



Stockton Center on Successful Aging Offers Workshop for Professionals With Latino Clients

Dr. Merydawilda Colon to Discuss Culturally Competent Practices with
Latino Clients and Families

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Galloway Township, NJ- The Stockton Center on Successful Aging (SCOSA) will present a professional seminar for anyone seeking to improve their ability to interact effectively with Latino clients and to strengthen the cultural competency of their practices.

The seminar, sponsored by Right at Home and Spring Oak Assisted Living, is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 12, 2013** from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Spring Oak Assisted Living of Vineland, located at 1611 South Main Road.

The seminar, titled "Culturally Competent Practices with Latino Clients & Families: Building on Evidence Based Principles," will be presented by Dr. Merydawilda Colon, associate professor of social work and coordinator of Stockton's social work program.

This presentation highlights empirically-based principles for culturally competent practice with Latinos. Empirical evidence comes from observations and by analyzing past experiences. After attending this seminar, participants will be able to verbalize and apply empirically-based principles for culturally competent practice with Latinos using a strengths perspective approach and tools such as the culturagram to assess Latino families in terms of acculturation and family functioning, such as family stress and conflict areas. A culturagram is a graphical representation showing the various aspects of a culture and its effects on an individual family member. Participants will be able to use solution-focused questions in their assessment with Latino consumers.

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The seminar, designed for professionals, para-professionals and other caregivers who work with older adults is free of charge and includes a complimentary dinner. Upon completion, participants will receive two continuing education credits (2 CEs) for social workers, marriage and family therapists, and licensed professional counselors.

Online advanced registration is required by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, March 5, 2013 and can be accessed via the SCOSA website at www.stockton.edu/scosa. For seminar information, contact Patricia Smith, community liaison at Right at Home, by emailing psmith@rahnjshore.com, calling 609-788-8236 or faxing 609-788-8254. For registration assistance only call 609-652-4227. For updates and cancellation procedures visit the SCOSA website www.stockton.edu/scosa.

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