

Addressing Health Disparities:

A strategy to combat the Opioid Epidemic, COVID-19 and Achieve Health Equity in Behavioral Health

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Our Mission

The Mission and Goal of The National Latino Behavioral Health Association is to influence national behavioral health policy, eliminate disparities in funding and access to services, and improve the quality of services and treatment outcomes for Latino populations.

National Latino Behavioral Health Association (NLBHA)

Our Objective is to provide National leadership on mental health and substance abuse concerns of the Latino community. NLBHA's Policy Priorities are:

- 1. Targeted Capacity Expansion of Mental Health Services for Latinos
- 2. Latino Behavioral Health Evidenced Based Practices
- 3. Legislation to increase the number of Counselors/Therapists/Other Behavioral Health Practitioners
- 4. Funding for Co-Occurring Disorders of Alcohol and Substance Abuse
- 5. Opioid Crisis in the Latino Community
- 6. Suicide Prevention



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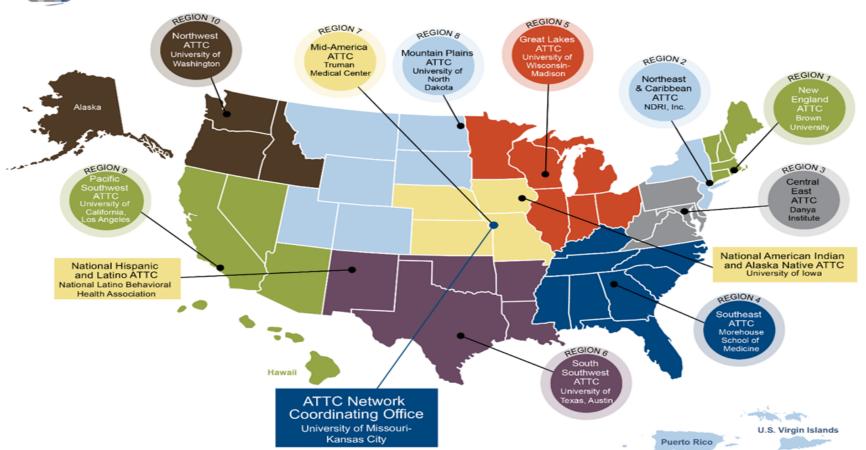


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If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head.

If you talk to him in his language, that goes to his heart.

-Nelson Mandela



Learning Objectives

- 1. Define health equity, disparities and literacy.
- 2. Understand culture and how cultural competence affects delivery of services.
- 3. Identify cultural barriers to addressing the COVID-19 outbreak.
- 4. Discuss a framework for a culturally and linguistically competent organization.



Health Equity, Health Disparities, and Health Literacy

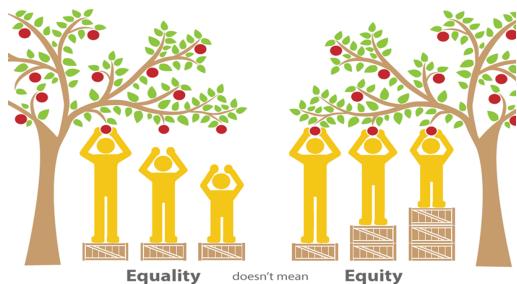


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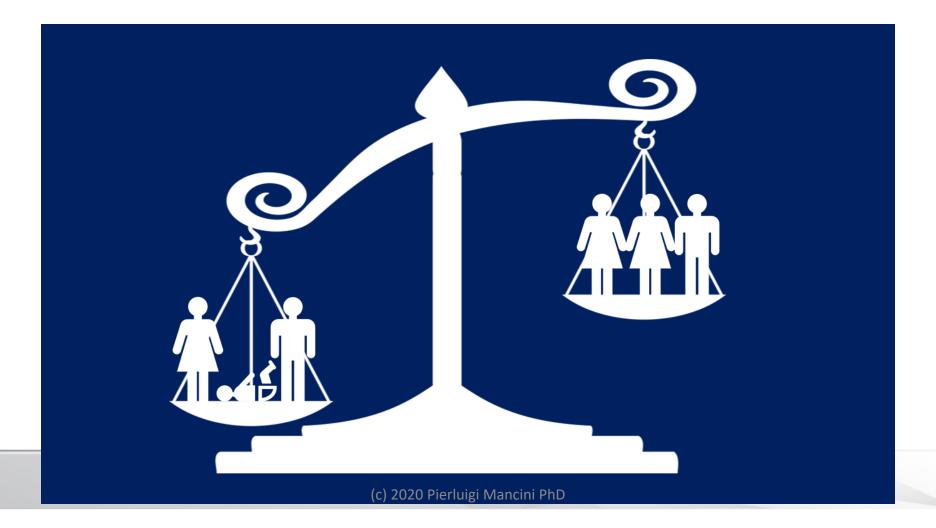
What is Health Equity?

"The attainment of the highest level of health for all people."

Healthy People 2020



What is Health Inequity?



What are Health Disparities?

Differences in Health Outcomes and Health Care Access, Coverage and Quality of Care

In particular.....

Avoidable differences in health that result from cumulative social disadvantage.

(Adapted from The Connecticut Multicultural Health Partnership. Faces of Disparity. http://www.ctmhp.org)

... But what causes health disparities?

- Inequities in the social determinants of health?
- □ Environmental risk factors?
- □ Institutional factors?
- □ Provider factors?
- □ Consumer factors?

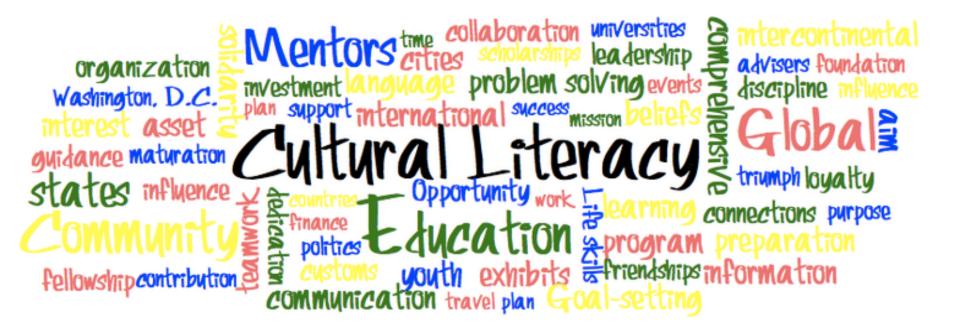
Sources: (1) Smedly BD et al. *Unequal Treatment*: Confronting Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health Care. Institute of Medicine, 2002. (2) AMA. *Health Disparities*. Presentation, 2007. http://www.ama-assn.org/resources/doc/mss/ph_disparities_pres.pdf

What is Health Literacy?

The degree to which individuals have the capacity to obtain, process and understand basic health information and services needed to make appropriate health decisions



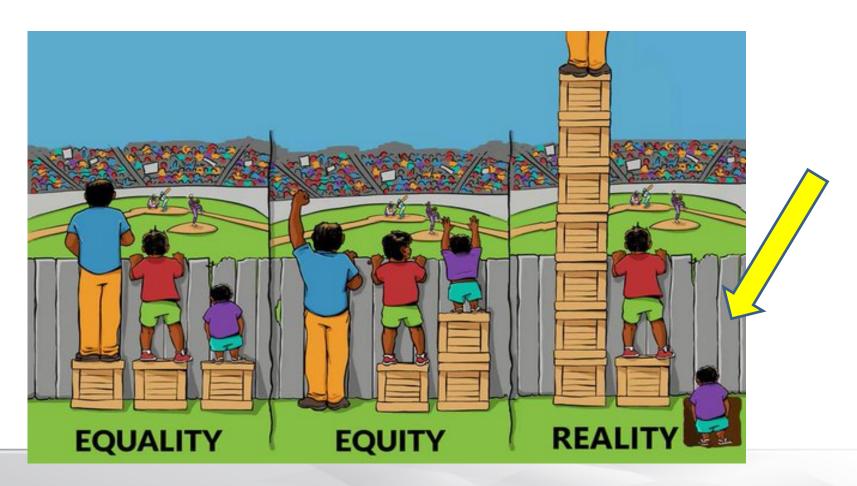
What is Cultural Literacy?







Without Health and Cultural Literacy....





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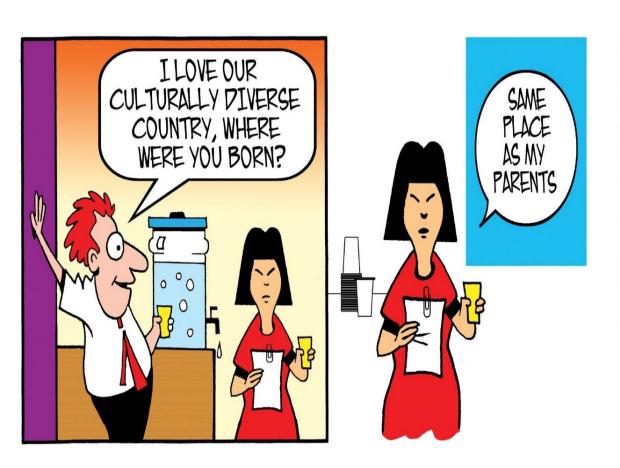
CULTURE





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What is Culture?

Definition

Culture: The integrated pattern of human behavior that includes the thoughts, communication, actions, customs, beliefs, values, and institutions of a racial, ethnic, religious, social, or other group.

United Nations Education, Scientific, and Cultural Organization, 2010

What Culture is Not

- An individual's personality
- Static, it can change and adapt
- The language a person speaks
- An ethnic or racial group
- Solely related to geography

Adapted from Gonzalez, V.M., Gonzalez, J.T., Freeman, V., & Howard-Pitney, B. (1991).



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How Does Culture Affect an Intervention?





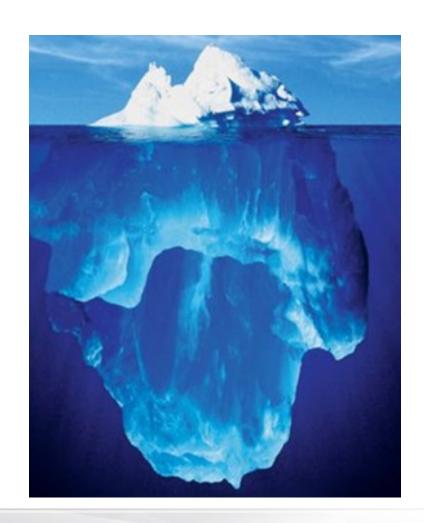


The Iceberg Concept of Culture

POLL QUESTION #1

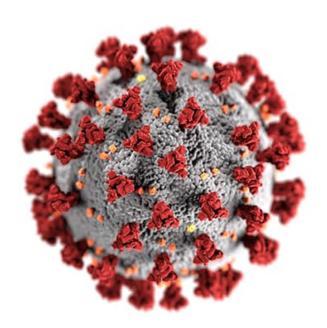
Think about gender, race and age as aspects of culture. Where would you place them on the iceberg?

- Top part of the iceberg
- Bottom part of the iceberg



Culture and COVID-19

- Culture
- Biology
- Behavior
- Disparities







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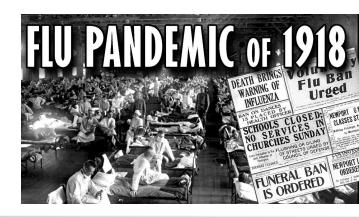
Panamá

- Dominican Republic
- Perú

Culture and COVID-19









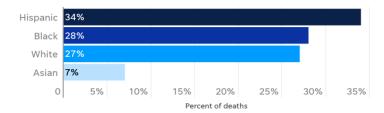


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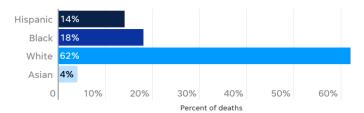
Coronavirus deaths in New York by race

Data is preliminary. With 90% reporting, below is the breakdown for NYS excluding NYC. With 63% reporting, below is the breakdown for NYC as provided by NYCDOHMH.

NYC



New York State





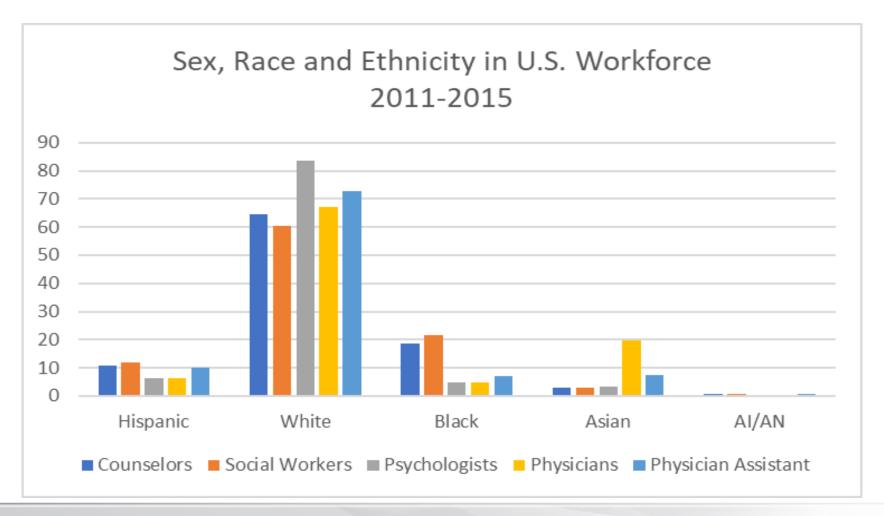
Culture and COVID-19







Culture and Workforce



U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, National Center for Health Workforce Analysis. 2017. Sex, Race, and Ethnic Diversity of U.S., Health Occupations (2011-2015), Rockville, Maryland.

Culture and Workforce

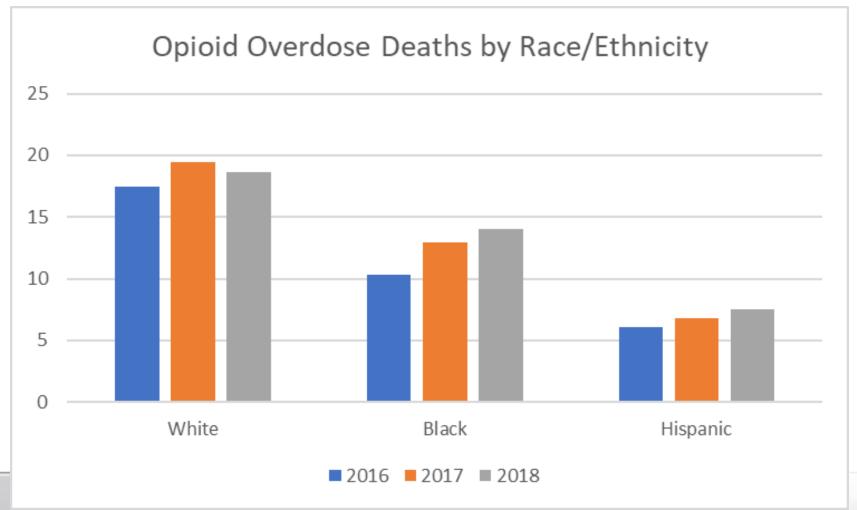
- Lack of bilingual and bi-cultural peers
- Lack of bilingual and bi-cultural providers
- Lack of language appropriate community information
- Use of untrained interpreters
- Language lines can only take you so far.

Culture and Workforce

- Recruitment
- Retention
- Supervision
- Supports

Must All Be Provided In A Cultural And Linguistically Appropriate Manner

Culture and Opioids



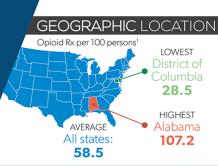
Culture and Opioids

Does racial bias explain why whites are far more likely to get addicted to prescription opioids?

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DIVERSITY AND OPIOIDS:

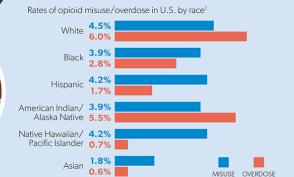
A Nuanced View



RACE/ETHNICITY



OCCUPATION



SOCIOECONOMIC STATUS

Patients of low income





of Americans with mental health disorders:7

Are prescribed of opioid Rx



GENDER

Compared with men, women are: More likely to fill an opioid Rx1

Males:



2x more likely to be prescribed benzodiazepines¹⁶

Compared with other age groups, women:15

Age **25-54** are most likely to be hospitalized due to Rx opioid misuse

Age **45-54** are most likely to **die** from Rx opioid overdose

MENTAL HEALTH

Longer opioid treatment is linked to higher risk of new-onset depression:12

DAYS OF OPIOIDS:



13.6%



AGE

All ages:

17.4%

Persons older than



likely to have filled an opioid Rx in last year¹

≥65 years:

26.8%

55-64 years:

45-54 years:

26.3%

23.1%

Persons aged 55-64 most likely to be hospitalized due to opioids.



Farming, fishing



Jobs with lower paid sick leave



Occupations with lower job security



Construction and extraction (mining, quarrying, oil/gas) workers: 19

MORE LIKELY to experience opioid-related death Account for

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CULTURAL COMPETENCE



Cultural Competence

Definition

Cultural competence: An organization's ability to recognize, respect, and address the unique needs, worth, thoughts, communications, actions, customs, beliefs, and values that reflect an individual's racial, ethnic, religious, and/or social groups or sexual orientation.

Cultural Competence vs. Cultural Awareness

Definitions

- Cultural competence:
 The ability to effectively operate within different cultural contexts
- Cultural awareness:
 Sensitivity and understanding toward individuals from different ethnic, racial and cultural backgrounds.



Cultural Competence Continuum

Where on the PROFICIENCY continuum does your agency fit in each of COMPETENCE these areas? PRE-COMPETENCE DENIAL Service Delivery INCAPACITY Staff/Team Development Organizational DESTRUCTIVENESS Environment

Community Relationships

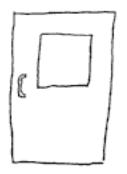


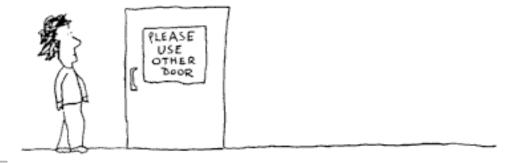
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Barriers to Services

- Individual/Policy
- Provider

System

Barriers - Immigrant Stress

- Migration stress displacement and disorientation that comes with moving and adjusting without resources
- Acculturative stress adjusting to new circumstances in a new cultural context
- Traumatic stress extensive exposure to traumatic events prior to migration
- Also exacerbation of symptoms of disorders already present (learning disabilities)

Barriers - Health Belief Systems

- Expressions of Culture in Health Care
 - Health Belief Systems
 - Define and categorize health and illness
 - Offer explanatory models for illness
 - Based upon theories of the relationship between cause and the nature of illness and treatments
 - Defines the specific "scope" of practice for healers



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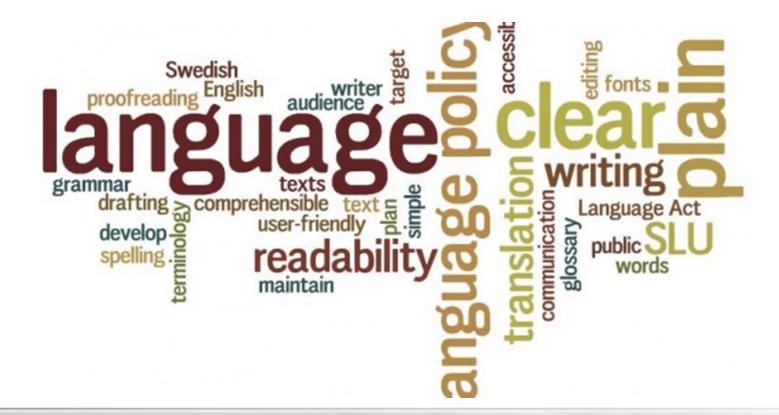






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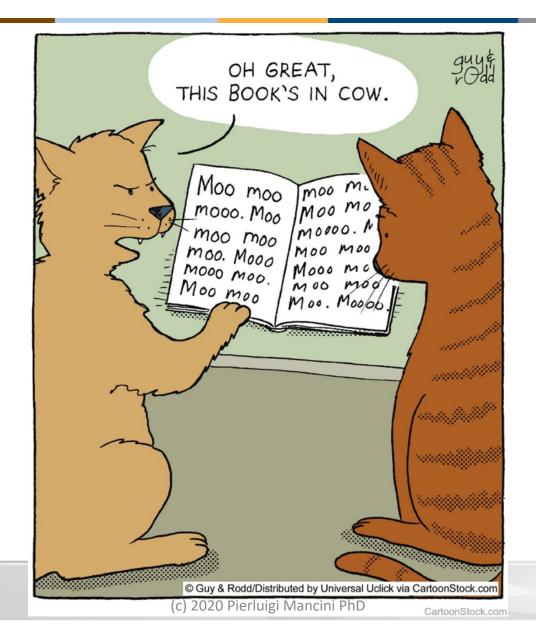
LINGUISTIC COMPETENCE







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Language Competency

Fluency

Attitude

Accents?



Definitions

- Language The words, their pronunciation, and the methods of combining them used and understood by a community.
- Translation: The conversion of written texts from one language to another.
- Interpreting: The re-expression of spoken messages in spoken form in a second language.



Steps to Ensure Language Access

- Do you know what the language needs of your community are?
- Do you have a communication and language assistance plan?
- How do you know your client's preferred language?
- Do you train your staff in language services or interpreting?
- How do you let your clients know that there are language assistance services?

POLLING QUESTION #2

What are the top 4 foreign languages spoken in U.S. households?

- Chinese (including Mandarin and Cantonese)
- German
- Russian
- Spanish
- Arabic
- Tagalog (including Filipino)
- Vietnamese
- French (including Cajun)
- Korean

Source: Migration Policy Institute tabulations from the U.S. Census Bureau pooled data from 2009 – 2011 American Community Survey.

Linguistic Diversity in the U.S.

The top foreign languages spoken in households in the U.S are:

Spanish	40,489,813
Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese)	3,372,930
Tagalog (including Filipino)	1,701,960
Vietnamese	1,509,993
Arabic	1,231,098
French (Including Cajun)	1,216,668
Korean	1,088,788
Russian	909,374
German	905,691
Other Indo- European Languages	866,747

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9,813	Haitian	856,009
2,930	Hindi	810,877
	Portuguese	767,210
1,960	Italian	576,154
	Other Slavic Languages	575,375
9,993	Polish	539,151
1,098	Amharic, Somali, or Other Afro-Asiatic Languages	521,932
6,668 8,788	Yoruba, Twi, Igbo, or Other Languages of Western Africa	515,629
9,374 5,691	Yiddish, Pennsylvania Dutch or Other West Germanic Languages	487,675
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SOLUTIONS



What Can We Do To Overcome These Barriers?

- Develop cultural and linguistic competence in service delivery
- Establish culturally competent standards of care.
 - E.g. CMHS standards, CLAS standards
- Promote mental health education and awareness in immigrant communities

Policy Solutions

- Funding mechanisms
- Development of Cultural and Linguistic Competence Office at the State level
- Enforcement of CLAS Standards
- Enforcement of interpreter requirements
- Tele counseling for LEP

Facility-institutional Solutions

- CLC Organizational Assessment and CLC Plan
- Collaborative relations with primary care providers serving minorities
- Increase Facility's linguistic and cultural competence
- Modifying reimbursement practices

Provider Solutions

- CLC Organizational Assessment and CLC Plan.
- Clinical and Administrative Staff Training.
- Increase provider's linguistic and cultural competence.
- Effective interventions



Culturally and Linguistic Competent Agencies







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Questions?



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