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## Harm Reduction: Impacting Stigma, Race, & Health

This presentation will build participants' capacity to deliver health literate HIV services, with a particular focus on health services provided to racially, ethnically, culturally, and linguistically diverse people living with or at risk for HIV. Participants will explore what health literacy means, how limited health literacy affects health outcomes, and how health literate approaches can be applied to improve communication with clients. Highlighted topics will address how to recognize indications that clients are experiencing challenges, the importance of organizational health literacy for clients, and steps participants and

their organizations can take to promote health literacy and deliver health literate HIV services.

### Biography

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