



Office of Mental Health



The New York State Office of Mental Health believes everyone should have an equal opportunity for mental wellness. This means removing obstacles and implementing services and policies aimed at reducing disparities in access, quality, and treatment outcomes for historically marginalized, underserved and unserved populations. These populations include but are not limited to; people of color, members of the LGBTQ community, older adults, rural New Yorkers, Veterans, immigrants, people with disabilities (including physical), and people who have limited English proficiency.

In line with OMH’s multifaceted approach to combating disparities, **OMH’s Office of Diversity and Inclusion - Bureau of Cultural Competence** is hosting a webinar series, **Strategies for Behavioral Health Equity**. The next webinar will be **Tuesday, July 28, 2020**. These regularly scheduled webinars provide solid guidance, research findings and best practice approaches to reducing disparities across NY’s mental health service system.

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Date	Topic	Audience	Presenter	Learning Objectives
Tuesday, July 28, 2020 1:00pm-2:00pm	Strategic Planning: Implementing the CLAS Standards to Reduce Disparities in Behavioral Health Organizations	Policy Makers, Administrators, Researchers, Managers	Matt Canuteson, MA Office of Diversity and Inclusion - Bureau of Cultural Competence, New York State Office of Mental Health	Participants will: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Learn how to develop a strategic plan aimed at reducing disparities for people from historically marginalized populations being served by their facilities/organizations. 2. Learn how to use the framework provided by the CLAS Standards to create a unique strategic plan to reduce disparities tailored to the unique needs of their facilities/organizations. 3. Understand how to implement ongoing quality improvement efforts aimed at assessing progress towards the goal of reducing disparities in access, quality and treatment outcomes for marginalized populations.