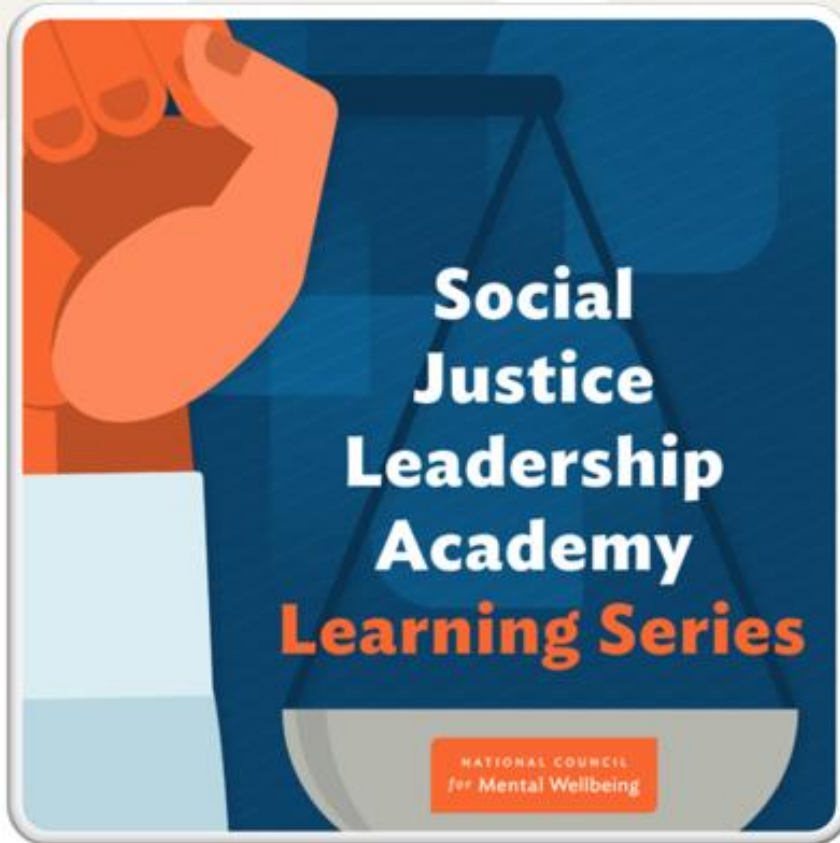


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Health Equity Workshop
Series Part 1:
*Understanding the
Landscape of Mental
Health and Substance
Use Challenges*



October 2022

How to Ask a Question



All functions are located at the bottom of your screen

- Ask questions by using the Q&A function
- Use the chat for discussion & interactive activities

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- Practice empathy: discussions around social justice and equity touch on sensitive topics that require us all to be understanding of each other's backgrounds and experiences.
- As you participate in today's webinar, please remember to stay committed to openness and learning.

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Today's Speakers:



Dr. Ami Roeschlein
DSW, MA, LMFT



Aaron Williams
MA

Time for a poll!

Have you ever felt emotionally,
psychologically, or culturally
unsafe at work?

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Learning Objectives

Participants will...

Understand

Explain terms and definitions related to how systemic, cultural and intergenerational trauma manifest itself in staff and those we serve

Describe

Describe the different types of safety and understand the need for safe spaces to have open honest dialogue

Identify

Identify 2 strategies for engaging communities of color and marginalized identities into program and organizational planning



Let's take a minute....

2020 and Beyond



- Covid-19



- Equity and Social Justice



Intergenerational/Historical Trauma Events



Genocides



Slavery



Pandemics



Massacres



Prohibition/destruction
of cultural practices



Discrimination/Systemic
prejudice



Forced relocation

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Intergenerational (Historical) Trauma

“Cumulative emotional and psychological wounding, over the lifespan and across generations, emanating from massive group trauma experiences.”



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Healthcare worker experiences

Stressed out and stretched too thin

Worried about exposing loved ones

Emotionally and physically exhausted

Not getting enough emotional support

Struggling with parenting

<https://mhanational.org/mental-health-healthcare-workers-covid-19>



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Safety

Create Safe and Secure Environments for ALL

- Throughout the organization, staff and the people they serve, whether children or adults, feel culturally, physically and psychologically safe; the physical setting is safe and interpersonal interactions promote a sense of safety.



Safety



Physical



Psychological

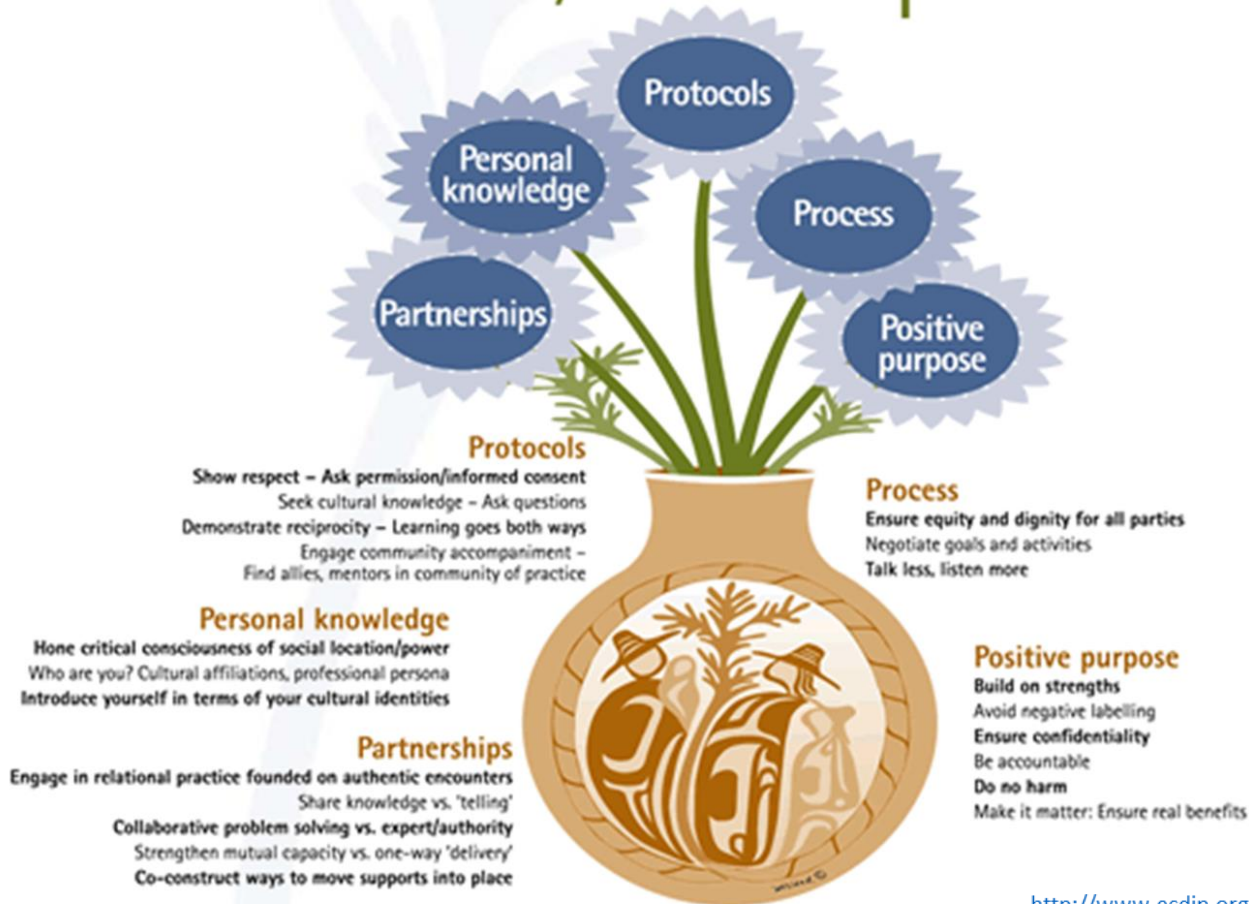


Social



Cultural Safety

Cultural Safety 5 Principles



<http://www.ecdip.org/culturalsafety/>



HOW DO I DO CULTURAL SAFETY?

DR. RUTH DE SOUZA, THE DATA, SYSTEMS AND SOCIETY RESEARCH NETWORK

IT'S A
LEARNING
CONTINUUM

THE SYSTEM
forgets
TO HUMANISE ...



♥♥♥
COLOUR
BLIND

WE TREAT
EVERYONE
THE SAME

↑ ● □
DIVERSITY
ONLY
BUT IS IT
EQUITABLE?

☁?
RACE
TENTATIVE
UNSURE OF HOW
TO ADDRESS
DISPARITY

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EQUITY
FOCUSED

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MARGINALISED =
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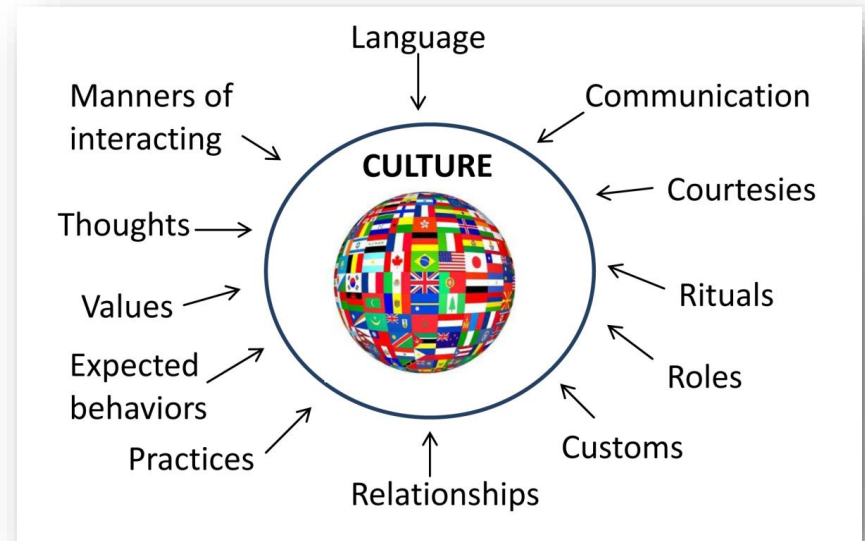
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Cultural Humility at Work to Increase Safety

- It normalizes not knowing
- It helps you identify with your co-workers
- It helps you identify the needs of your “client”
- It creates a culture of understanding that can spread beyond work



Moral Safety



<https://www.statnews.com/2019/07/26/moral-injury-burnout-medicine-lessons-learned/>



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Paradigm Shift



We begin to ask,
*“What happened to you and
your people?”*

rather than

“What is wrong with you?”

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What Happened To You & Your People?

- Expected to juggle children, families and work
- Increased expectations in all aspects of life
- Loss of downtime
- No separation between personal and work time
- Experiences of being dismissed as unimportant, less than
- Constant exposure to violence in the media
- Community in complex trauma increases your production of stress hormones (adrenalin and cortisol)

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Signs, Symptoms and Consequences

Symptoms of physical and emotional fatigue from prolonged work stress among both medical and behavioral healthcare professionals center around three common indicators:

1. Noticeable emotional and physical exhaustion.
2. Compassion fatigue, depersonalization, emotional detachment, or a cynical attitude toward patient care.
3. Feeling useless or that your work is meaningless; a decreased sense of self and/or a reduced sense of accomplishment.

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- Cynical attitude
 - Critical of others
 - Impatient with patients/clients
 - Lacking energy to be productive
 - Apathy
 - Hard to concentrate
 - Low job satisfaction
 - Change in sleep habits
 - Disillusionment
 - Unexplained headaches
 - Sudden stomach or bowel problems
 - Feelings of intense sadness
 - Increased use of alcohol or drugs
 - High blood pressure
 - Lower immunity, feeling sick a lot
 - *Change in appetite*
 - *Isolating from others*
 - *Skipping work or tardiness*
 - *Lethargy*
 - *Short fuse*

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Moral Safety

- The never-ending quest for understanding how organizations function in the healing process
- An attempt to reduce the **hypocrisy** that is present, both **explicitly and implicitly**
- A morally safe environment struggles with the issues of **honesty and integrity**

-Bloom, 2013



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Preventing & Responding to Stress

Organizational Level

- Reasonable workloads
- Efficiency for provider expertise
- Safe physical environments
- Empower and Encourage over Command and Control
- Fair benefits packages
- Training on symptom recognition
- Ensure provider anonymity
- Utilize measures

Individual Level

- Work, play, health, relationships
- Ask for help. No, really.
- Recognize your own symptoms of stress, burnout, etc.
- Practice self-compassion. Give grace and space to yourself
- Remember your preventive healthcare
- Changing relationship with time

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Creating a Holding Environment

A holding environment is a place where:

- Difficult adaptive challenges can be discussed
- Diversity of opinion is welcome
- Experiences, values and assumptions are shared and challenged
- Stress is expected and tolerated



Georgetown University Center for Child and Human Development. (2012). *Georgetown University Leadership Academy Leading in Challenging Times Curriculum*.

Maintain Focused Attention



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- Do not avoid disturbing issues through work avoidance maneuvers, i.e., scapegoating, denial, focusing on technical issues, focusing on individuals
- Expose conflict and use it as a source of creativity
- Identify distractions immediately and move to regain focus

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Tips for Supervisors

- Walk around the office to check in on staff
- Suggest that staff take mini-breaks throughout the day
- Engage staff in team huddles, meetings to debrief and allow for support of each other
- Empower staff to start their own staff support group
- Regularly slow things down and question if self or team may be subject to bias
- Ensure that staff has opportunities for learning
- Mine for feedback “What did I miss?”, normalize being explicit
- Give staff the tools and resources they need
- Celebrate individual and collective successes



**Helpful
Tips**



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Supervisors have an ethical obligation to address burnout in supervision



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“This means that if we do not have a sense of caring toward someone we lead and/or we don’t feel connected to that person, we have two options: Develop the caring and connection or find a leader who’s a better fit.”

Brown, B. (2018). *Dare to Lead: Brave Work. Tough Conversations. Whole Hearts.* Random House.



We need to have...



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Drop your answer in the chat
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How does your organization currently
create an emotionally, psychologically,
and culturally safe environment?

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Engagement

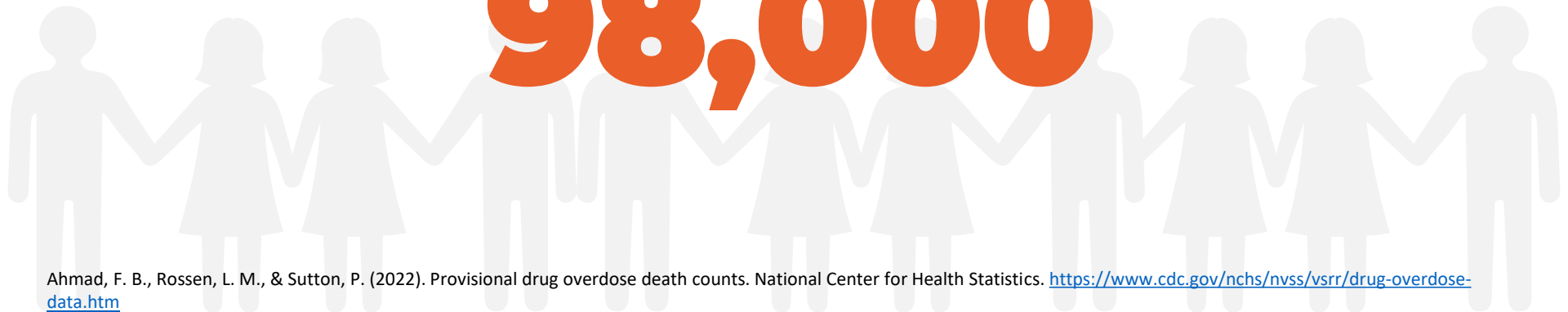
MORE THAN

991,000

107,000

98,000

Ahmad, F. B., Rossen, L. M., & Sutton, P. (2022). Provisional drug overdose death counts. National Center for Health Statistics. <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss/vsrr/drug-overdose-data.htm>



More than half a million people have reported signs of anxiety and/or depression, Anxiety screens were up by 634% and depression screens were up 873%.

Nearly 180,000 people who took the screening reported suicidal ideation on more than half the days or nearly every day

Rates of suicidal ideation are highest among youth, especially LGBTQ+ youth. In September 2020, over half of 11-17-year-olds reported having thoughts of suicide or self-harm nearly every day of the previous two weeks.

Nearly 78,000 youth reported experiencing frequent suicidal ideation, including nearly **28,000 LGBTQ+ youth**.

70% of people reported that loneliness or isolation was the top contributing factor to mental health issues

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Workforce: Key findings



Demand for services continues to increase



Waitlists are growing



Challenges with recruitment and retention



Additional funding and attention to administrative burdens are needed



So what can we do to
better engage diverse
staff, clients, community
stakeholders?

Building Trust with Communities of Color

Strategies for marginalized communities in local health initiatives



https://ssir.org/articles/entry/building_trust_with_communities_of_color

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Build Empathy for how culture, racism, and history influence initiatives and their evaluation by:

Recognizing	Understanding	Appreciating	Developing
Recognizing both universal and culture-specific factors that influence participation in health initiatives and evaluations.	Understanding how racism and ethnocentrism operate with the aim of developing evaluation methodologies that are respectful of diverse communities	Appreciating the historical context in which evaluations have taken place, paying close attention to the negative affect on communities of color and their resulting loss of trust in agencies	Developing an understanding of the interface between individuals' ethnic and racial experiences and their health beliefs; such knowledge may strengthen both the design of interventions and evaluation approaches.



Cultural Humility

another way to understand and develop a process-oriented approach to competency

“the ability to maintain an interpersonal stance that is other-oriented (or open to the other) in relation to aspects of cultural identity that are most important to the [person]”

Hook et al, 2013



Lifelong commitment to self-evaluation and self-critique



Desire to fix power imbalances where none ought to exist



Aspiring to develop partnerships with people and groups who advocate for others

-Tervalon & Murray-Garcia, 1998

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The Ties That Bind Us: Empathy & Cultural Humility



“Cultural humility and empathy are inextricably tied.”



Working with diverse people requires both empathy and cultural humility.



Practitioners and administrators equally have to be willing to take on the tenets of both empathy and cultural humility.



They must engage in the practice of becoming cultural learner, exposing themselves to embarrassment, and accessing their own vulnerability.



Nurture Self-Awareness

Become

Become aware of your attitudes, biases, prejudices, and resulting stereotypes; failing to do so may detrimentally affect the establishment of trust with the communities you wish to engage

Develop

Develop the ability to see and understand the cultures of people of color as sources of strength and resilience

Gain

Gain awareness of the racial and cultural socialization of individuals in communities of the marginalized, as it may assist in finding culturally congruent ways to connect and build trust

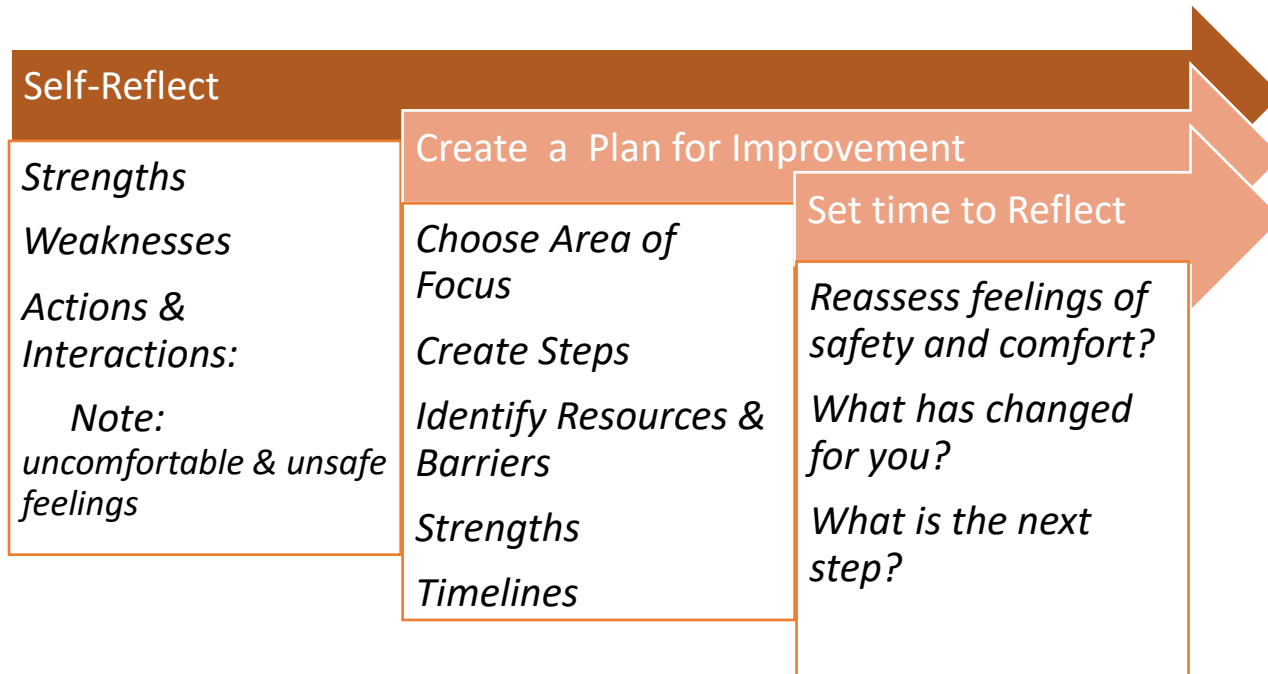
Be

Be mindful of similarities and differences between how health professionals view and conceptualize health and healing practices, and how communities of color view them



How do we increase our Cultural Humility?

Self-Reflection



Building on Trust and empathy...

*Develop common
missions
intentions
language
efforts
policies*



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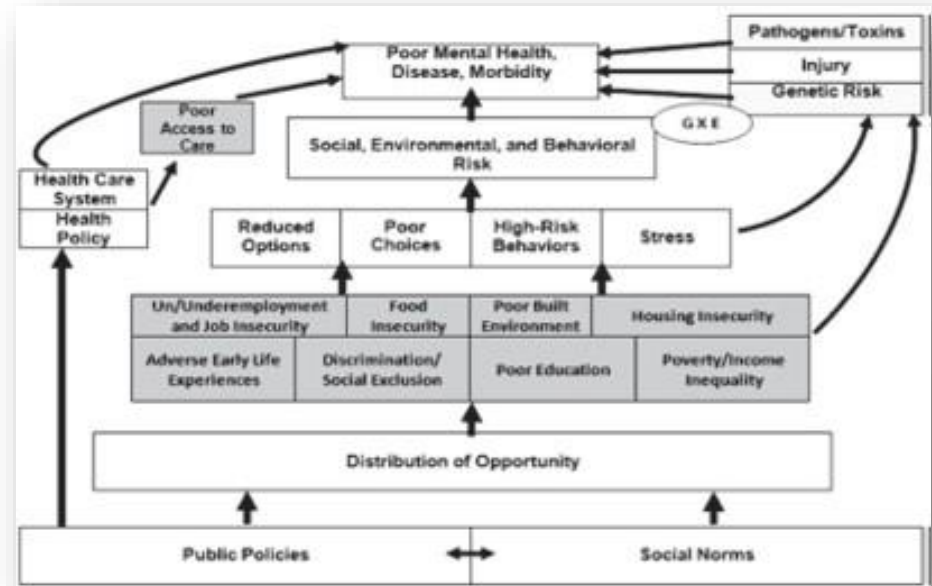
Clients

Challenges to Prevention, Treatment and Recovery for AA

- Negative representations, stereotyping and stigma.
- Intergenerational substance use and polysubstance use
- Fear of legal consequences
- Misperceptions and faulty explanations about addiction and opioids.
- Lack of culturally responsive and respectful care.
- Discrimination and trauma

- The Opioid Use disorder crisis among African Americans: An urgent issue

• https://store.samhsa.gov/sites/default/files/SAMHSA_Digital_Download/PEP20-05-02-001_508%20Final.pdf



Source: *The Social Determinants of Mental Health*. Michael T. Compton, M.D., M.P.H., and Ruth S. Shim, M.D., M.P.H., *Focus* Vol. 13, No. 4, Fall 2015

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Strategies to Address Opioid Misuse and OUD in Black/African American Communities

Implement

- Implement a comprehensive, holistic approach

Involve

- Involve the community and develop multisectoral, diverse community partnerships

Increase

- Increase culturally relevant public awareness

Employ

- Employ culturally specific engagement strategies

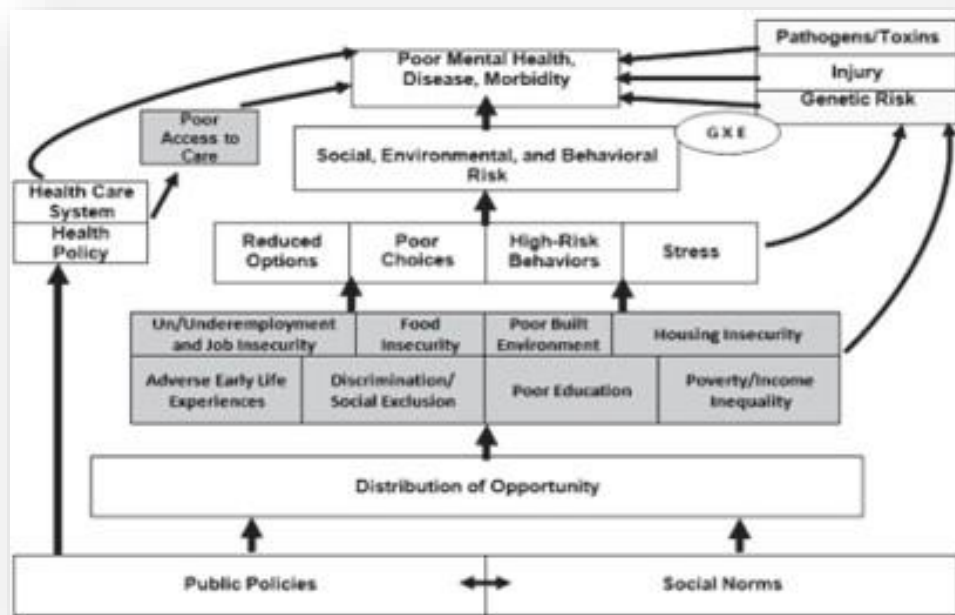
Create

- Create a culturally relevant and diverse workforce

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Challenges to Prevention, Treatment and Recovery for Hispanic/Latino

- Negative representations, stereotyping and stigma.
- Intergenerational substance use and polysubstance use
- Fear of legal consequences/Immigration issues
- Language barriers
- Lack of culturally responsive and respectful care.
- Heterogeneity of the Hispanic/Latino population



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Strategies to Address Opioid Misuse and OUD in Hispanic/Latino Communities

- Implement a comprehensive, holistic approach
- Create culturally tailored public awareness campaigns in native languages
- Form diverse partnerships
- Utilize schools
- Leverage faith-based organizations
- Build a bilingual, culturally aware and respectful workforce
- Develop culturally and linguistically appropriate prevention and treatment
- Link to primary care

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Identifying and Engaging Diverse Partners

Who are you working with?

- Check off your community partners
 - Behavioral health
 - Primary care/hospitals
 - First responders
 - Peer-run/Recovery Community Organizations
 - Parks and rec
 - Faith-based community
 - Community organizers/advocates
 - Business community



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- Community Behavioral Health Provider(s)
- Local Medication-Assisted Treatment Provider(s)
- Local Policy Maker(s)
- Peer Support/Advocacy Organizations
- People in Recovery
- First Responder Representative, including law enforcement, ambulance/EMS, fire department
- Primary Care Provider(s), including but not limited to the Federally Qualified Health Centers
- Hospital Representative
- Probation or Community Corrections Representative
- Housing Representative

- Public Health Representative
- Parks and Recreation Representative
- Prevention Specialists
- Recreation Specialists
- Faith-Based Community
- Vocational Rehabilitation Representative
- Veterans Administration Representative
- Business Community/Chamber of Commerce Representative
- Judicial Representative
- Civil Legal Services Representative
- Education Representative



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TRAUMA-INFORMED, RECOVERY-ORIENTED SYSTEM OF CARE

Please rate your level of agreement with the following statements.					
	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't Know or N/A
1. We can identify cross sector partners within our community	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. There are resources within the community to assist individuals with getting jobs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. There are resources within the community to assist individuals with getting involved in non-mental health/addiction-related activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. There are resources within the community to link individuals in recovery who can serve as role models or mentors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. There are resources within the community to assist individuals with finding safe affordable housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. There are resources within the community to assist individuals with transportation to/from appointments, work, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. The community supports self-help, peer support, and/or advocacy groups	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. The community provides opportunities for people in recovery to assist in the development of new groups, programs, or services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. The community is free from stigma and discrimination around trauma, addiction and recovery	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. People in recovery are encouraged to be involved in the evaluation of the community's programs, services, and service providers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Use the Results to Make a Plan

- Aggregate results and look for trends
- Report data back to those who completed the survey
- As an organization, determine:
 - What fits in your scope
 - What you'd like to partner with another stakeholder to do
- Meet with community coalitions, taskforces, advocacy groups to discuss:
 - Survey results
 - What they're already doing
 - What their needs are
 - Who might need support or be interested in partnering to achieve shared goals



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Making the Case

Find out what is relevant to the partner you are recruiting. Instead of “selling” them on the project, listen to their key issues.

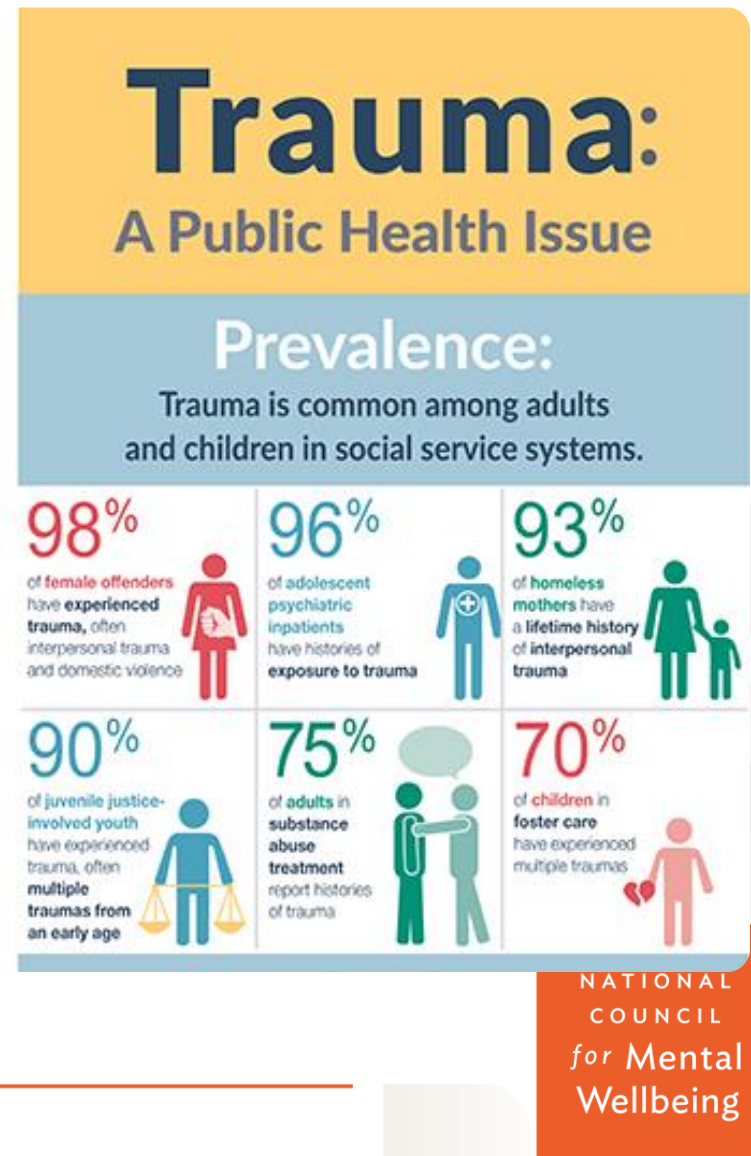
- What are their top five biggest problems? Find a way to relate those problems to your mission.
- Usually, you will be able to discuss trauma and/or total wellness in a way they understand and will tie to their problems/issues.
- Embrace multiple perspectives
- Find common concern and focus

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Share Benefits of Community Collaboration

- Build awareness regarding the impact of trauma in the community
- Increase competence in handling this issue among frontline staff in a range of settings
- Enhance referral protocols that help community members connect to more local services
- Increase wellness of the workforce
- Enhance organizational resilience



Drop your answer in the chat
box!

How does your organization
currently engage diverse
community stakeholders?

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The expectation that we can be immersed in suffering and loss daily and not be touched by it is as realistic as expecting to be able to walk through water and not get wet.”

Rachel Remen, Kitchen Table Wisdom

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Want to learn more?



<https://www.thenationalcouncil.org/resources/addressing-health-equity-and-racial-justice/>



Resources

[Project ECHO](#)

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Racial Equity Tools

<https://www.racialequitytools.org/>

National Council Equity Climate Assessment

https://www.thenationalcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/TI-ROC-Equity-Climate-Assessment_FINAL.pdf?daf=375ateTbd56

[Social Determinants of Mental Health](#)



[Access for Everyone: A Toolkit for Addressing Health Equity & Racial Justice within Integrated Care Settings](#)

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Additional Tools & Resources

National Council for Mental Wellbeing – Blog Posts

- [Furthering the Wellbeing of Black, Indigenous & People of Color through Integrated Care](#)
- [During Black History Month, Let's Commit Ourselves to Improving the Mental Health of Black Americans](#)
- [Moving Forward this Black History Month – Setting Youth Up for Success](#)

Other

- Mental Health America – [Black History Month](#)
- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) - [2022 Black Health & Wellness](#)
- [Black Mental Health Alliance](#)

[Health Equity and Racial Justice Webpage](#)

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See our page for more information on Webinars and Upcoming Events, Resources and Tools, and Training and Technical Assistance focused on Health Equity and Racial Justice

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Questions are the path to learning



Social Justice Leadership Academy

Learning Series: Upcoming Events

Learning Series Event 8: *Health Equity Workshop Series Part 2: Practical Steps for Application* – November 28th 1 – 2:30 p.m. EST

Register Here: https://thenationalcouncil.org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_cDI5XY1HT_q4714vVp9u5Q



*Registration information will be emailed to all attendees from today's event and will be posted on our SJLA 'Events' Webpage:

<https://www.thenationalcouncil.org/program/the-social-justice-leadership-academy/events/>

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- We will continue to use the Social Justice Leadership Academy's **main website** as the library of previous Learning Series Event recordings and slides.
- We will be sending out a form in our follow up email where you can sign up, or feel free to opt in on our November registration page.
 - If you have already signed up, keep an eye out for an email from the SJLA team with further instructions on how to activate your account within the next week!



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