

Families, Disability, and Culture:

A New Web-Based Guide to Developing Training Curriculum on Family-Centered, Culturally Competent Practices for MCH Professionals

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Background

- The MCHB Training Priorities Workgroup on Family-Centered and Family Directed Practices (2007) stressed the importance of training MCH professionals to incorporate families in program planning, implementation and evaluation, support family advocacy, promote family-centered and family-directed practices, and communicate effectively with members of diverse cultural and linguistic groups
- Cultural competence and Family-Centered practice are among the "MCH Leadership Competencies" that are at the core of all MCH training program curricula
- MCH Training Programs seek to integrate these competencies using instructional methods that are in line with adult learning principles

Goals

- Provide a web-based curriculum development tool targeted to course instructors, training directors, and especially family faculty
- Encourage the development and implementation of an integrated curriculum that will strengthen trainees' knowledge and skills in family-centered/family-directed practices and cultural competency
- Increase the health and well-being of children and their families and to honor the strengths, cultures, traditions and expertise that everyone brings to this relationship

Methods

• This guide is based on the course "Building Family Partnerships and Developing Cultural Competence," a component of an MCH Distance Learning Project at Westchester Institute for Human Development University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities, and New York Medical College, Valhalla, NY.

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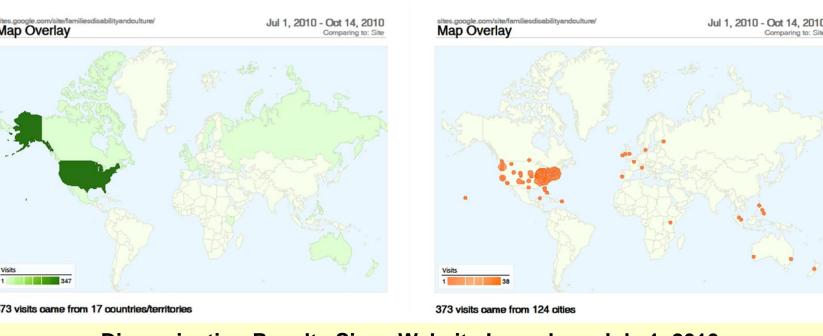


Design

Within the website: Click on the module topics to link to resources, strategies, and guides to develop a module customized to your setting. Included in each module are:

- Learning objectives and competencies
- Instructional methodology
- Active learning and community experiences
- Suggested assignments
- Tips and notes
- Resources including articles, tools, websites, PowerPoint presentations, instructional materials, examples of trainee's products and more

Results



Dissemination Results Since Website Launch on July 1, 2010

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