

the FUTURE
of CARE

FOR CHILDREN
with
MEDICAL COMPLEXITY

ONE'S

HEALTH EQUITY and ANTI-ABLEISM THROUGH FAMILY PARTNERSHIP

NEGATIVE BELIEFS
ABOUT DISABILITY



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SOME DISCRIMINATORY BELIEFS...



BIASES = HEALTHCARE
AFFECT RELATIONSHIPS



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WE ALL HAVE
BIASES.

CONFRONT
IT!

INDIVIDUALLY

- BE CURIOUS
- WHO AM I COMFORTABLE AROUND? OR NOT?
- EXPLORE INTUITION & EMOTIONS
- SURROUND YOURSELF WITH PEOPLE WITH DIFFERENT LIFE EXPERIENCES
- BE HUMBLE

DIFFERENT DISABILITIES
(PERCEIVED DIFFERENTLY...)

CHILD WELFARE
BIASES AGAINST
BLACK & LOW
SOCIO-ECONOMIC
STATUS PARENTS

SYSTEMS
LEVEL

- BE CURIOUS
- EQUITY of BENEFITS
- ENGAGE SOMEONE WITH EQUITY EXPERIENCE
- PARTNER WITH OTHER DISCIPLINES
- FAMILY & PATIENT ENGAGEMENT
- ASSESS EQUITY of PROGRAMS
- BIG PROBLEMS... SMALL STEPS

FAMILY FACULTY'S KEY
BREAKOUT TAKEAWAYS



WHY SHOULD THE
FAMILY BE
RESPONSIBLE TO
FIX BIASES?

SYSTEMS IN
PLACE IN
HEALTHCARE
SETTINGS for:

COMPREHENSIVE
CARE PLANS + STAFF TRAINING
at ALL LEVELS + TRAUMA-
INFORMED CARE

THE CARE of CMC IS
MEDICALIZED &
MAYBE WE NEED TO
STEP BACK FROM
that for SHARED
DECISION-
MAKING.



RUSHED
APPOINTMENTS
LIMIT CURIOSITY

Is it INDIVIDUAL BIAS or
STRUCTURAL
(like MEDICALIZED TRAINING
or CULTURAL DIFFERENCES)?

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