



Diverse Communities Health Initiative



The Education Fund of Family Planning Advocates Diverse Communities Health Initiative

Presents:

Health Disparities: The Need for Cultural and Linguistic Competence for Quality Health Care

Where: New York State Association of Black and Puerto Rican Legislators
40th Annual Association Caucus Weekend
Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY

When: February 19, 1:00pm

Room Location: See event program for room location

Communities of color do not always receive the basic healthcare they need. Language barriers, financial barriers, lack of insurance, immigration status, sexual orientation and cultural differences are among a host of factors that make access to care a daunting process. The impact of ethnic and religious beliefs, traditions and practices on a patient's medical care and compliance to a care plan is often underestimated. Culturally competent providers can have a positive impact on the quality of services leading to reduced costs, better outcomes and reduction of health disparities.

This workshop will raise awareness about the barriers to accessing health care that many communities face and emphasize the need for cultural competence trainings for health care providers. Participants will learn about the dynamics of cultural differences that hinder access to health care services during encounters with diverse populations. Panelists will share their personal stories highlighting how misinformation, assumptions and stereotypes can be a serious barrier to the delivery of quality care.

Workshop sponsors:

Honorable Jose M. Serrano, NYS Senate

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Workshop participants:

NYIC, HCFANY Health Care Disparity Taskforce and coalition partners

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