



# National Center on Advancing Person-Centered Practices and Systems

## Pieces of the Same Puzzle: The Role of Culture in Person-Centered Thinking, Planning, and Practice Tuesday July 9<sup>th</sup>, 3 to 4:30pm Eastern Time

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The movements to advance person-centered thinking and cultural competence have evolved along parallel tracks. This dichotomy is evident not only in the literature about person-centered thinking but also in policy and practice. Every person is a cultural being and has multiple cultural identities. Some people experience intersectionality due to societally imposed discrimination because of their memberships in multiple marginalized social groups. Yet person-centered thinking, planning, and practice have been slow to assemble the “pieces of the puzzle” that link the integral role of culture in the design, delivery, and evaluation of services and supports for this nation’s diverse populations. This webinar will take an in-depth look at culture, its multiple dimensions, and the essential role it plays among states, territories, and tribal nations seeking to align their values and policies with person-centered thinking, planning, and practice in health and human services. It will also feature the role of culture in services and supports that are preferred and needed from the perspective of those with lived experience.



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**Andy Arias** has worked as a System Change Advocate and Program Manager for Orange County & Los Angeles for over seven years. He is member of many boards and commissions related to creating greater visibility and advancement for diverse communities, especially the disability community. Andy’s expertise extends to Federal government and corporate levels. His goal is to marry his policy work with his work in the entertainment industry to create a systemic lasting change.



**Chacku Mathai** is an Indian-American, born in Kuwait, who became involved in mental health and addiction recovery advocacy when he was only 15 years old. Chacku’s personal experiences with racism and xenophobia related trauma, suicide and disabling mental health and substance use challenges as a youth and young adult launched Chacku and his family towards a number of efforts to advocate for alternative supports, equity, and inclusion in the community.

*This four-part webinar series explores cultural and linguistic competence as it relates to person-centered thinking, planning, and practice. The series is presented by the Georgetown University National Center for Cultural Competence and the National Center on Advancing Person-Centered Thinking, Planning, and Practice. NCAPPS is a new initiative from the Administration for Community Living and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to help States, Tribes, and Territories to implement person-centered practices. NCAPPS webinars are open to the public, and are geared toward human services administrators, providers, and people who use long-term services and supports. All NCAPPS webinars will be recorded and archived at <https://ncapps.acl.gov>.*