

## *Mission Statement*

To strengthen culturally competent services in the State of New Jersey for people with diverse needs, and to facilitate access to these services by individuals, families, providers, and professionals. We define people with diverse needs as those with varying abilities and disabilities, cultures, languages, and social and health care needs.

## *Who we are*

An interagency and community partnership working collaboratively to identify the culturally and linguistically competent resources in New Jersey. Some of the agencies and organizations involved in the initial planning include New Jersey Department of Human Services, New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services, Early Intervention Collaboratives, Maternal and Child Health Consortia, The Boggs Center on Developmental Disabilities, Statewide Parent Advocacy Network (SPAN), New Jersey Protection and Advocacy, and the New Jersey Developmental Disabilities Council.

The New Jersey Statewide Network for Cultural Competence asked individuals and agencies that have roots and experience with racial or ethnic communities in New Jersey, and knowledge and experience in services and support for people with diverse needs and their families to share their information for inclusion on the New Jersey Statewide Network for Cultural Competence website.

## *Goals*

**Goal 1:** To identify existing resources in New Jersey; i.e. agencies and individuals who have knowledge and skills working with people from diverse needs, cultures, languages or population groups

**Goal 2:** To stimulate, promote and celebrate the development and dissemination of promising or best practices in culturally and linguistically competent service delivery.

## *Purpose*

- Promote knowledge development, distribution, exchange and application of culturally competent practices
- Demonstrate that culturally and linguistically competent practices increase access to services and reduces disparities in health status.
- Expand existing knowledge base in culturally and linguistically competent service delivery through suggested policy and practice guidelines.
- Collect and compile resource information on programs and services that are culturally and linguistically competent, and share the information in a central location.
- Provide a statewide resource tool/guide for accessing culturally and linguistically competent services to individuals and families with diverse needs
- Stimulate and promote the development and dissemination of promising or best practices in culturally and linguistically competent service delivery

Listserv:

*To receive information about Statewide Cultural Competence events and trainings, join our listserv. You can do so through the web site: [www.nj.gov/njsncc](http://www.nj.gov/njsncc)*

Website:

*A web site has just been launched for this Interagency and Community Partnership and have a resource database available for easy access to individuals and agencies participating in the New Jersey Statewide Network for Cultural Competence. Go to: [www.nj.gov/njsncc](http://www.nj.gov/njsncc)*

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***“We believe culturally and linguistically competent practices increase access and improve quality”***