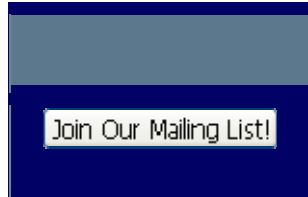


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## News and Information



July 19, 2007

### **SAMHSA/CSAT to Offer Training to SAMHSA Community on Cultural and Intergenerational Trauma**

#### **What**

*Cultural Models for Healing Survivors of Intergenerational Trauma: Implications for Behavioral Health Care and Research*

#### **When**

Thursday, July 26, 2007  
9:30 A.M - 3:30 P.M.

#### **Where**

SAMHSA's Sugarloaf Conference Room  
1 Choke Cherry Road, Rockville, MD20857

### **Open Invitation to SAMHSA Staff and SAMHSA Community--CEUs Available**

Traumatic historical events experienced by members of cultural or ethnic groups that are singled out for harsh discrimination have enduring consequences that can be passed from generation to generation and trigger responses from present group members that are very similar to those of group members who experienced these traumas more directly during a previous generation.

Traumatic intergenerational aftereffects can emerge in different ways across generations, at different stages of the lifespan, and are shaped by culture, gender, individual, family, community, and societal forces. The impact of historical traumatic group events can be subtle and embedded in the culture of a group as a survival strategy, and passed through generations without conscious awareness of its historical origin or utility. Just a few examples include the pervasive legacy of trauma experienced through the enslavement of many African-Americans, the trauma legacy due to forced captivity and extermination experienced by Holocaust survivors, the trauma legacy due to internment in holding camps for Japanese-Americans, and the trauma legacy resulting from policies designed to segregate and isolate Native Americans.

Many coping strategies developed by members of cultural or ethnic groups may have helped ensure immediate survival, but have proved

less effective over time in coping with present-day traumatic events. Establishing these connections is a critical factor in designing and implementing trauma-informed care and behavioral health research for today's survivors. For these survivors, trauma-informed care begins with the recognition of the fact that trauma is an experience that helps shape both group and individual core identity in ways that may block or hinder growth and healing.

As a starting point in the journey toward self-healing for these persons, it is essential to recognize the link between intergenerational cultural group trauma and an individual group member's current trauma-inducing life events. This training will help provide a greater understanding of these connections and pathways.

**For more information contact Dorothy Lewis at 240.276.1619.**

### **Faculty**

Ahmad Daniels, M.Ed., Facilitator  
Indigenous Peoples Historical Trauma Response, Maria Yellow Horse Brave Heart, Ph.D.  
Children of Holocaust Survivors, Eva Fogelman, Ph.D.  
Community Interventions, Lourdes J. Hernandez-Codero, DrPH  
Fractured Identities, The Hispanic/Latino Experience, Evelyne Laurent-Perrault  
Legacies of the Japanese American Internment Survival, DonnaK.Nagata, Ph.D.  
Post Traumatic Slavery Syndrome, Onaje Mu'id, MSW  
Cultural Trauma, Dick VanCleave, MA (HRD/CDM)

### **Format**

Panels, Workshops, Roundtables: The Indian Experience, Cultural Trauma 101, The Hispanic/Latino Experience, Refugees and Torture Survivors, Holocaust Survivors Experience, Japanese American Experience, Post Traumatic Slavery Syndrome, Children of War

### **SAMHSA Co-Sponsors**

CMHS Eliminating Mental Health Disparities Initiative  
CMHS National Center for Trauma-Informed Care (NCTIC)  
CMHS Refugee Mental Health Program  
CSAT African American Service Issues Cross-Cutting/Matrix  
Cultural Competence and Eliminating Disparities Workgroup  
Leadership and Professional Development Workgroup

## **About NCTIC**

CMHS' [National Center for Trauma-Informed Care](#) (NCTIC) provides training and technical assistance, education and outreach, a speaker's bureau, and resources to assist

publicly-funded agencies, programs, and services in making the important cultural shift to a more trauma-informed environment that benefits both systems and consumers-- an environment that is more supportive, comprehensively integrated, and empowering for trauma survivors.

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