

Building Capacity: A Collaborative Approach

National Network of Libraries of Medicine, MidContinental Region

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Use of Cultural Communication Methods

Gallup Indian Medical Center Grand Rounds. New Mexico-based program providing training for medical staff on resources to stay current in their field and to raise awareness of culturally and linguistically appropriate patient health information in a medically-underserved area.

Crossing the Religious Divide. *Training Caregivers in Religious Diversity* is a Nebraska-based collaboration with the Creighton University Health Sciences Library, Project Interfaith, and Respite Resource Center to promote awareness of religious diversity and its effect on healthcare, and to develop best practices regarding the legality of accommodating beliefs and accessing appropriately sensitive health information tools.

Información de Salud para Promotoras. Kansas-based El Centro, Inc. Promotoras program partnership with Dykes Library and the Kansas City Public Library to increase health advisor's comfort in locating culturally and linguistically appropriate material for clients.



MOSHI Training Session

Scope of Outreach

The National Network of Libraries of Medicine, MidContinental Region® (NN/LM MCR) has identified health information literacy as an issue of significant concern and an area where librarians can have an impact on both health professionals and health consumers.

Effective practices demonstrate that success of collaborative efforts carried out on local, state and regional levels lead to improved skill development by partner agencies and increased access to health information for partner clients.

Several successful initiatives have been carried out in the MidContinental Region. Initiatives include outreach to seniors, healthcare professionals, minority communities and schools.

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Denver Public Library Outreach



Mobile School Health Information Initiative (MoSHI). Missouri-based initiative with the Becker Medical Library and St. Louis K-12 librarians to promote, develop and evaluate a curriculum designed to instruct students in locating credible, free health information web resources.

Spanish Peaks Health and Wellness Initiative. Colorado-based Spanish Peaks Public Library and the Huerfano Counties Health Department collaborating on a project designed to promote positive health practices and well being, and increase understanding of disease processes and treatments.

A Bridge to Health Literacy for Denver. Colorado-based Denver Public Library system-wide project to develop and implement a core curriculum for staff providing health information to the public, and hands-on training introducing the community to quality electronic health information.

Collaborations and Partnerships