

PROJECT NAME:	BridgeSPAN
PROJECT LEAD:	Kristin Kush and Donna Bushur
TIMELINE:	Jan-July 2010 (2 year grant)
CONTENT AREA:	Domestic Violence, Cultural Competency
FUNDER:	Health Care Foundation of Greater Kansas City (\$600,000 requested)
CLIENT:	Friends of Yates on behalf of the Metropolitan Family Violence Coalition
AUDIENCE:	Frontline Staff, Agency Staff, Board of Directors, Metropolitan Family Violence Coalition, Domestic and Sexual Violence Advocates
RESEARCH METHODOLOGY:	Quantitative and Qualitative Analysis
OVERVIEW:	<p>The BridgeSPAN (Safe Patient Advocacy Network) program has been actively functioning for the past six years in response to the documented need for domestic violence (DV) health care advocacy in Kansas City hospitals and clinics. Five DV shelters that serve the greater Kansas City area collaborate to provide on-call advocates in hospitals and clinics. The advocates support and train medical personnel in identifying victims of DV, provide on-site direct advocacy and referral services, and aid in policy/protocol maintenance and DV taskforce administration.</p> <p>During the two year grant cycle (2008-2010), BridgeSPAN developed a cultural competency curriculum that specifically addressed the needs of Kansas City minority populations and victims of violence, trained advocates to deliver the training to staff within the agency, and reviewed materials and policies for cultural competency.</p> <p>RDI developed surveys measuring post-workshop implementation that identified successes, barriers, and additional training needs; observed implementation workshops/discussions to track lessons learned and strategies for addressing remaining barriers; and conducted focus groups with program staff and trainers. After developing a database and compiling data, this resulted in a quantitative and qualitative content analysis on program data as well as evaluation reports delivered to coalition staff. In addition, RDI evaluators created an evaluation instrument for each section of the cultural competency curriculum that measure change in attitudes, skills, and behaviors for future implementation. Finally, RDI provided the coalition with recommendations on providing future cultural competency trainings.</p>
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