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"ONE FAMILY - MANY CULTURES" FAMILIES IN CROSS-GENERATIONAL CONFLICT

FORMAT:

Lecture and Discussion- Participants are encouraged to make the workshop more relevant to their concerns by asking questions.

DESCRIPTION:

Focus is on helping participants learn the role of culture in their families. Seeing families as inherently multi-cultural helps break the pattern of empathetic and communication failure between parents and children. Examination of the development of different cultural values, patterns, and behavior in response to different social demands for adults versus children in middle childhood, pre-adolescence, and adolescence. Participants will learn how cultural diversity is appropriate and logical in response to needs, i.e. that family members are never "just" different or defiant. Individual, family of origin, and cohort experiences are considered to help participants become aware of their own attitudes with regard to values, including "family values".

SUMMARY OF CONTENT:

1) THE SURVIVAL PERSPECTIVE OF CULTURE AND VALUES

Culture in Society- Economic & Political Considerations

Workplace Culture- from Dress for Success to Swimming with Sharks, the Values of the Work Community

2) CULTURE IN FAMILIES & ADULT CULTURE-

The Family Society & the Adult Society

"FAMILY VALUES"- Origins of the Adult Culture: American-born Mainstream
and Immigrant Social Principles

"When the Heat is ON!", Family Culture Response to Stress

3) CULTURE IN SCHOOL- The School Society

School Values, An Historical Perspective

4) CULTURE IN THE OUTER WORLD- Children's Societies

Culture on the Playground at the Mall, in the Hood- Survival
& Success Issues

Middle Childhood Society & Cultural Demands

Developmental Needs of Different Stages of Childhood

Preadolescent Society & Cultural Demands

Adolescent Society & Cultural Demands

Identifying the Needs and Issues of Adolescence

How "Family Values" Fail Our Teens

Adolescent Egocentrism

5) ADULTS & CHILDREN CONFLICT AS CROSS-CULTURAL CONFLICT

Principles of Multi-Cultural Sensitivity and Appreciation of

Diversity as Applied to Generational Conflict

Identification of the areas where cultural differences may lead to problematic
interaction

Parental Prejudice- Acknowledging and identifying ones own tendencies