Ups and Downs in Immigration Status:

Secondary Data Analysis to Identify Factors Influencing Transitions

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Webinar Outline

- “Transition in Immigration Status” Team
- Why secondary data analysis?
- Contributors to “downs” in status
- Contributors to “ups” in status
- Implications for policy, practice & research

Transitions in Immigration Status Team

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What is secondary data analysis?

Applying a new research question to data collected for another purpose

Why do secondary data analysis??

Advantages of secondary data analysis

- *Saves time and resources*
- *Making full use of existing data*
- *Fewer demands on partners*
- *Avoids over-soliciting hard-to-reach populations*

Disdvantages of secondary data analysis

- *May not fully address your question*
- *Can be hard to understand the context of the study*
- *Ethical concerns*

Transitions in Immigration Status Project

- *Original projects focused on:*
  - *Migrant caregivers*
  - *Im/migrant temp agency workers*
  - *Pregnant precarious status migrants*
  - *Temporary Foreign Workers*
  - *North African im/migrants*

All with rich information on immigration status

Why we undertook this project…

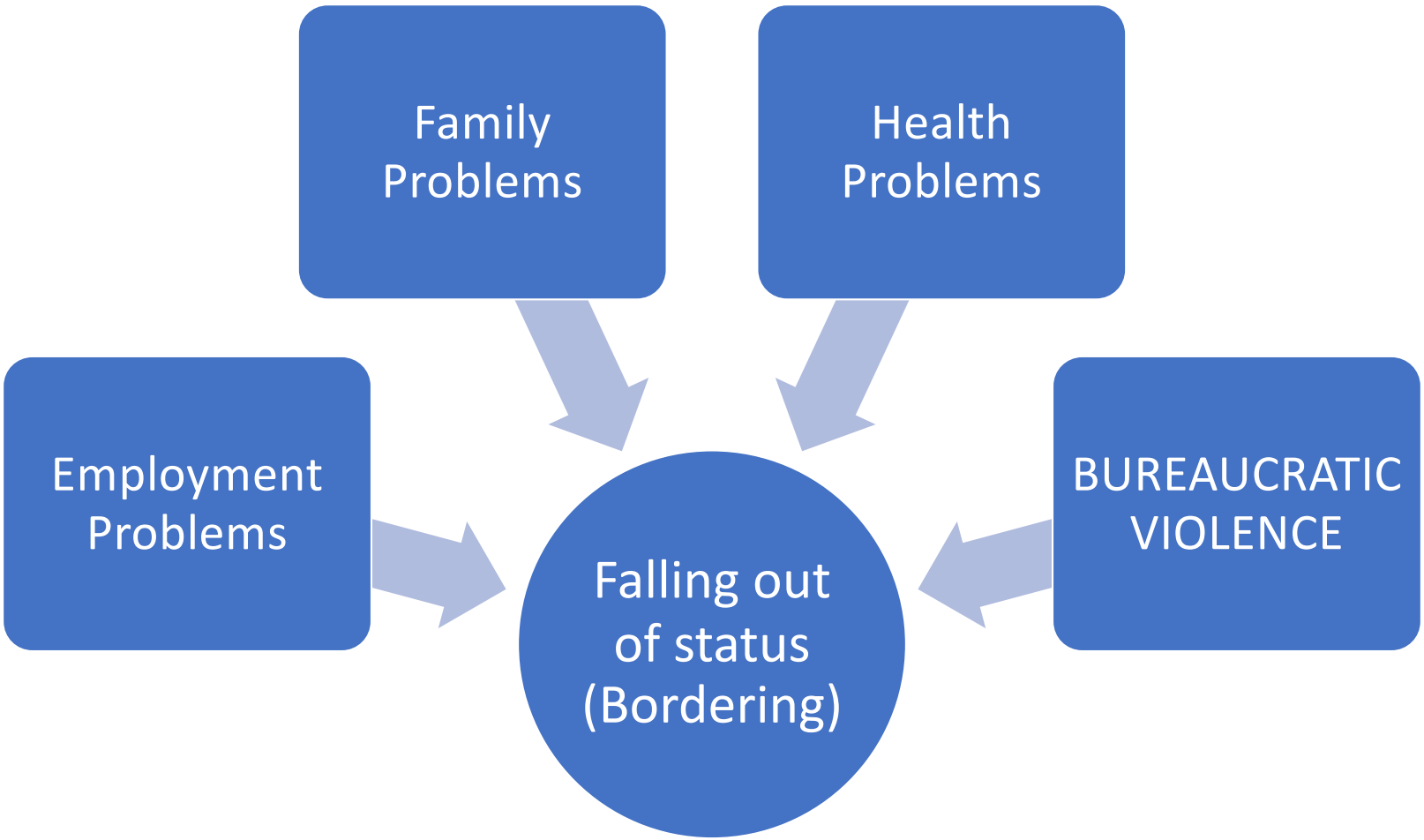
- Frustration after years of documenting difficulties with status
- Concerns about over-soliciting partners
- Desire to share and compare our results

OBJECTIVE:

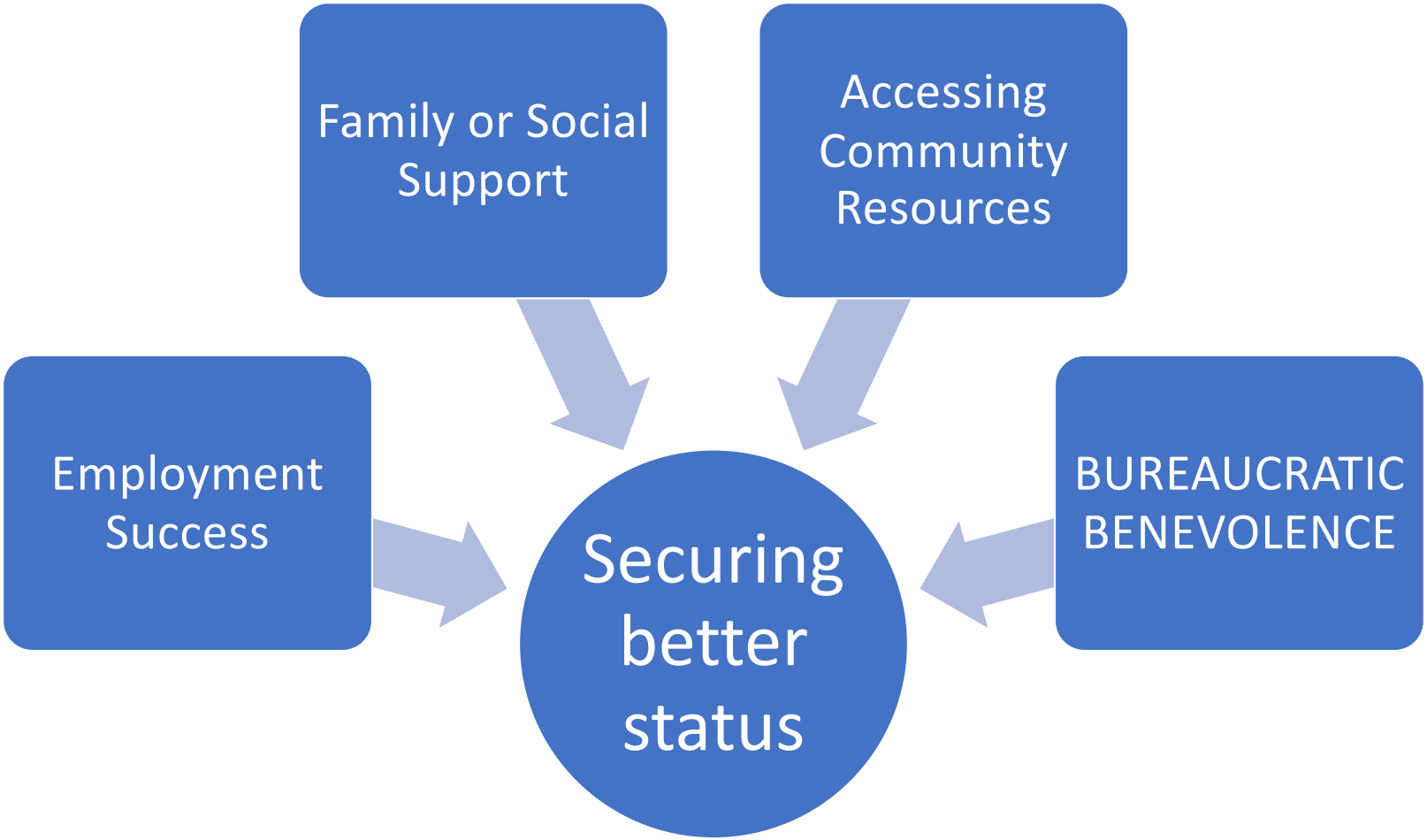
Identify the « tipping points » in immigration status trajectories in order to inform policy and practice (casework & organizing)

Why is it important for us to understand these tipping points?

What are the tipping points for falling out of status?


Family Problems
Health Problems
Employment Problems
BUREAUCRATIC VIOLENCE
Falling out of status (Bordering)

What are the tipping points for securing better status?


Family or Social Support
Accessing Community Resources
Employment Success
BUREAUCRATIC BENEVOLENCE
Securing better status

DISCUSSION:
How can we intervene around these tipping points in a context of systemic injustice

DISCUSSION:
How can policy and immigration systems be reformed to avoid bureaucratic violence?

FORTHCOMING PUBLICATIONS:

Schmidt, C., Bergen, H., Hajjar, O., Larios, L., Nakache, D., Bhuyan, R., & Hanley, J. (2023). Navigating bureaucratic violence in Canada's two-step immigration system. *Journal of ethnic and migration studies*, 1-20.

Larios, L., Bhuyan, R., Schmidt, C., Bergen, H., (In press). Bordering non-citizenship assemblage through migrant legibility: A conceptual framework for tracing hidden forms of legal and bureaucratic violence. *International Journal of Migration and Border Studies.*

Bergen, H., Schmidt, C., Bhuyan, R., Hanley, J… (In development). Qualitative Secondary Data Analysis: A Method to Reduce Burden on Participants and Partners in Hard-to-Reach Populations.

Thanks!

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