# Multicultural Communities: Resources for Developing and Implementing

Do you have the resources to address diverse groups?

### **OBJECTIVES**

- 1. Provide insight on cultural competence
- 2. Identify potential resources that can assist with building relationships with diverse communities
- 3. Address potential gaps of working with diverse groups

### Cultural Competence

Define as the ability to understand, appreciate and interact with people from cultures or belief systems different from one's own.

**Example:** Community child passenger safety checkup events: Although LE presence is highly effective and supports the delivery of various safety messages- in some communities there are concerns about profiling among multicultural subpopulations- particularly among African Americans and Hispanics.

### What is the Need?

- 1. Be intentional in your safety messaging to diverse groups
- 2. Increase minority presence among CPS professional groups
- 3. Establish local community resources that minorities trust

### What Does the Data Say?

#### **University of Michigan:**

- 601 parents surveyed
- Study found that minorities were nearly four times less likely to use appropriate CSS

Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report found that minorities had the highest percentage of unrestrained child deaths:

- African Americans 52%
- Hispanics 51%

### Intentional Safety Messages

- Who does your current safety materials target?
  - Don't forget about the children
  - Factors Influencing Booster Seat Use in a Multiethnic Community: Lessons for Program Implementation
- Do materials connect with the diverse group?
- Are the materials offered in different languages?
  - CPS Board\_Resources



### Safety Is Personal



"Por Amor, Use El Cinturón" ("For Love, Use Your Seat Belt") was the cornerstone of a successful campaign to promote seat belt use in Costa Rica and Peru. The campaign was based on the concepts of love and responsibility, with a campaign logo featuring a traffic sign with a heart secured by a seat belt.

### Choosing the Right Outlet

### Things to consider:

Find the right community leader

> Faith-base leader? Local sports celebrity? "Ms. Sherry"?

Choose the best media outlet

Radio? Community presentation? Social media?

Decide the best time to deliver the message

Holidays? Weekdays VS Weekends?

# Increase Minority Presence Among CPS Professional Groups

#### Benefits of increasing minority presence:

- 1. Provide support in accessing prevalence and causes of disparities
- 2. Increase comfort level among diverse groups



## Importance of Team Psychological Safety When Developing Professional Groups

- TPS-characterized as team climate were people respect and trust each other and are comfortable being themselves
- Minority member may hold back to avoid being labeled
  - Get to know the person
- Understand that they do not speak for the entire race

### Increasing Minority Capacity

Are we representing enough in our professional groups to adequately serve and be a resource to minority groups?

- Minimum representation may be another contributing factor to low usage/misuse
- Lack of connection with non-ethnic professionals
- There is a buy-in from the start when using someone from the same race to educate

### Establish Local Community Resources That Minorities Trust

Connect with community leaders, organizations, and concerned citizens. They can:

- Assist with understanding cultural sensitivity
- Provide understanding in developing interventions to effectively deliver safety message.

#### Examples

- Radio stations
- Faith-based organizations
- Fraternities and Sororities
- Minority specific organizations
- National Black Police Association



### Find a Unique Approach

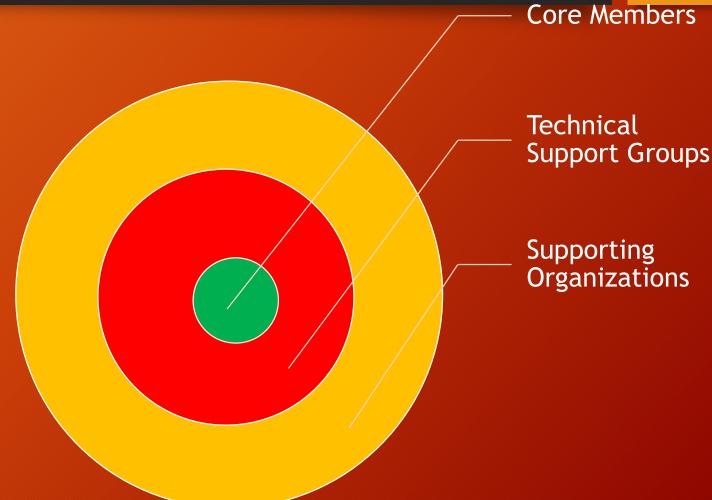
Journal of the National Medical Association:

Development, implementation and evaluation of a unique African-American faith-based approach to increase automobile restraint use

- Sunday School Injury Prevention Curriculum
- Ages 5-14, addressed several injury prevention lessons
- Activities included: AA dolls, safety seats, songs about riding in the car
- 72% reduction in unrestrained children, a 25% increase in children being secured in the rear-seat position and a nearly 20% increase in driver restraint use.

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### Key Takeaways

- 1. Review and examine your program's safety messages and outlets
  - Resources to use: CPS Board, local minority organization, community advocate
- 2. Establish your core/technical/supporting partnerships
  - Think outside the box- Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Universities, Sororities and Fraternities, etc.
- 3. Increase your minority capacity among your professional groups

### Supporting Literature

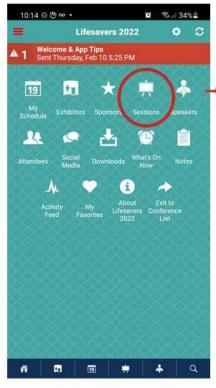
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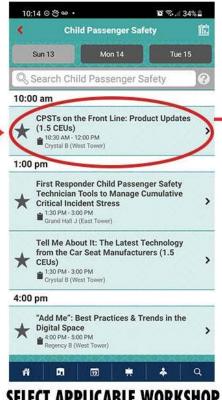
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