

**Sitting at the Crossroads: Cultural Sensitivity, Intersectionality, and Factors to Take into Consideration  
When Working with Children and Youth in the Foster Care System**

**DATE & TIME:**

**January 13 & 15, 2026**

**9:00AM – 12:00PM**

***Sign-in begins 15 minutes prior to the training time. All participants must arrive during the sign-in period.  
Late arrivals will not be admitted.***

**PLACE:**

**Web Broadcast – Zoom**

**REGISTRATION:**

**<https://eventshub.dmh.lacounty.gov/>**

**DESCRIPTION:** This training will support participants in being able to gain basic knowledge of cultural sensitivity, intersectionality and how to deliver services to a variety of populations by considering their culture of origin, immigration trauma and cultural make-up, specifically focusing on Children and Youth in the Foster Care System. Participants will explore their own intersectionality and their own culture to assist them with understanding and identifying the needs of others. Furthermore, the participants will leave with skills needed to begin implementing culturally sensitive services.

**TARGET AUDIENCE:** DMH staff and contractor provider staff delivering specialty mental health services to children/youth and their families.

**OBJECTIVES:**

**As a result of attending this training, participants should be able to:**

1. Describe cultural sensitivity and its role in providing services.
2. Describe the intersectionality of others and ourselves.
3. Identify the stages of Erikson's Stages of Development.
4. Identify distinct struggles faced by children and youth in the foster care system.
5. Identify barriers to implementing culturally sensitive practices.
6. Identify personal biases and privileges.
7. Describe what is needed to create a safe space.
8. Identify 3 new strategies when working with children and youth in the foster care system.

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**DEADLINE:**

**When capacity is reached.**

**CONTINUING  
EDUCATION:**

**6.0 hours for BBS, BRN, CCAPP-EI  
6.0 CE for Psychologist**

**COST:**

**None**