

Participant Handbook

1 hour Workshop

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Learning Objectives

- Increase your awareness of how perspectives affect the workplace
- Examine the impact of 'difference' in the workplace
- · Identify barriers to inclusion in the workplace
- Increase your awareness of the benefits of inclusion
- Improve your ability to communicate more effectively inclusively

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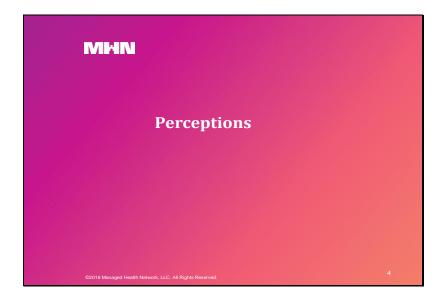
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Introductions: What is your story?

- Share a positive childhood experience that helped to make you who you are.
- · Keep it Suitable for Work (SFW).
- · Maximum 30 Seconds, please!

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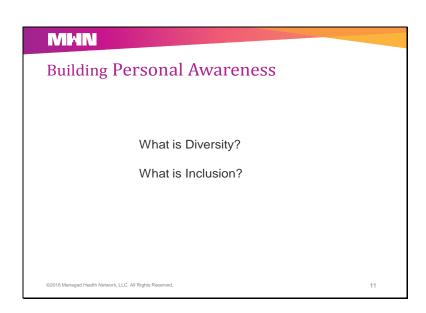


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Perceptions "People generally see what they look for, and hear what they listen for." Judge Taylor, To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee



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Building Personal Awareness

Stereotypes

- widely held but fixed and oversimplified images or ideas of a particular group
- may be overcome by interaction with people who do not 'fit their stereotype'

Prejudices

- preconceived opinions that are not based on reason or actual experience
- difficult, but not impossible to change through experience and education

Discrimination

- the unjust or prejudicial treatment of different categories of people, especially on the grounds of race, age, or gender
- · can be modified by changing cultural norms

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Barriers to Inclusion

- Discrimination
- Differences
- Bullying

EducationalPolitical

Harassment

- Class / Social
- > Regional
- Disrespectful Conduct
- > Union Affiliation

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Basic Courtesy in the Workplace

Follow both the Golden Rule and the Platinum rule

- ~ The Golden Rule: Treat others as you want to be treated
- ~ The Platinum Rule: Treat others as *they* want to be treated

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Being Inclusive

Being Inclusive Requires Action!

- Asking questions
- Inviting participation
- · Learning from another person's perspective
- · Valuing interdependence

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Being Inclusive

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- Let co-workers and supervisors know what you prefer
 - > Meals @ work related events
 - > Days or times for activities outside of work hours
 - > Alternative activities for group 'bonding'
 - > Handshake, fist bump, no touching
- · Give others permission to ask questions

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Being Inclusive

How might you benefit from being Inclusive?

- More productive work relationships
- Better results with multiple perspectives
- Greater understanding of others' motivations
- Improved trust
- · Increased support, shared responsibilities
- · Better communication
- · Less stress at work
- · What else?

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Interdependence

"In the progress of personality, first comes a declaration of independence, then a recognition of interdependence."

~ Henry Van Dyke

(American short-story Writer, Poet and Essayist, 1852-1933)

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Putting it all Together

Working Together:

- · Strive to be self-aware
- · Benefit from difference
- · Avoid creating barriers to inclusion
- Include others in your plan for success
- · Communicate effectively, inclusively

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Resources

Internal

- Human Resources / Diversity Office / EEO Officer
- Immediate Supervisor/Manager

External

- The Federal EEOC, <u>https://www.eeoc.gov/</u>
- MHN Online, www.MHN.com

What Else?

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Handout A. Inclusive Communication Inventory

- Place a check in the column with answer that is most accurate.
- Please answer questions honestly, as you actually are (rather than how you think you should be).

		Never	Rarely	Some- times	Often	Very Often
1	I try to anticipate and predict possible causes of confusion, and I deal with them up front.					
2	When I write an email, I give as much background information and detail as I can to make sure that my message is understood.					
3	If I don't understand something, I tend to keep this to myself and figure it out later.					
4	I'm surprised when people don't understand what I've said.					
5	I expect people from other cultures to understand my meaning when I communicate with them.					
6	When people talk to me, I try to see their perspectives.					
7	I use email to communicate complex issues with people. It's quick and efficient.					
8	When I finish writing an email, I scan it quickly for typos, and then send it off right away.					
9	When talking to people, I pay attention to their body language.					
10	I use diagrams and charts to help express my ideas.					
11	Before I communicate, I think about what the person needs to know, and how best to convey it.					
12	While someone's talking to me, I think about what I'm going to say next to make sure I get my point across correctly.					
13	Before I communicate with someone, I think about the best way to do so (in person, telephone, email, text, etc.).					
14	I try to help people understand me when I use slang or abbreviations.					
15	I consider possible cultural barriers when planning my communications.					

Handout B. Protected Categories

You are protected by Federal law from discrimination in the workplace including:

- Unfair treatment;
- Harassment by managers, co-workers, or others in your workplace;
- Denial of a reasonable workplace accommodation that you need because of your religious beliefs or disability; or
- Retaliation because you complained about job discrimination, or assisted with a job discrimination investigation or lawsuit,

If that treatment is based on your

- Age (40 or older)
- Disability
- Equal Pay and Compensation
- Genetic Information
- National Origin
- Pregnancy
- Race/Color
- Religion
- Retaliation
- Sex (including pregnancy, gender identity, and sexual orientation)
- Sexual Harassment

For more information: The U.S. EEOC, https://www.eeoc.gov/

Check with your State, County and City for additional protections.

Non-Discriminatory barriers to inclusion in the workplace:

Bullyn	ng			
Harassment				
Disrespectful Conduct				
Differences:				
0	Educational			
0	Political			
0	Class / Social			
0	Regional			

Union Affiliation