

Listening for Change: Motivational Interviewing Techniques for Client-Facing Staff

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Using Motivational Interviewing to Address Vaccine Hesitancy among Resettled Refugees



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What is Motivational Interviewing?

Technique to explore ambivalence & enhance motivation to change behavior.

Key Skills Open-ended questions Affirmation Reflection Summarizing

Using MI during Cultural Orientation

Open-ended Questions

What are reasons people may or may not want to get the vaccine? If you have received the vaccine and feel comfortable sharing, what was your experience like?

Reflection & Affirmation Validate concerns Allow clients to dialogue with one another

Client Case Study

Ist encounter: indicated he was not ready
2nd encounter: shared concerns about brother
3rd encounter: shared concerns about his own health

Benefits of MI Meet people where they are Listen, not lecture Target & tailor

Thank you!

Please make sure to visit the NRC-RIM website (https://nrcrim.org/) for the most updated information, guidance and resources for Covid-19 community support for Refugees, Immigrants and Migrants