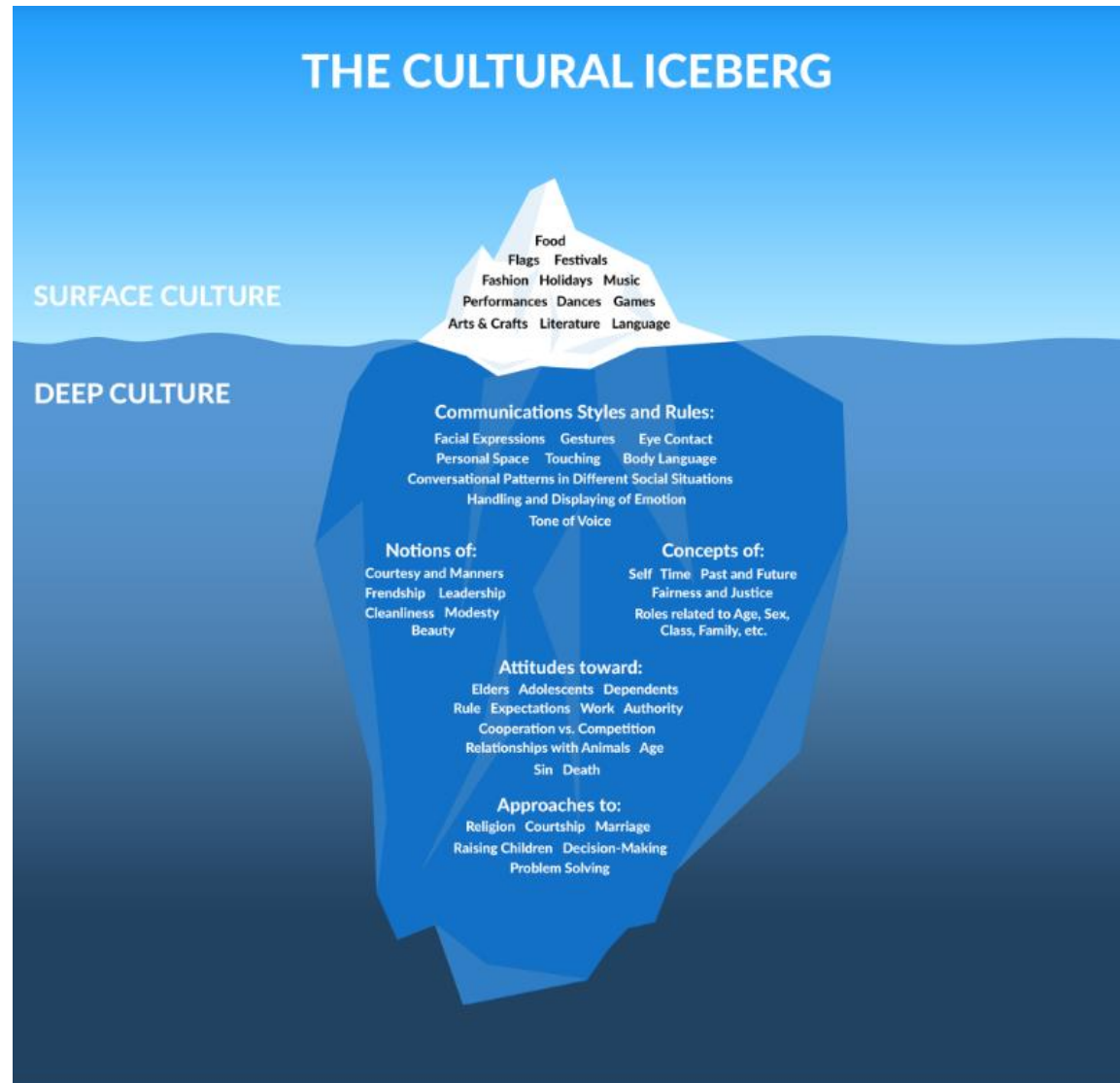


DC COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE ON CULTURAL AND LINGUISTIC COMPETENCE IN DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

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What is Culture?

- Applicable to all peoples
- Based on values
- Rooted in belief systems
- Active & dynamic
- Provides group member identify
- Structures perceptions & shapes behaviors
- Varies in expression both among and between individual group members
- Permeates every aspect of life



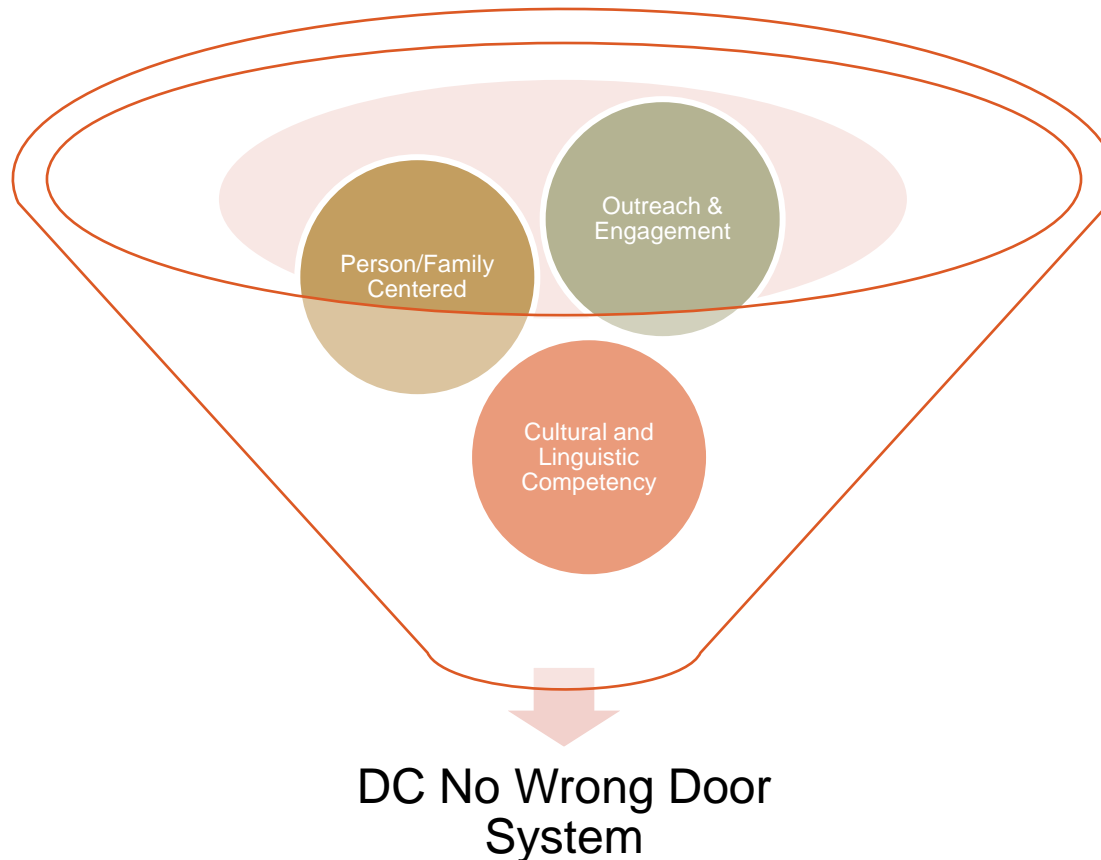
Why Have a CLC CoP?

Build on strengths but also recognize:

- Many cultural and linguistic barriers to accessing services and supports
- Power differentials (power over v.s. power with)
- Historical mistrust of health care, mental health, education, and social service professionals
- Experiences of racism, discrimination, bias, and stigma
- Varying cultural beliefs about government services and supports
- Underserved and underrepresented groups and communities
- Literacy and health literacy barriers
- Limited English Proficiency

Slide Source and adapted: Georgetown University National Center for Cultural Competence

No Wrong Door Initiative on Cultural and Linguistic Competence



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AZ,CA,CO,DC,IN,MI,NY,UT,VT,WI
- Led by DDS with core partners:
 - Georgetown University Center for Developmental Disabilities
 - Disability Rights DC
 - Project ACTION!
 - Developmental Disabilities Council
 - No Wrong Door Initiative
 - New>>>>** Mayor's Office of Community Affairs
 - New>>>>** DC Coalition of Disability Service Providers



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What does the DC CoP/CLC Aim to do?

Develop **sustainable** CLC strategies reflected in policies, structures and practices to increase **awareness** and better **engage underserved populations** that have been harder to reach due to cultural and linguistic differences and barriers.



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

What do you **VALUE** for a culturally and linguistically competent DD system in the District of Columbia?



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

What is your **VISION** for a culturally and linguistically competent DD system in the District of Columbia?



THANK YOU!

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