

Department of Veterans Affairs Employee Education System
and
The National Center for Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (NCPTSD)
present

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**CROSS CULTURAL ISSUES: AFRICAN-AMERICANS
AND TREATMENT IMPACT FOR POSTTRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER (PTSD)**

EES WEB-BASED TRAINING EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITY

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Purpose: As clinicians treat African-American patients with PTSD and other mental health diagnoses, it is very important that they also consider historical, cultural, and societal issues, along with their personal beliefs and biases that may either facilitate and/or hinder the therapeutic process. In this course, information is provided about cross-cultural issues, in particular, cultural/societal issues that involve power and privilege and African-Americans. It is helpful to be aware of these issues when providing both individual and group therapy. Issues concerning African-American families, multicultural awareness, competence, therapy guidelines and overall PTSD issues are presented to assist clinicians in facilitating their therapeutic engagement and treatment effectiveness. The course has been designed to enhance the provider's trans-cultural and trans-experiential competencies in the planning and provision of services to African-American clients.

**Outcome
Objectives:**

After viewing the presentation, the participant will be able to:

1. integrate major historical and current cultural and societal issues into case conceptualization and treatment of African-American clients
2. relate the differences in African-American and European-American cultural roots including world views, cultural patterns and themes, values and male/female relations
3. employ a culture grid to aid in the conceptualization of the

therapist/client relationship when treating African-American clients with PTSD

Target Audience: Mental health leadership/clinicians, OIF/OEF outreach coordinators and clinical managers, psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, nurses, primary care clinicians, and others involved in the provision of services, outreach/communication, or program planning for veteran populations (such as OIF/OEF) and others who have suffered traumatic stress.

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