



Family Structure

Families in indigenous (Native) and ethnic minority cultures tend to be extended and consist of multi-generational layers.

It is not uncommon for large numbers of family members to be present when Native children come to the hospital. This can become overwhelming to providers and possibly impact patient care.

The Cultural Liaison Coordinators are here to assist you in this situation. Simply ask for a Liaison to consult with the family and offer support.

Cultural Liaisons:

Through the State Partnership for the Regionalization of Care (SPROC) Grant, Montana has established a Cultural Liaison Group whose purpose is to work with organizations and groups to help determine workforce cultural competency. They will prepare and deliver trainings to ensure cultural competency is achieved and ensure that all children ***“receive the right care, at the right time, and with the right resources.”***

Each of the Cultural Liaisons have extensive training and experience to assist organizations be prepared to work with indigenous patients and help decrease family/provider communication issues.

Community Cultural Liaisons:

Lisa Watson-Whitford, Mary Lynne Billy-Old Coyote, Ramey Growing Thunder, Shawna Cooper, LeeAnn Bruised Head, Lanette Perkins and Kassie Runsabove.

For more information on this exciting project, or to schedule a cultural training, please contact John Wallace at johnwallace@benefis.org. He can also be reached at 406.455.5596.

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