Resources

The National Association for the Education of African American Children with Learning Disabilities.

This association works to increase awareness and promote the understanding of specific issues facing African American children with learning disabilities. They have downloadable resources from their website for parents and others who want to learn more about these issues. You can learn more about this organization by checking out their website at <http://www.aacld.org> or by contacting them at the following address or phone number: P.O. Box 09521, Columbus, OH 43209 PH: 614 237-6021.

Your Values, My Values: Multicultural Services in Developmental Disabilities by Lilah Morton Pengra.

This is a great book full of checklists and assessments for understanding your own values and how to identify the values of others. This interesting and easy-to-read book provides lots of examples about how value-based services can be provided. It can be ordered through Brookes Publishing. <www.brookespublishing.com>

The Peace Corp Website: World Wise Schools.

This website has a number of publications designed to help people of all ages learn more about culture and cultural differences. These resources have stories and examples from Peace Corp volunteers around the world. The materials are organized into group activities that would be very useful in a group training situation. Instructions are clear and information is given about how to discuss and debrief issues and ideas. <http://www.peacecorps.gov/wws/>

Mississippi Burning

The Mississippi Summer Project was a project designed to help encourage political freedom for African Americans in Mississippi during the summer of 1964. Student activists from other, mostly northern states, came to Mississippi to encourage African-Americans to become registered voters. Many local whites in Mississippi were angry about this. This anger exploded when 3 of the student activists were killed by members of a hate group. To learn more about the Mississippi Summer Project, you can rent the movie Mississippi Burning from your local video store.

The National Center for Cultural Competence at Georgetown University Center for Child and Human Development.

This center maintains a number of resources for organizations seeking to improve their cultural competence. Contact information is: 3307 M Street, NW, Suite 401, Washington, DC 20007-3935; Tel: 800/788-2066 or 202/687-5387; Fax: 202/687-8899; TTY 202/687-5503; cultural@georgetown.edu <http://www.georgetown.edu/research/gucdc/nccc/>
The National Center for Education in Maternal and Child Health and Georgetown University online library.

This is an online list of resources for developing cultural competence in health and health-related services, including those for people with disabilities. This site provides a brief overview of resources and contact information. Go to... http://www.mchlibrary.info/databases/Bibmenu.html, click on “culturally competent services”.

Your local library, movie rental place, places of spirituality, and community centers:

Read novels and books that specifically come from different cultural perspectives. Ask the librarian or your friends to suggest some good books or articles. Rent movies that help you see things from a different perspective. Try renting a movie that features a cast from a different ethnic or racial group than yours. Get these resources by surfing the internet if you can’t find them at local movie rental outlets. Check with community centers, churches, and other places of spirituality (mediation centers, temples, etc.) regarding information and support to people who are outside the macro culture. Don’t shy away from the most “radical,” sources of information. While you may not agree with the way some of the information is presented, the content of the message has “it’s own truth” to tell.

Hate Crimes Today: An Age-Old Foe in Modern Dress

This online article is an interesting overview of why people commit hate crimes. This is a position paper published by the American Psychological Association. You can view it at: <http://www.apa.org/pubinfo/hate/>
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