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TPI goes beyond providing culturally competent to culturally specific

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This report is a product of the research partnership between Turning Point, Inc., the University of Minnesota Program in Health Disparities Research, and the Office for Business and Community Economic Development. Funding was provided by Medical and the Community Health Initiative. The report serves to link existing culturally specific practices to published literature, widely studied theories and models, and specific cultural values.

Founded in 1976, Turning Point is a multi-service non-profit organization whose programs have earned local and national recognition for being among the first to advance a culturally-specific treatment model. Turning Point's recovery-oriented system of care provides culturally specific and individually tailored approach to service delivery.

Today's social environment, and the challenges African Americans face, warrant use and revitalization of cultural strengths. Problems such as drug and alcohol addiction, HIV/AIDS, health disparities, high rates of incarceration, unemployment, and poverty are severe and complex. In order to provide effective services, providers must understand the importance and delivery of culturally specific services and care.

Biography

Her experience includes working with local and national organizations and institutions as a capacity building assistance provider on Behalf of the Center of Disease Control (CDC). In this role she assisted individuals, communities, initiatives, and organizations in the development of strategies that foster change, assist in reaching organizational goals, and address risk determinants.

She has traveled throughout the country teaching interventions that foster behavior change. She provides expertise on logic modeling and program creation. She work as coordinator with the National Black Alcoholism and Addictions Council with the creation and implementation of national programs with the goal of establishing support, education, and trainings in order to create change in communities throughout the nation.

She also work with the local culturally specific drug rehabilitation clinic Turning Point Inc. as the director of there culturally specific support services division in Minneapolis, MN establishing and maintaining the programing needed to assist individuals in meeting their risk factors and help them establish holistic lifelong goals for participants, their families and the community.

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