Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation Equity Chats

Unpacking the Revised IECMHC Competencies - Competency 3. Equity and Cultural Sensitivity

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Land Acknowledgement

As an institution dedicated to our Jesuit values, Georgetown University recognizes that the land we currently occupy was and still is the homeland of the Nacotchtank and their descendants, the Piscataway Conoy people. We acknowledge that these peoples and many others were forcefully removed and that this University’s occupation is fundamentally tied to colonial development. We acknowledge that the consequences of this removal continue to affect these Indigenous communities. We offer our gratitude for the land and her people as we learn, teach, work, and commune.

This University celebrates the resilience, strength, and enduring presence of Indigenous people demonstrated around the world. We are committed to supporting the Indigenous members of our community as we educate ourselves on Indigenous histories, cultures, and issues. This is a reflection of our commitment to the values of People for Others as we form our Community in Diversity.

– Native American Student Council (NASC)

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C. Early Intervention (Specialist, Coordinator, Program Director or Systems Leader)
D. Trainer or Coach
E. Higher Education
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H. Health Professional
I. Funder
J. Researcher/Evaluator
K. Other
Did you participate the 5-Part Equity in IECMHC Webinar Series?

A. How Did We Get Here?
B. Culture, Identity, History as Sources of Strength and Resilience for Tribal Communities
C. Culture, Identity, History as Sources of Strength and Resilience for African-American Children and Families
D. Culture, Identity, History as Sources of Strength and Resilience for Latino Children and Families
E. Culture, Identity, History as Sources of Strength and Resilience for Asian American & Pacific Islander Children & Families
F. All of the Above
G. None

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Did you attend last month’s Equity Chat?

A. Yes
B. No

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Equity Chat Series

... provide a forum to further dialogue on equity topics to **support more equitable systems** and **strengthen culturally responsive IECMHC practices** in order to reduce disparities and improve child outcomes.
Holding a Reflective Space

• Maintain a reflective and learning stance.
• Learn and speak your truth and how your truth affects your work in IECMHC.
• Expect and accept non-closure.

Today’s Session Goals

• Examine the role of the consultant in supporting equity in IECMHC.
• Introduce the revised IECMHC Competency 3.
• Share and discuss ways to begin to support more equitable systems and strengthen culturally responsive IECMHC practices to reduce disparities and improve child outcomes.
Agenda

- Framing our dialogue around a shared understanding on issues of equity.
- Exploring “the why?” behind the revision of the IECHMC competences and introducing Competency 3
- Small group breakouts on advancing equity in our work with practitioners, children, and families.
- Sharing resources to support the work of equity in IECMHC
Equitable Learning Environments...

... provide equitable access to resources and opportunities, equitable experiences to children and families, and result in outcomes that are not associated with children's demographic characteristics. They actively and continuously identify and intentionally eliminate manifestations of systemic racism and other forms of oppression.

The Children's Equity Project
Why were the competencies revised?

IECMHC Competencies

Elevate Equity

Recognize that.....

- Principles of equity and antiracism should be integrated not an add on.
- IECMHC is well positioned to disrupt racism, bias, and other forms of marginalization in the settings in which we consult.
- Research shows that IECMHC can reduce racial and gender disparities, by supporting the adults and systems that make decisions about children (Shivers, Farago, & Gal-Szabo 2021).
Competency 3

Center of Excellence for Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health
Consultation Competencies

3. EQUITY AND CULTURAL SENSITIVITY

Describes and demonstrates how culture, equity, and environment shape relationships and behaviors and influence settings and communities in important and meaningful ways. For more information, please see the Equity section of the website.
**Culture Iceberg**

![Image of an iceberg with visible and less visible sections]

**Visible**

**Less Visible**

What attributes might we find to be less visible?

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**Individualist and Collectivist Cultures**

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Tell me the facts and I'll learn. Tell me the truth and I'll believe. But tell me a story and it will live in my heart forever.

- Native American Proverb

Racial Stories

“The lion’s story will never be known as long as the hunter is the one to tell it”

- West African Proverb
My personal story....

"How you are is as important as what you do."
Reflect on your own racial story...
Where would your story begin?
Jot down some initial thoughts.

Small Group Chat
Small Group Discussion

In your small group:

- Introduce yourselves.
- Share your feedback on the following questions:
  1. How did it feel to reflect on your own racial story?
  2. In what ways could sharing racial stories be an effective approach with the practitioners with whom you work?
- Be prepared to share one to two takeaways with the larger group.

Whole Group Share Out
Resources to Support Equity in IECMHC

Resources

COE Resources:
- Equity Webinar Series
- Equity Chat Series
- IECMHC Racial Equity Tool Kit
- Searchable Evidence Database for IECMHC

CEP Resources:
- Start with Equity: From the Early Years to the Early Grades Data, Research, and an Actionable Child Equity Policy Agenda
- Start with Equity: 14 Priorities to Dismantle Systemic Racism in Early Care and Education
Resources (cont.)

Other:

- Becoming Upended: Teaching and Learning about Race and Racism with Young Children and Their Families
- Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents, by Isabel Wilkerson
- Hearing the Lion's Story by Howard Stevenson
  https://www.learningforjustice.org/sites/default/files/general/HearingLions.pdf
- A Teacher's Guide to Rerouting the Pipeline: Daily decisions can help divert students from the school-to-prison pipeline by Emily Chiarello
  https://www.learningforjustice.org/magazine/spring-2013/a-teachers-guide-to-rerouting-the-pipeline

Upcoming Events

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Supporting Tribal Populations through IECMHC
- November 30, 2021 at 1:00pmET

Equity Chats
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- Competency 4. Reflective Practice - December 8, 2021
**Conference Listening Session**
- November 9, 2021 at 12:00pmET

**Presentation submissions due December 3**
- Have questions? Book an office hour!

**Registration opens in January**

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