

Organizational Assessment of Diversity and Inclusion

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The Diversity and Inclusion Forum drafted a plan to implement an organizational assessment of diversity and inclusion. The plan was approved by the Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics (DBP) Executive Committee in 2018. The assessment will be used to provide analysis on the degree to which DBP is effectively addressing the preferences and needs of culturally and linguistically diverse populations through cultural and linguistic competency (CLC) in addition to better understanding the workplace culture and environment as it relates to diversity and inclusion

THE PLANNING PROCESS

DATA COLLECTION & ANALYSIS

CATEGORIES

cultural understanding

serving diverse communities

disability in diversity conversations

history of trauma

need for training

parent voice

access to information and resources

2ND CYCLE CODES

raining providers

avigating interpretation barriers

ncluding disability conversations

ncluding diverse disability perspectives

oor access for marginalized communities

roviding accessible language and information

NEXT STEPS

ASSESSMENT QUESTION(S)	MEASURE(S)	DATE COLLECTION TIMEPOINT
1: State of DBP in regards to CLC	CLC Surveys	March DBP Meeting
	Interviews/Focus Groups	Spring 2019
2: Biased or alienating practices	Community Conversations	Spring 2019
	CLC Surveys	March DBP Meeting
3: Strengths of DBP in diversity &	Interviews/Focus Groups	Spring 2019
inclusion & changes over time	Community Conversations	Spring 2019
Table description: assessment questions that were chosen based upon the below assessment goals. Questions were then matched with the best measurement tools, and time points were established for data collection.		
DBP in diversity and inclusion	Community Conversations	Spring 2019

PLANNING GROUP

- Initially the assessment was guided by the Diversity & Inclusion Forum, a volunteer forum for members of the organization to make efforts in addressing Diversity & Inclusion in DBP.
- A subcommittee was formed to guide the assessment, consisting of two members of the Forum, Jennifer Ward and Suzannah ladarola as well as the division administrator, Mack Kennedy, and clinical manager. Rvan Kav.
- The subcommittee invited the division to participate in the assessment through involvement in an extended team, a volunteer group designed to represent the division as a whole, with members being invited from all aspects of the division, at all levels.

ASSESSMENT GOALS

Within the division of Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics, the organizational assessment seeks to:

- 1. Identify potential biased or alienating practices that may be occurring
- a) Explore instances of exclusion
- 2. Strengths of DBP in regards to supporting diversity and inclusion
- a) Look at changes in the landscape over time
- 3. Learn from division faculty and staff, and community partners in regards to their goals for diversity and inclusion
- a) Their own ideas about how DBP can support diversity and inclusion
- b) Previous or outside positive experiences with inclusive practices



