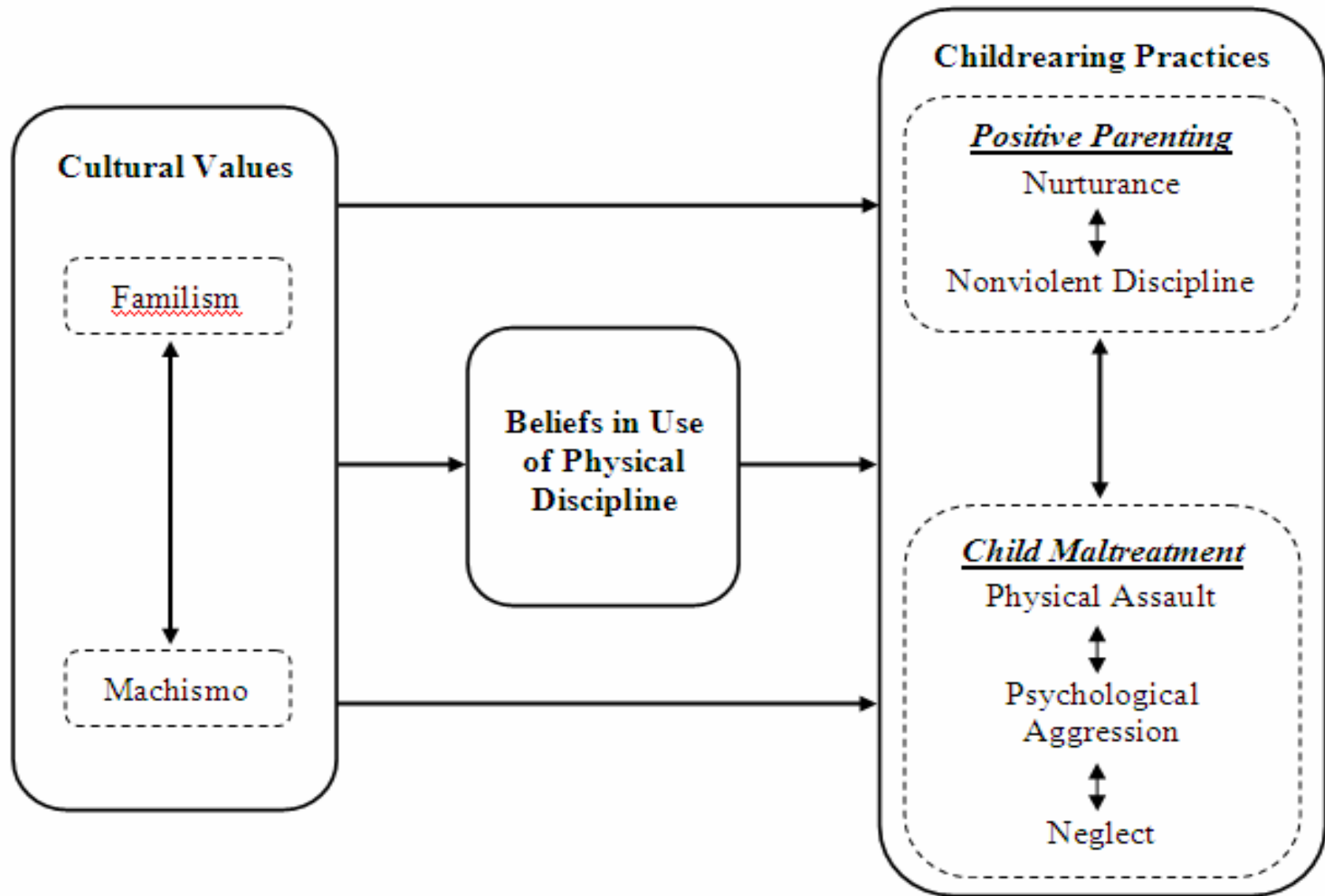
- Investigate childrearing attitudes and practices among 250 Asian American parents using face-to-face interviews.
- Particular interest in child maltreatment risks.
- Train bi-lingual social workers to be interviewers.
- Include various Asian American ethnic subgroups in the sample.



## Background

- Asian Americans one of the fastest growing minority groups in the US since 1900, but least studied.
- Unique Asian values that shape childrearing practices and child maltreatment risks:
  - High expectations of children, belief in physical punishment as an effective disciplinary tool, emphasis on parental authority, family harmony, and mutual aid
- Other important factors: immigration status, language, acculturation experiences, and family demographics

# Conceptual Framework





## Study Design

- Survey among 250 Asian parents in NYC
- Stratified quota sampling to include various Asian American ethnic subgroups
- In collaboration with agencies mainly serving Asian Americans
- Timeline:
  - June – Dec. 2011: recruitment and interviews
  - Jan. – Aug. 2012: data analysis and report writing



## Agency Partnership

Agency responsibilities include:

- a. Recruit bi-lingual social workers to be interviewers;
- b. Recruit Asian American parents who have at least one child under the age of 18 living in household to be interviewees;
- c. Facilitate the implementation of the interviews;
- d. Provide suggestions and feedback to us.



## Funding

- Supported by the Fahs-Beck Fund for Research and Experimentation
- Budget:
  - Interviewers will be paid \$35 for every interview completed.
  - Each participant will receive \$20 for their time and participation.
  - Agency program directors who help coordinate the project will receive \$60 for each hour spent on the coordination, with a maximum of \$300 per agency.





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