**National Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services Standards Training**

**A workshop for individuals working in public mental health**

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**Date and Time**
January 11th, 2016 - Registration 8:30 am  
Training 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

**Location**
Harvest Hall, Rooms D and E  
Stanislaus County  
3800 Cornucopia Way  
Modesto, CA 95358  
[Map](#)

**Who Should Participate**
100 participants from Central Region - Individuals at all levels of engagement with public behavioral health, including administrators, managers, supervisors, line staff, consumers and family members.

**Counties**
Five attendees per each county with a 3-person wait list (in case other slots become available)

**Presenter**
Dr. Irán Barrera  
Associate Professor, CSUF School of Social Work

**For more information**
Gina Ehlert, [gehlert@cibhs.org](mailto:gehlert@cibhs.org)

**Registration**
Email confirmation to Gina Ehlert at [gehlert@cibhs.org](mailto:gehlert@cibhs.org) and please provide the pertinent information below for registration:

Name  
Title  
Organization  
Email

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**Cost**
Free Attendance for members of the Central Region Partnership, Continental breakfast & lunch provided with registration

*Mileage costs are covered for those Regional members who live over one hour away from the training venue – per training policy found on Central Region website: [http://www.cibhs.org/pod/policies-and-forms](http://www.cibhs.org/pod/policies-and-forms).*

**Training Description**
The National CLAS Standards are a set of 15 action steps intended to advance health equity, improve quality, and help eliminate health care disparities by providing a blueprint for individuals and health and health care organizations to implement culturally and linguistically appropriate services.

This training will provide a focused look the CLAS Standards and service/program participation, as well as discuss implicit bias.
Dr. Irán Barrera is an Associate Professor at Fresno State in the Department of Social Work. Dr. Barrera was just selected for a National Leadership program supported by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (Interdisciplinary Research Leader) to become a change agent with advanced leadership skills and a clear focus on health and equity, allowing him to apply health research and policy to meet the pressing needs of communities.

Dr. Barrera is a former minority fellow through the Council of Social Work Education (CSWE), in which allowed Dr. Barrera to achieve two doctoral degrees from two different universities in two different countries and border states (The University of Texas at Arlington and the Universidad Autónoma de Nuevo León-México). This experience provided Dr. Barrera important awareness related to mental health care disparities among Latinos. As a result, his work (researcher and practitioner) has concentrated on understanding perceptions and mental health care literacy among Latinos.

Dr. Barrera is also currently the Principal Investigator (PI) on a grant by the Health Resources and Service Administration (HRSA) Bureau of Health Professions ($606,226/G02HP27927), which aims to expand on the Latino behavioral health workforce. The program trains Masters of Social Work (MSW) students to serve Spanish speaking children, adolescents, transitional aged youth (ages 16-25) and their families, in areas where Latinos are a majority of the population. The sole purpose of the three-year grant is to develop and expand the substance abuse and mental health workforce who, following their training, will focus on children, adolescents and transitional aged-youth (16-25 years old) who exhibit a recognized behavioral disorder. This grant is implemented through Consejo: A Latino Behavioral Health Practice Project for Central California (CONSEJO) under his leadership.

Dr. Barrera has extensive clinical experience working with minority communities (African-American/Latino/Asian) in California and Texas. Dr. Barrera has provided behavioral health services to these populations in the most poverty stricken and vulnerable areas (Watts, Compton, North Long Beach, Fresno-California: Arlington, Brownsville, McAllen, Edinburg-Texas and Mexico) which has provided Dr. Barrera with great understanding of optimal practices that can best serve these communities.

Dr. Barrera has developed unique seminars, webinars and other educational materials that are described as “cutting edge” in its evaluation. He is a sought after speaker and trainer both in the United States and Mexico.