

Equity and Inclusion for People with Disabilities in Behavioral Health Services - Part 2

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Facilitator

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Ms. Bennett has over 20 years of experience ensuring ADA and civil rights compliance through procedure development and coordination.

Panelists

Hailey Burton, representing the Deaf community

April Dawson Rawlings, representing wheelchair users

Isabel Arreola, representing the Blind community

Summary

Building on the May 9th training, "Equity and Inclusion for People with Disabilities in Behavioral Health Services, Part 1" this session delves deeper into understanding the lives of individuals living with disabilities. Our instructor, who previously provided a brief history of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and relevant state laws, discussed the responsibilities of Sacramento County BHS staff members and contracted service providers in delivering services to clients with disabilities. Effective accommodations and the impact that they have on the lives of people with disabilities were explained.

This follow-up training is a panel presentation that aims to enhance participants' knowledge and empathy by exploring several key topics with individuals who are blind, Deaf, and use a wheelchair. This includes a discussion by the panel of their experiences with physical and cultural access barriers and implicit bias in the community.

Participants will recognize the behavioral health issues that often co-occur with specific disabilities and identify the barriers individuals face in receiving medical treatment or behavioral health services due to their disabilities. The training will highlight how



accommodations can increase participation and independence. It will also emphasize the importance of providing effective communication and engaging in sensitive interactions to make people with disabilities feel included, valued, and able to participate fully.

Learning Objectives

1. Identify at least three physical or cultural access barriers as they are experienced by people with disabilities and explain strategies for eliminating those barriers to improve access to services among clients with disabilities in the BH care setting.
2. Explain what “effective communication” means for people with disabilities and at least three ways that it impacts their daily lives to improve the therapeutic relationship and retention rates among clients with disabilities in the BH care setting.
3. Recognize at least two co-occurring disorders that people with disabilities often experience when seeking help in the BH care setting.

Cost

There is no cost for this training.

These programs are funded by the Division of Behavioral Health Services through the voter approved Proposition 63, Mental Health Services Act (MHSA)

Registration

You must log into your [Learning Cart account](#) to access the Zoom registration link.

Audience

Sacramento County Behavioral Health Services staff and contracted providers.

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