



Learning and Reflection Forum 1

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Forum 1 - Cultural Brokering: An Effective Approach for Engaging Diverse Communities in Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) Services and Supports

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Forum Description

Cultural brokering has been defined as "...bridging, linking or mediating between groups or persons of different cultural backgrounds to effect change" (Jezewski, 1990). Cultural brokering is emerging as a practice to enhance the capacity of organizations to reach and serve individuals with IDD (Jezewski & Sotnik, 2005). This forum will highlight selected IDD organizations that are successfully using cultural brokering to engage culturally and linguistically diverse communities. It will also explore what it takes to lead cultural broker programs within the IDD network.

Forum Objectives

Participants will:

1. Define the concepts of cultural brokering.
2. List the attributes, knowledge and skills of a cultural broker.
3. Describe the role of cultural brokering in the provision of services and supports in IDD programs.
4. List at least two situations from the literature on cultural brokering.
5. Describe best practices in cultural brokering implemented by programs in two states.
6. Reflect on the implications of leading cultural brokering initiatives.

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