

Learning and Reflection Forum 3
Webinar Description

Engaging and Partnering with Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Communities

Establishing and sustaining broad-based community partnerships in support of the full inclusion of and equity for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) present myriad benefits while simultaneously presenting unique challenges. Many organizations and programs within the I/DD network continue to struggle with engaging communities in a culturally and linguistically competent manner. This forum will explore the experiences of organizations in Arizona, California, and Maryland in their successful initiatives to engage African American, Chinese, and Latino/Hispanic communities in support of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities across the lifespan.

Participants will:

1. Examine the conceptual frameworks, values, and practices of cultural and linguistic competence within the context of community engagement.
2. Describe approaches and strategies to engage diverse communities to plan, implement, and evaluate services and supports for individuals who experience developmental and other disabilities and their families.
3. Reflect on the role of leadership in bringing about organizational and system change.