



## Enhancing Engagement through Culturally Responsive Services for Latinx Populations

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**Yes I Earned a Ph.D., CPS, CADCI, LADC**



**And I Earned a GED in Prison!**

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**32**

**RECOVERY**

**THE COLLECTIVE**

**1 BILLION SECONDS IS 32 YEARS**

**I'M A BILLION SECONDS OLD!**

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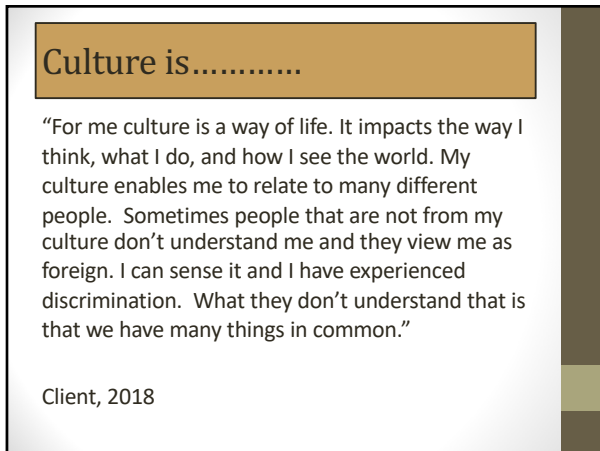
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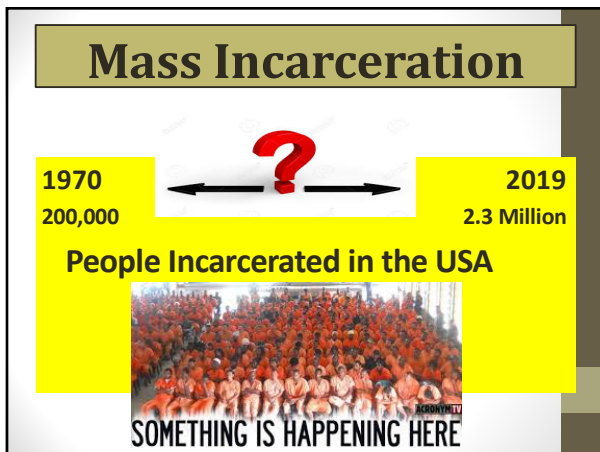
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## Deliberate Policies

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• War On Drugs</li> <li>• Criminalization of Behaviors</li> <li>• Powder vs. Crack Cocaine</li> <li>• Mandatory Minimums</li> <li>• Voting Rights</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Schools Zones</li> <li>• 3 Strikes and You're Out</li> <li>• Massive Prison Construction</li> <li>• Privatization of Prisons/Jails</li> <li>• Criminal Offender Records</li> </ul>
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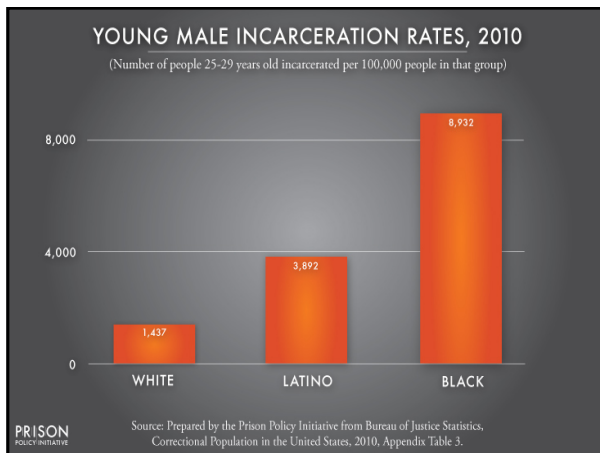
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**Prisons and jails have become the largest and most utilized mental health institutions across the United States.**

80%

of crimes that lead to incarceration involve drugs or alcohol

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## Opioid Overdose Deaths

- Everyday more than 130 people die in the US (NIDA)
- More than 70,200 Americans died in 2017 (CDC)
- Approximately 350,000 people have died in the US thus far (CDC)
- In Massachusetts approximately 2,000 people died in 2018 (MDPH)

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## Why Declare a Crisis Now?

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## Disproportionate Impacts in MA

- In 2017 there was a **8.3% decrease** in opioid overdose deaths
- In 2018 there was a **4% decrease** in opioid overdose deaths
- Between 2015-2017 opioid overdose **deaths increased 83% for African Americans and 100% for Latinos/Hispanics**

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## MA Legislation, Policies, Regulations and Their Impacts at the Community Level

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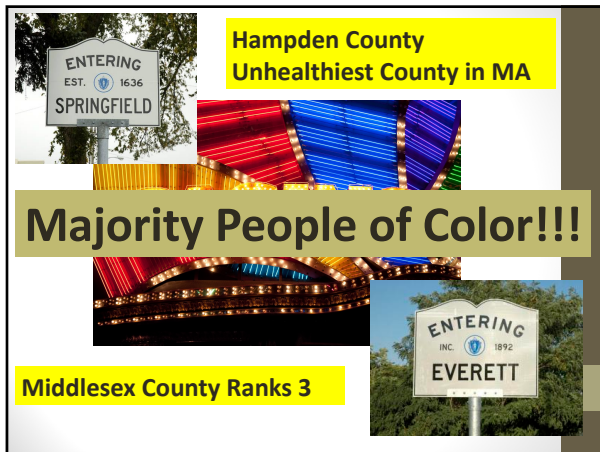
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Hampden County  
Unhealthiest County in MA

**Majority People of Color!!!**

Middlesex County Ranks 3

ENTERING  
EST. 1636  
SPRINGFIELD

ENTERING  
INC. 1892  
EVERETT

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Massachusetts  
*Welcomes you*

MASSACHUSETTS  
STATE PRISONS

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Immigration and Migration

FAMILIES BELONG TOGETHER!

I AM A CHILD

HERE TO STAY

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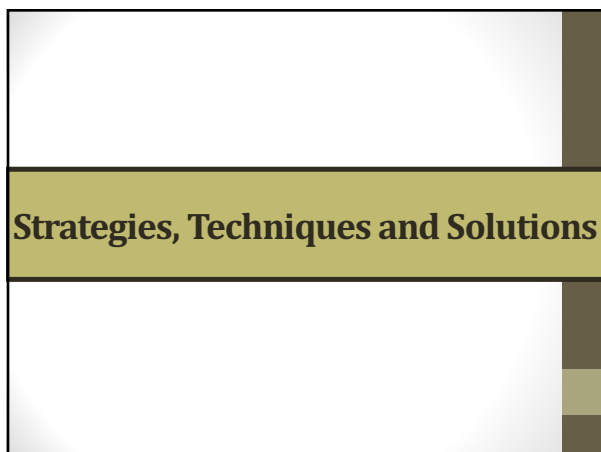
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## Fund and Support a True Public Health Approach



## Multiple Strategies Over Multiple Domains

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## Cultural Humility

“Cultural Humility incorporates a **lifelong commitment to self-evaluation and self critique** to **redressing the power imbalances** in the ~~patient-physician~~ dynamic and to developing **mutually beneficial and non-paternalistic** clinical and **advocacy partnerships with communities** on behalf of individuals and the defined population.”  
(Tervalon and Murry-Garcia, 1998)

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## Cultural Intelligence

“Cultural Intelligence is the **capability to relate and work effectively** in culturally diverse situations. **It goes beyond existing notions of cultural sensitivity and awareness** to highlight a theoretically-based set of capabilities needed to **successfully and respectfully accomplish** your objectives in culturally diverse settings.”

(Cultural Intelligence Center, 2019)

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## Common Cultural Themes

- Family or *Familia* (*Familismo*)
- Respect or *Respeto*
- Personal Relationships or *Personalismo*
- Trust or *Confianza*
- Religion
- Spirituality or *Espiritualidad*
- Marianismo
- Machismo



Source: Falicov, 1998; Santiago-Rivera et.al, 2002; Pajewski & Enriquez, 1996 & Bracero, 1998

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SPANISH  
 PORTUGUESE  
 ENGLISH  
 FRENCH  
 DUTCH



2019 INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF  
Indigenous Languages

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natural abilities  
 Strengths gifts Qualities  
 Core talents

Strengths-Based  
Engagement and Practice  
CREATING EFFECTIVE HELPING RELATIONSHIPS



Everybody is a genius. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid.  
-Albert Einstein



We Can Do It!



SOME PEOPLE CAN'T BELIEVE IN THEMSELVES UNTIL SOMEONE ELSE BELIEVES IN THEM.  
[GOOD WILL THINKING]

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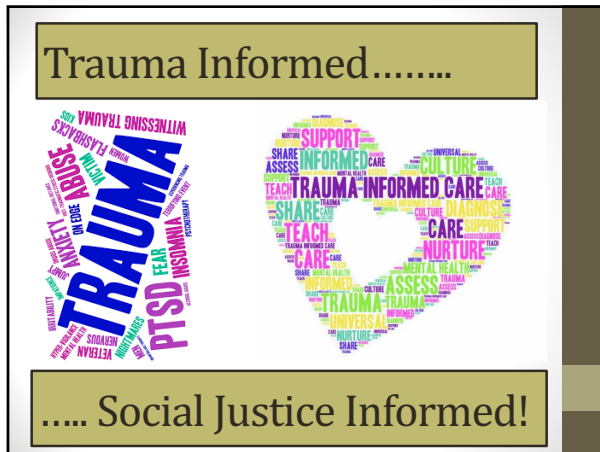
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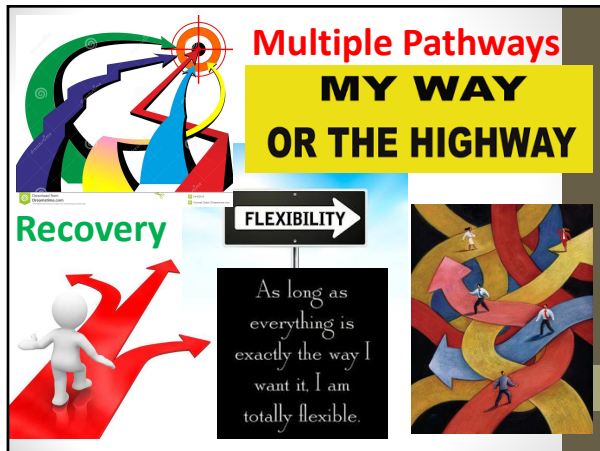
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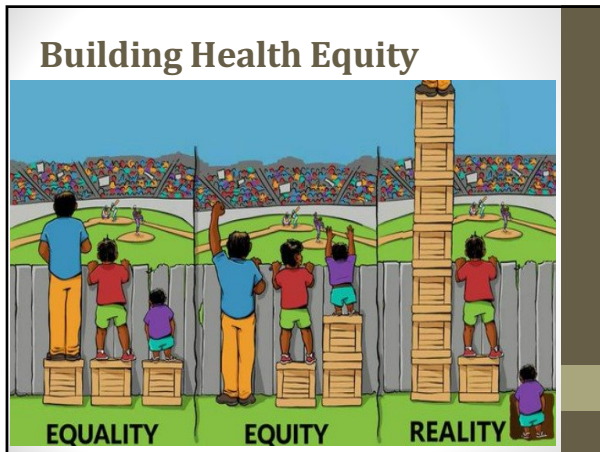
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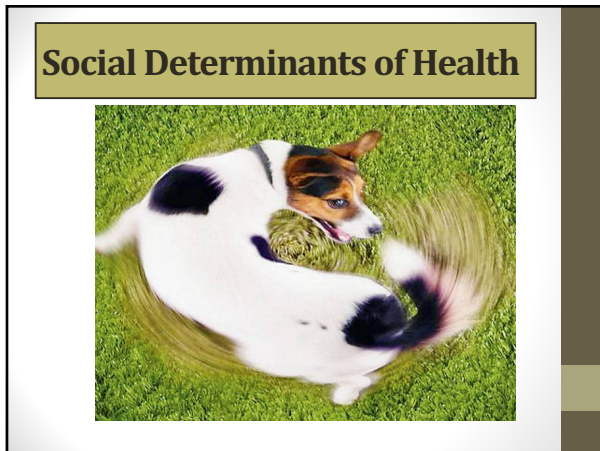
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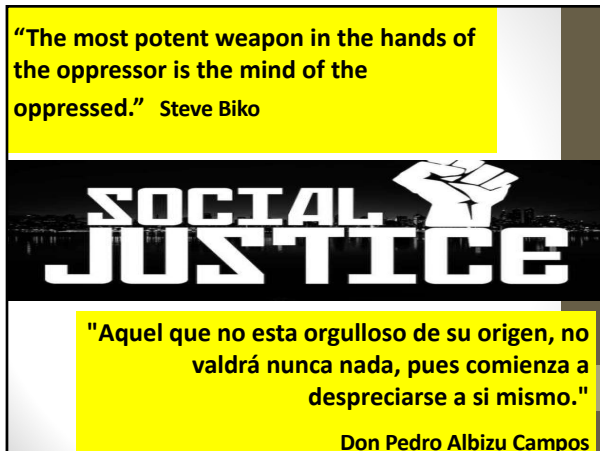
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