



CoIN to Advance Care for Children with Medical Complexity

The Category of Us: Racism and Ableism's Impact on Families with Children with Medical Complexity

Friday, October 22, 2021

12:45pm – 1:30pm ET

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Agenda

**12:45pm –
12:50pm**

***Welcome
and Framing***

**12:50pm –
12:55pm ET**

***Inter-
sectionality
&
Oppression***

**12:55pm –
1:20pm ET**

***Debbi Harris
Tells Her
Story***

**1:20pm – 1:30pm
ET**

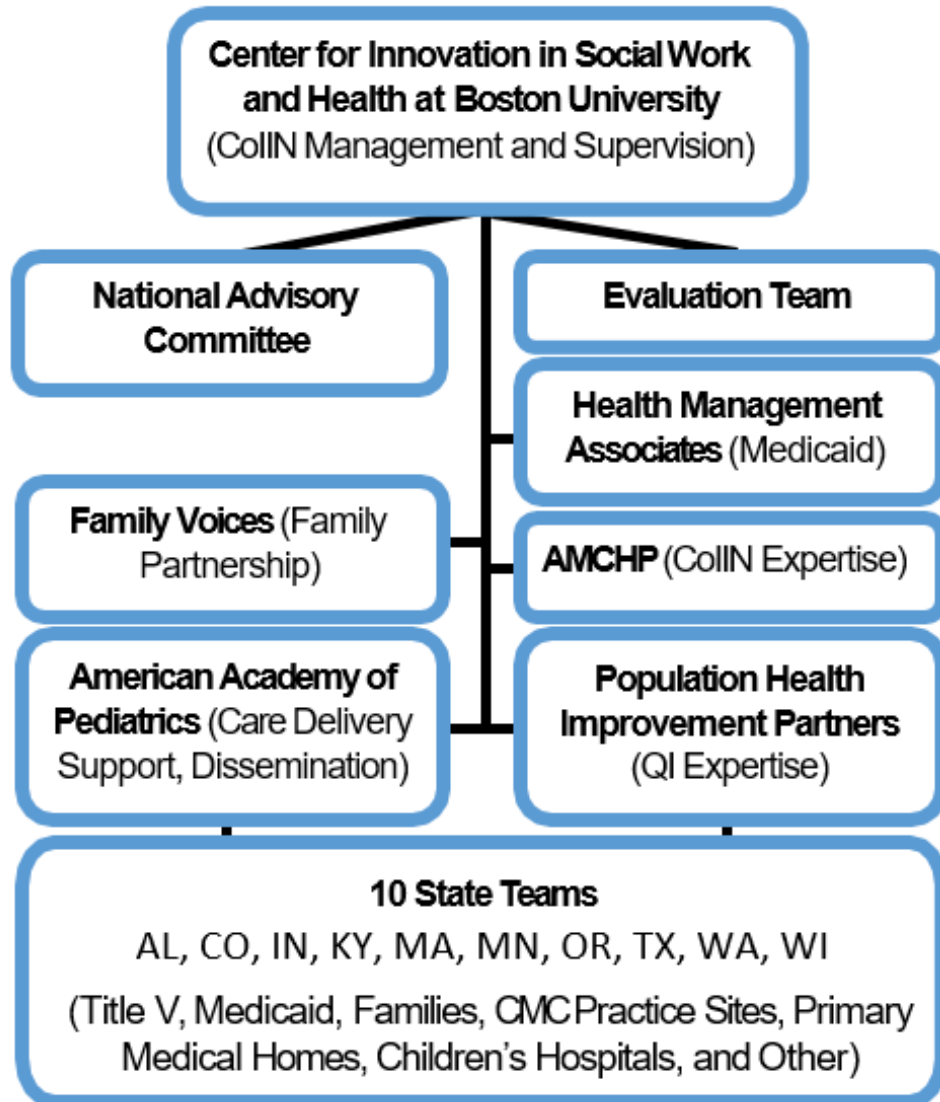
***Questions &
Group
Discussion***



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HEALTH EQUITY

VIRTUAL LEARNING SESSION - OCT. 27 2020

UNMET NEED-IMPACT OF 3 OVERLAPPING CRISIS ON CMC AND THEIR FAMILIES

COVID IS AMPLIFYING NEED
COVID SURVEY RESULTS AVAILABLE

OUR ROLE UNMET NEED IN THE COLLIN

FAMILIES DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY DON'T KNOW

THERE IS A DISCONNECT BETWEEN FOCUS GROUPS + SURVEYS

WE'RE CHANGING THE QUESTION RE: UNMET NEED

MOVE BEYOND THE STANDARD CHECKLIST

IMPROVE THE SYSTEM

LOOKED AT 20 FAMILIES IN INDIANA...

WE ASKED:

WHAT DO YOU NEED?

WIDE ARRAY IN ALL DOMAINS OF LIFE

MEDICAL / SOCIAL MODEL

DETAILED ASSESSMENT

IDENTIFIED 7.3 MORE NEEDS PER FAMILY: 67 ISSUES

ASKING MUCH MORE DETAIL IN MANY CATEGORIES...

- PARENT NEEDS
- COMMUNITY
- SOCIAL WORK CONSULTS
- CULTURAL / SOCIETAL
- NURSING NEEDS

SCREENING QUESTIONS

NOW THAT YOU ASK, WE DO NEED A CAR SEAT

WHERE ARE YOU AT?
WHAT DO YOU DREAM OF?

ABLEISM / RACISM / CLASSISM

CHILDREN'S HEALTH

SOCIAL DETERMINANTS

- CONDITIONS
- ACCESS

HEALTH EQUITY
EVERYONE HAS A FAIR + JUST OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEALTHY

STRUCTURAL RACISM
NEGATIVE HEALTH OUTCOMES

THE RICH KEEP GETTING RICHER + POOR POORER

BLACK BABIES MORTALITY RATE IS LOWER WHEN CARED FOR BY BLACK DRs

DISABLED PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED TO HAVE A POOR QUALITY OF LIFE

WE TEACH CHILDREN TO BE ABLEIST

DON'T STARE!



BULLYING!

ENCOURAGE CURIOSITY

ASK AND LISTEN



CHILDREN WHO ARE COMPLEX HAVE MORE UNMET NEEDS

FAMILY CENTERED CARE

WE CAN END POVERTY!

HIRE HEALTHCARE WORKERS WHO LIVE THERE

WORK WITH COMMUNITIES

CONFRONT OUR RACIST BRAINS

GET KIDS FUNDAMENTAL THINGS

43% OF CHILDREN ARE LIVING WITHOUT THEIR BASIC NEEDS MET

MY NEIGHBORHOOD ISN'T SAFE

EQUITY HELPS THE ECONOMY

3X MORE BLACK KIDS LIVE IN POVERTY

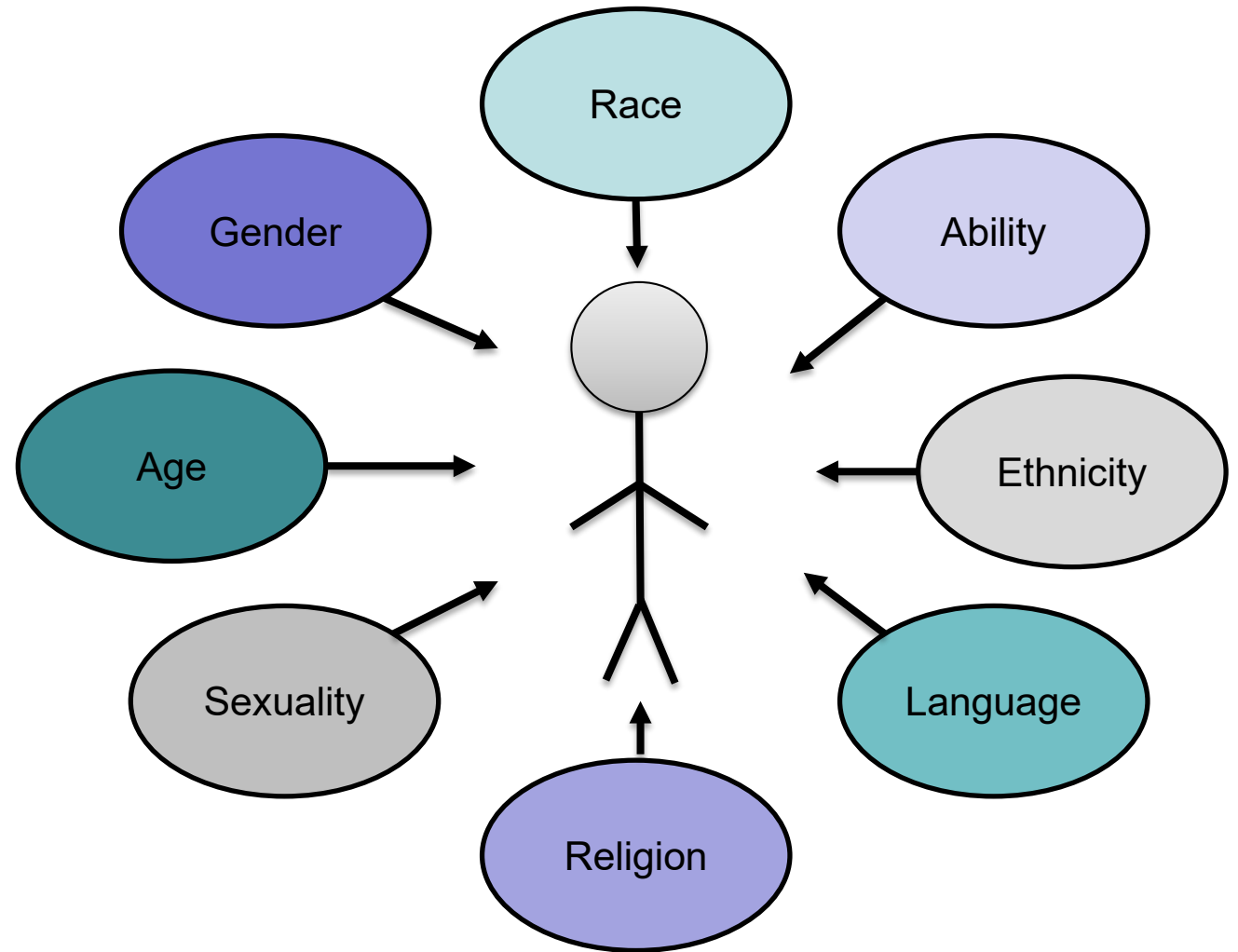
AND IT'S MUCH WORSE FOR DISABLED CHILDREN

LACKING:
• FOOD
• EDUCATION
• SAFETY

BREAK DOWN BARRIERS + GIVE EVERYONE A FAIR CHANCE!

Intersectionality

- *“How can we understand the ontological complexities of the multiplicity of various social forces that make up our very being and becoming?”*
- *-Ezekiel Dixon-Roman*



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Intersectionality & Oppression

- Hierarchy of oppression (e.g. feminism must be addressed above racism)
- Bell Hooks: *“In Western culture, all forms of oppression are linked and supported by the cultural belief that the superior should control the inferior.”*
- Ezekiel Dixon-Ramon: *“Intersectionality is less about identity and difference and seeks to deconstruct and disrupt the discourse of identity and difference.”*
- Focus on the social processes of systems of oppression themselves, which produce these varied identity categories and difference

CITE: Conceptualizing Intersectionality, Ezekiel Dixon-Roman, NINDS STRIVE Workshop 2: How Social Identity Can Impact and Promote Health: A Look Across Populations, Lifespans, and Generations, 8/4/21



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Debbi's Story

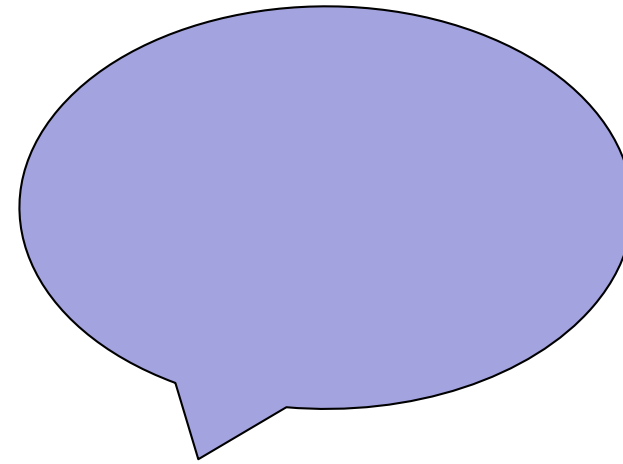
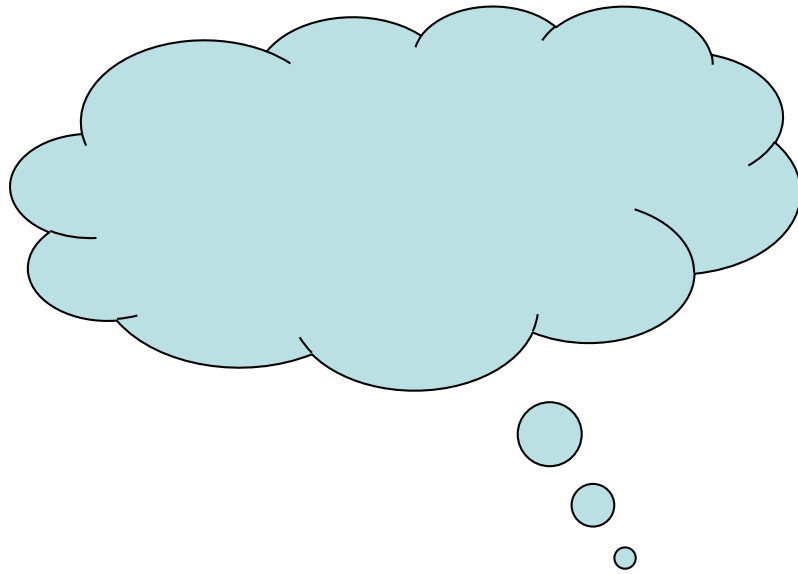


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