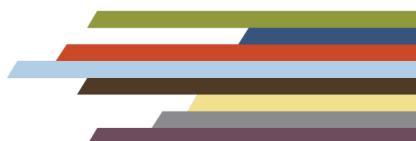
# SECTION 4: Cultural Formulation Interview with the Hispanic and Latino Populations: Peer Worker Perspective & Application

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INCLUSIVE AND
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DIVERSE CULTURES,
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AND EXPERIENCES

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#### **About the presenter:**

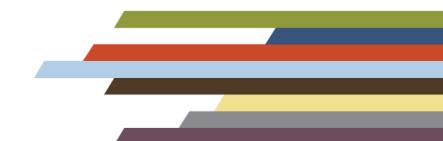
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## Resources for Peers Working with Hispanic and Latino Populations The Cultural Formulation Interview

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#### Goals

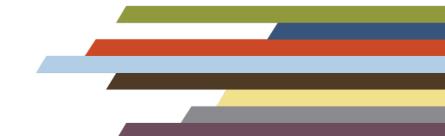
- Provide practical resources to mental health providers working with Hispanic and Latino populations.
- Use of the Cultural Formulation Interview as an assessment tool when working with Hispanic and Latino populations



#### **Objectives**

- Identify resources that may facilitate the incorporation of culture as part of assessment, case formulation, and treatment
- Promote the use of the Cultural Formulation Interview (CFI) when providing mental health services for Hispanic and Latino populations
- Identify usefulness of cultural case formulations when working with Hispanic and Latino populations with mental health disorders





#### **Self- Assessments**

- https://nccc.georgetown.edu/documents/ChecklistBehavioralHealth.pdf
- https://www.samhsa.gov/sites/default/files/programs\_campaigns/samhsa\_hrsa/cultural\_ -competence-self-assessment.pdf
- <a href="https://docs.ucare.org/filer-public/b8/3a/b83a12ab-281a-45a4-8eac-7806b9cc1aaa/culturalcompetenceselfassessment.pdf">https://docs.ucare.org/filer-public/b8/3a/b83a12ab-281a-45a4-8eac-7806b9cc1aaa/culturalcompetenceselfassessment.pdf</a>
- Scale of Ethnocultural Competency



#### **Clinical Formulation Interview**

Development





#### **Cultural Formulation Interview**

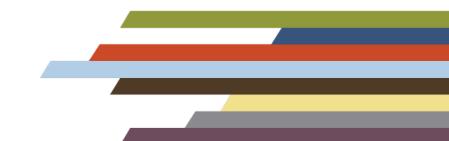
Account for the influence of culture



• Enhance clinician-participant communication in all clinical encounters

Improve outcomes





#### **Culture**

- Values, orientations, knowledge, and practices that individuals use to understand their experiences
- Aspects of a person's background, experience, and social contexts that may affect his or her perspective
- The influence of family, friends, and other community members (the individual's social network) on the individual's illness experience

APA, 2013







### Culture may influence how we...

- Identify mental health condition
- Seek help
- Experience and prioritize symptoms
- Conceptualize treatment
- Participate in care

#### For clinicians culture may influence...

- Determine whether an experience is an "illness:"
- Communicate during a clinical encounter/service
- Support individuals
- Structure our work settings
- Develop a moral stance toward care





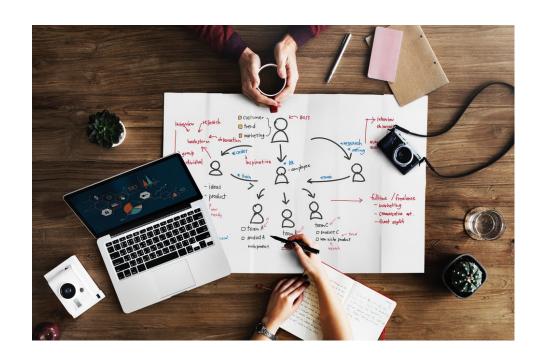
#### **Clinical Formulation Interview**

- Cultural Assessment
  - 16 questions
  - 3 versions
    - Core
    - Informant
    - Supplementary
      - Explanatory Model
      - Level of Functioning
      - Social Network
      - · Psychosocial Stressors
      - · Spirituality, Religion and Moral Traditions
      - Cultural Identity
      - · Coping and help seeking
      - Patient-clinician relationship
      - · School-aged children and adolescents
      - Older adults
      - Immigrants and refugees
      - Caregivers





## OUTLINE FOR CULTURAL FORMULATION





#### **Cultural Identity of the Individual**

- Should be comprehensive
- Must recognize that a person's identity may shift across time, context and expectations
- Is never one-sided
- Helps the clinician



### **Cultural Explanations**of Illness

•Symptom, and severity meaning in relation to cultural norms, causes, expected course of illness, experiences with care, and treatment expectation.





#### **Cultural Factors Related to Psychoso** cial **Environme** nt and Levels of **Functionin**



- Stressors
- Supports
- Level of functioning



### Cultural elements of the Relationship Between Individual and Clinician

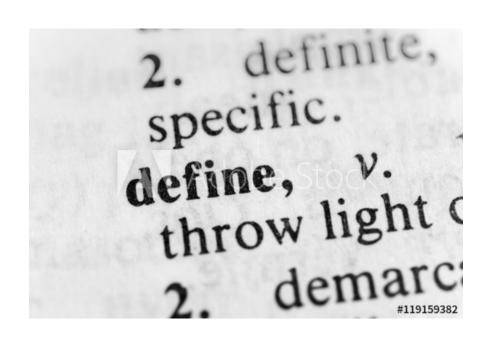
• The relationship between patient and clinician is influenced by the expectations, role definitions, and resources each bring to the encounter.



• SUPPLEMENTARY MODULES



#### **Explanatory Model**



- Maximizes treatment engagement and adherence
- Increases positive expectancy
- Builds empathy and therapeutic alliance
- Addresses catastrophic cognitions
- Addresses stigma



#### Level of functioning

- Culture and society implicitly define the value of every aspect of functioning
- Level of functioning is an important component of clinical assessment
- Can help clarify level of impairment and allows for the development of culturally sensitive interventions



#### **Social Network**

- The level of a person's social support influences the pathways from stressful events to mental health disorders
- Exploring social networks may yield information about social supports and the person's ties to his-her cultural communities, and facilitate the development of culturally responsive approaches





#### **Psychosocial Stressors**

- Cultural values such as individualism-collectivism continuum are central to what is experienced as stressful
- Can facilitate a better understanding about the overall situation, diagnosis and treatment planning.



#### **Spirituality, Religion and Moral Traditions**

- Allows a patient to discuss religious, spiritual and moral beliefs, values and practicesthe way these may influence treatment decision-making processes, goals, personal coping, and social resources, as well as potential sources of religious or spiritual strength or concern
- Provides a framework for exploring a person's identity, the role of spirituality, religion and moral traditions, as well as the possible relationships between these traditions and the clinical concern, and any potential stressors related to spirituality, religion, and moral traditions.

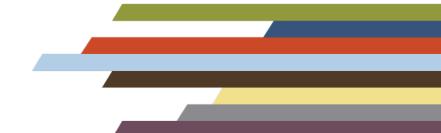


#### **Cultural Identity**

People adopt different identities based on social relationships

• CFI and its supplementary modules contain questions to address the relevance of a person's identity to the presenting concern





#### **Coping and Help Seeking**

- Strategies that a person may use to address difficulties
- Can reveal what has been useful for the problem, which can inform clinicians about what the person wants and expects in treatment





#### **Patient-Clinician Relationship**

- May promote adherence and retention
- Transference and countertransference are impacted by culture, including similarities and differences between participant and clinician
- Information in this area allows the clinician to foresee and attend to possible difficulties



#### **School-aged Children and Adolescents**

- Should include input from family and should include other perspectives
- Through simple age-appropriate questions may help the clinician in treatment planning, and assessment



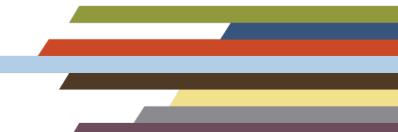


#### **Older Adults**

- Explore unique identities
- Explore medical history







#### **Immigrants and refugees**

- Provides access to clinically relevant information for mental health care for migrant
- Explores premigration difficulties, exposure to violence and persecution, historical time frame of migration, migration-related losses and challenges, continued ties with country of origin, resettlement and expectations





#### **Settings**

#### Continuum of Psychiatric Mental Health Care



Primary care providers
Specialty care providers
Patient-centered medical/health homes
Community clinics

TRANSITIONAL OUTPATIENT TREATMENT



Psychosocial rehabilitation program (PRP) Clinical case management



Psychiatric home care
Assertive community treatment (ACT)
Intensive substance abuse program
Partial hospitalization program (PHP)

MOST ACUTE TREATMENT



Emergency department Crisis stabilization unit Locked inpatient unit



## Implementation Aspects

#### **SAMHSA Resources For Peers**

Review Handouts



#### **Demonstration of the CFI**

• <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?time">https://www.youtube.com/watch?time</a> continue=18&v=IqFrszJ6iP8





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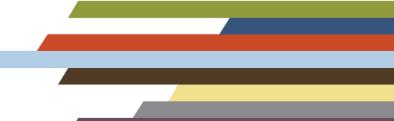
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