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MOHO Use in Multi-Cultures

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Hi all

We are OTs working in the Mental Health Services for Older people in Leicestershire, England. We have been working to the MOHO model for the last couple of years and have recently purchased a variety of standardised assessments, namely the OSA, the VQ and the ACIS. We are also planning on purchasing the OPHI 2, and have one AMPS trained assessor in the service. I have been tasked with looking at how well MOHO, and it's assessments, address the issues of equality and diversity, in particular if anyone has any experience of using any of these assessments in different cultures, or have found them useful for addressing other issues of E&D such as sexuality. Any feedback would be much appreciated.

Thanks

Rachel

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Rachel-

The newest issue of Occupational Therapy in Health Care talks about the application of MOHO concepts and use of instruments in a variety of cultures and countries- maybe something will be helpful.

I also know a group in the UK worked with woman who have eating disorders and used MOHO- perhaps if they are listening, they can chime in? I know Dr. Forsyth and also Jane Melton were associated with the program. I also know Lisa Mahaffey here in the Chicago area used the OSA in a program with woman with eating disorders- while not directly about sexuality, I know that eating disorders often involve issues of power, gender, etc.

Jessica

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Hi Rachel,

I work in an acute inpatient mental health unit in New Zealand. We use the MOHO as our theoretical basis and use the MOHOST, OSA and AMPS as our main assessments. Here

in the north of the north Island we have two distinct indigenous cultures, Maori and what is called "New Zealand European" or "pakeha". We also have immigrant populations from Asia, Europe, America, India, south Africa to name but a few.

Whilst we have not done formal research on the matter we find that; because the fundamentals of MOHO are functionally based and human functions have commonalities the world over, the MOHO can identify the subtleties of the different cultures. For example in Maori culture the family and extended family plays a much bigger part in someone's recovery then in a typical British family, but we find it is captured in the MOHOST in both relationships and social groups.

The only thing we sometimes struggle with is the AMPS tasks, especially the cooking tasks which tend to have a European bias, and traditional Maori cooking is very different!

Regards
Heather