

DATE: May 20, 2010

TIME:

9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Registration at 8:30 a.m.

LOCATION:

API Wellness Center

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SF, CA 94109

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MFTs/LCSWs: Meets qualifications for 6.0 CE Credits. HRTC is a provider approved by BBS. Psychologists: HRTC is a provider approved by MCEP. Course Approval Pending.

The Harm Reduction Therapy Center (HRTC) has been engaged by the Community Behavioral Health Services (CBHS) to deliver a series of trainings in San Francisco on the topic of Cultural Sensitivity.

Funded by Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), the project's goal is to deliver 16 trainings aimed to improve the CBHS workforce's understanding of the cultural & linguistic issues and needs that affect recovery and resiliency, and improve access to mental health services, for the following ethnic and cultural groups: African Americans; Latinos/as; Asians and Pacific Islanders; Native Americans; Russians; Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex and Questioning (LGBTQIQ) consumers; Transitional Age Youth; and Older Adults.

These trainings are between April 2010 to April 2011.



rams is pleased to present:

It Takes a Village:

Culturally Sensitive and Community-Based Approaches
in working with
Asian & Pacific Islander Americans



It Takes a Village, through didactic and case examples, will provide an overview of cultural & clinical issues and current trends in working with the Asian & Pacific Islander community, including: Cultural Factors in Assessment; Culturally Adapting Psychotherapy; Domestic Violence; Problem Gambling; and working with Asian immigrant youth in school-based setting.

Presenters are clinical staff and affiliates of Richmond Area Multi-Services, Inc. (RAMS), a private, non-profit mental health agency with 35 years of experience of providing culturally competent & consumer-guided comprehensive services, with an emphasis on serving Asian & Pacific Islander American and Russian-speaking populations.

Course Objectives:

1. Increase knowledge on how culture affects the presentation of mental illness.
2. Provide a framework for culturally adapting therapy.
3. Examine the issue of domestic violence from an ethno-gender perspective, and revisit the Power and Control Wheel and Cycle Theory of Violence to include issues pertinent to South Asian and other immigrant populations.
4. Identify cultural issues related to working with Asian American gamblers and their family members.
5. Increase knowledge about immigrant youth, their clinical needs, specific challenges and the psychological issues they face growing up in America.