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The impact of poverty, homelessness and mental health on language skills of children

This presentation will report findings on poverty, homelessness and mental health of children within the United States as compared to other countries. The presentation will define poverty; identify types of poverty, homelessness and mental health, highlighting prevalence and incidence of poverty, homelessness and mental health to include language skills that are affected by these conditions. Additionally, the presentation will delineate strategies for speech language pathologists and other professionals who provide therapeutic intervention to these children. Furthermore, the presentation will provide essential framework for strategies and implementation of language skills and behavioral characteristics that will have a positive impact for generational diversity in children. Lastly, the presentation will make recommendations for culturally responsive approaches for educators and community partners on how to effectively reach children who are homeless, in poverty and have mental health needs.

Biography

Regina L Enwefa is a Professor in the Department of Speech Language Pathology at Southern University A&M College, Baton Rouge, USA. She has taught both undergraduate and graduate courses and is frequently invited to present at national, international and state conferences, community groups, medical facilities and school districts. She has extensive experience in neurogenic disorders, dysphagia, AAC, autism and sensory processing disorders. She is board certified in Holistic Health and specializes in herbs, nutrition and functional medicine. She has published extensively that includes articles, books, monographs and book chapters. She is an Oxford Round Table Scholar, University of Oxford, Oxford, England and a Fellow of Office of Special Education Programs, Fellow of the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services and Fellow of Office of Maternal and Child Health.

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