

Kennedy Krieger Institute

Employing Anti-Ableist Strategies to Reduce Healthcare Inequities Experienced by People with Disabilities



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Date: Tuesday, July 20, 2021

Time: 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Where: Live Interactive Webinar

Registered participants will receive an e-mail with instructions on how to join the session.

Objectives: Participants will be able to:

1. Identify areas and experiences in healthcare with a high frequency of inequitable treatment of individuals with disabilities.
2. Recognize strategies aimed to address healthcare inequities and improve outcomes.
3. Prioritize next steps to further develop cultural humility related to disability.

*This session will provide an overview of medical discrimination and healthcare inequities experienced by people with disabilities. Goals and objectives for the Center for Dignity in Healthcare for People with Disabilities will be presented, along with the Center's five areas of focus: prenatal diagnosis of disability, suicidality among people with disabilities, aging and end-of-life care with a disability, discrimination in organ transplantation, and COVID-19 response related to the disability community. Seemingly diverse, these areas of focus share the same emphasis on addressing the bias and stigma about disability that results in poor health outcomes for the disabled community. Notably, healthcare inequities are preventable and involve more than inequality related to health outcomes. This session will explore the connections, both direct and indirect, between ableism and healthcare inequities. Attendees will learn anti-ableism strategies to improve outcomes, empower people with disabilities, and promote systemic change. **Instructional Level:** Intermediate*

Who Should Attend? Psychologists, Social workers, Counselors, Educators, Parents and Caregivers, Nurses, Clinical and Medical Staff, Direct Support Professionals and other Community Service Providers, Speech/Physical/Occupational therapists, Students/Trainees

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3.0 Continuing Education Hours

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