

Preparing Faith Community Nurses to Precept Public Health Nursing Students

Module 2: Public Health Nursing Intervention Wheel Applied to Faith Community Nurse Practice

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The Public Health Nursing Intervention Wheel



The Intervention Wheel

- Framework to define the scope of public health nursing practice.



Henry Street Settlement (1893)



Lillian Wald (1867 – 1940)
Founder of Public Health Nursing



Individual/family-focused interventions

- Changes knowledge, attitudes, beliefs, and behaviors of individuals.
- Interventions are directed at individuals.
- May be done as part of a group.
- Receive services because they are part of a population.



Community-focused interventions

- Changes community norms, attitudes, practices, and behavior.
- Focus on an entire population or groups within the population with the same risk or characteristics.



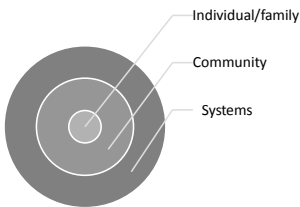
Systems-focused interventions

- Changes organizations, policies, laws, and structures.
- Focus on systems within populations that have potential impact on individuals.

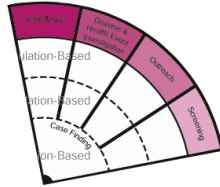


Interventions at multiple levels

- Interventions are most effective when all levels are combined.



Surveillance, Disease & Health Event Investigation, Outreach, Screening



Surveillance

- Monitors health of populations through systematic data collection.
- Example: Child program illness exclusion.



Disease & Health Event Investigation

- Systematically gather and analyze data regarding threats to the health of populations and determines control measures.
- Example: Preschool immunization



Outreach

- Locates populations to provide information about health concerns and services.
- Example: Providing food/gifts to needy congregants.

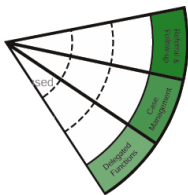


Screening

- Identifies individuals with unrecognized or asymptomatic disease.
- Example:
 - Systems: Mini-depression screening policy
 - Community: Information on age appropriate screening at health and wellness fair
 - Individual: Provide screening tests



Referral & Follow-up, Case Management, Delegated functions



Referral & Follow-up

- Assists individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities to find needed resources.



- Examples:
 - Systems: Resource list
 - Community: Early childhood program bulletin board
 - Individual: Physician, food shelf, WIC



Case Management

- Coordinate care to increase self-care capabilities of individuals and families.
- Example: Lay volunteer visitor program.

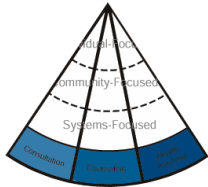


Delegated Functions

- Functions that require a physician order.
- Direct care tasks the nurse delegates to others.
- Example: Flu immunization clinic.



Health Teaching, Counseling, Consultation



Health Teaching

- Communicate information to change health related behaviors.
- Example:
 - Diabetic education



Counseling

- Establish an interpersonal relationship to increase or enhance self-care or coping.
- Example: Support groups.

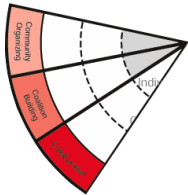


Consultation

- Two or more persons or organizations work together to achieve a common goal to enhance health.
- Example: With pastoral staff.



Collaboration, Coalition Building, Community Organizing




Collaboration

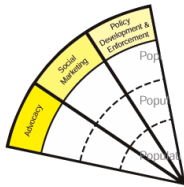
- Collaboration commits two or more persons or organizations to achieving a common goal to enhance the capacity to promote and protect health.
- Example: Connect with com and congregant families.



Coalition Building & Community Organizing

- Promotes and develops alliances among organizations or groups to build linkages to address health concerns.
- Help community groups to identify common problems or goals, mobilize resources, and develop and implement strategies for reaching goals.
- Example:  with community organizations.

Advocacy, Social marketing, Policy development & Enforcement



Advocacy

- Act on someone's behalf or strengthen their ability to act on their own behalf.
- Example:
 - Systems: Prayer chain confidentiality.
 - Community:
 - Advocate for hidden needs.
 - Individual/family:
 - Health care decisions.



Social Marketing

- Uses marketing or advertising principles and technology to influence health practices.
- Examples:
 - Publicizing events or services



Policy Development & Enforcement

- Policy development results in rules, regulations and policies.
- Policy enforcement compels people to comply with rules, regulations, and policies.
- Examples: Transportation and background checks.



Conclusion

- The Intervention Wheel can be used to describe the totality of faith community nurse practice.



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