



Shaping My Story: Diverse Personal Perspectives

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OBJECTIVES

Understand different expectations and concerns expressed by seniors from culturally diverse populations.

Describe public policy changes that should be made to better address needs and wants of seniors.

Identify what professional practice changes could be made today to address consumer expectations.

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BACKGROUND ON COMMUNITY DIALOGUES WITH MULTICULTURAL ELDERS

-23 Community Dialogues convened between May 8-July 2

-Report published August 1, 2018 (linked handout)

-Work will continue on Aging Together Minnesota: Equity as We Age with the MN Leadership Council on Aging and other funders

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What is it like to be an elder in Minnesota?
2. What is most important to you as an elder?
What have been the best parts?
3. What services do you want/need and can you get them?
4. Where does Minnesota fall short? What challenges or barriers have you faced, or fears do you have about your future?
5. What needs to change to reduce your worries/concerns about aging?
6. How can we help?