



Culture Connections

October 2020 News & Updates

We first want to acknowledge the ongoing concerns regarding COVID-19 and affirm that we are hopeful and solution focused in supporting our community of providers and clients. We have made temporary changes in our services to reflect the needs and the directives from the CDC and state, and we encourage you to stay connected via our webinars, newsletters, web-site and via email/phone for updates and support.

Our mission is to improve mental health services and outcomes in northern NJ by enhancing the cultural competence of mental health professionals...

And we're excited to share with you some news about our program and team, as well as some resources and upcoming services!

Check out the news below and online for more updates. Have a great day, full of healthy connections!
#WhereHopeMeetsPossibility

Visit our Website

Call to Action

Shape Your Community's Future

NJ VOTER INFORMATION PORTAL: [The New Jersey Division of Elections](#)

Advocate for Racial Equality and Justice

Position on Systemic Racism:

- NJ Cultural Competence Training Centers' response to George Floyd's murder and the continued advocacy for the dismantling of systemic racism and injustices: [Response to Floyd murder and systemic racism](#)
- Response to Racial Injustice: [A message from Family Connections' CEO Jacques Hryshko](#)

Increase Knowledge and Access During COVID: [Resources and Information for Our Community](#)

Upcoming Training

FALL TRAINING VIRTUAL EVENTS

November 16, 17, 2020

Understanding Sexual Harassment: The Not-So Hidden Acts of Privilege and Power

Presented by: Julie Roebuck, LCSW

[REGISTRATION IS OPEN!](#)

December 15, 16, 2020

Is Allyship Enough? The Interconnected System of Oppression and Privilege and the Role of Allies in Social Justice

Presented by: Tawanda Hubbard, MSW, DSW, LCSW

Registration opens in November 2020.

Stay tuned [here](#) for information, updates and registration.



Service Spotlight

School Based Programs and Students Lead the Advocacy Saving Vital Behavioral Health Services

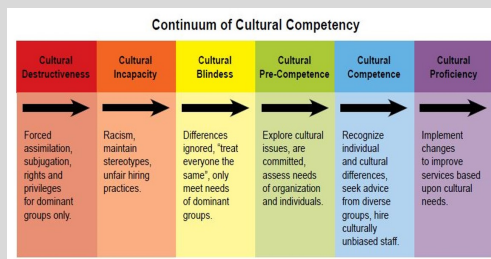
In a true testament to advocacy, social justice, and fighting for equity, healthcare providers, schools, students, and politicians joined forces and saved School Based Youth Services. Funding was restored in NJ's budget to provide everything from

counseling and crisis services to underserved youth and families, to day care for teen parents enrolled in school, dating violence prevention programs and more. Click and read the details of the good news around the division:

- [NJAMHAA: Final FY2021 Budget Sustains Most Behavioral Health Funding, Adds Investments](#)
- [NJ school-based mental health services saved from chopping block under new budget](#)
- [Student Mental Health Program Restored In Murphy-Signed NJ Budget](#)
- [Legislature Restores Funding for School Based Youth Services, Increases Special Ed Aid, Advances FY2021 Budget Bills](#)
- [Family Connections School Based Youth Programs Saved!](#)

Learn more about how cultural competency shapes the [Family Connections team and services](#).

Striving for Cultural Proficiency in 2020!



Awareness

Latinx Heritage Month; Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Here are some resources to increase your cultural competency with colleagues and communities you serve, and to motivate you to continue to be aware of the possible needs of clients who identify as Latinx or domestic violence survivors.

Events:

- [Oct. 30: Poets Against Domestic Violence](#)

Learning Resources:

[Latinx Heritage](#)

- [Videos from Latinx Heritage Month Celebrations in NJ](#)
- [NPS: Latinx Heritage Month](#)
- [NAMI: Latinx Identity and Cultural Dimensions](#)
- [NJ Mental Health Cares: Latinx Mental Health Resources](#)

[Domestic Violence Awareness](#)

- [NJ Declaration of Domestic Violence Awareness Month](#)
- [National Council Against Domestic Violence: DV in NJ](#)
- [DV Resources in NJ](#)

Have resources to inform organizations and colleagues about these various cultures and their health data?

Share [here](#) for our growing resource library.