

International Short Break Session

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Session Title: Implementation of Respite Program to Meet Different Ethnicities

Description: Session topic will include boundaries and issues being encountered when trying to successfully implement a respite program to meet the needs of families of different ethnicities in a way to ensure that it follows local and state laws as well as to ensure that it will be able to meet the needs of the intended clients. The topic will also touch on the issues that Bay Respite Care has encountered in its own implementation of trying to expand services to the Spanish speaking community and the benefits that it has provided not only to the families we serve but to our local community as well.

Objectives:

- People will be able to learn of the difficulties that can be expected when trying to work with a different ethnicity in their current community and the importance to understand the difference in family structures that exist from one culture to the next.
- People will be able to learn the importance having to work with current local and state policies and procedures when creating a respite program to meet the needs of different ethnicities to avoid complications or failures within the process.
- People will learn of the importance of reaching out to an underserved population that can benefit greatly thru education and assistance.

A power point presentation will be included with the discussion as well as handouts and brochures.

Sue Wiggins is the Assistant Medical Director of Bay Respite Care that has worked with the company for many years. Edgar Vasquez is a Bi-Lingual Program Coordinator that has been working with the company for a few years now.