

Disparities and Cultural Competency Advisory Committee (DACC) **LEARNING SERIES: ASIAN and PACIFIC ISLANDERS**

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DATE: Wednesday, January 14, 2015

TIME: 9:00 AM – 12:15 PM

LOCATION: visit <http://mha.ohio.gov/Default.aspx?tabid=768#2644213-training--events> for details

This event has been approved for 3.0 contact hours for the following disciplines:
Registered Nurse, Licensed Practical Nurse, Counselor, Psychologist, Social Worker, and
Chemical Dependency Counselors & Prevention Professionals.

TRAINING OVERVIEW

The speakers will share experiences from the provider perspective and consumer voice on current efforts to reduce disparities. They will discuss existing service gaps, emerging access barriers, and current strategies underway to achieve health equity. Participants will have the opportunity to interact with panelists and learn about Best and Promising Practices as it relates to engagement, retention, and outcomes.

Upon attending the *Learning Series*, participants will be able to:

1. Understand services being delivered in Ohio
2. Discuss existing service gaps and emerging access barriers
3. Identify Best and Promising Practices improving health equity

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About Service Disparities

The Asian and Pacific Islander population is one of the fastest growing demographic groups in Ohio. Asian and Pacific Islander groups have a diverse history and have experienced complex social problems emerging in recent years. Research indicates that Asian and Pacific Islanders have the highest lifetime prevalence of depression of any group. Studies indicate that those using mental health services are more severely ill than other groups suggesting that this population delays seeking treatment. Stigma associated with using behavioral health services and cultural and linguistic barriers are attributing factors that delay seeking treatment. Providers should be mindful of unique individual and group experiences when working with individuals, groups, and communities. Enhancing the understanding and delivery of behavioral health services to the Asian and Pacific Islander community requires collaborative relationships.

For more information and resources please visit OhioMHAS' DACC Advisory Committee online resource bank at <http://mha.ohio.gov/Default.aspx?tabid=769#2649219-resource-bank> or the

Ohio Asian American Pacific Islander Advisory Council's report at
<http://aapi.ohio.gov/Resources/2013-03-governorsStatusReport.stm>.



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