

ASSYRIAN GENOCIDE REMEMBRANCE

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Things to Keep in Mind

Follow-Up from the “Introduction to Assyrian Culture” Presentation

Cultural Competency Equity Social Justice Committee

1. Avoid Labeling “Resistant” or “Avoidant to change.”
 - More time *may* be needed to develop trust and rapport. Interactions that look “resistant” or “avoidant” *may* be due to unfamiliarity with County programs, personal or generational trauma, language barriers, or stigma.
2. Establish credibility early & Empower:
 - Explain your role, expectations of both the client and yourself, at the very beginning of your work together.
 - Give Choices. Discuss the reasoning behind each aspect of your work together, and let the client decide. It may be the client’s first time working with a program or receiving services.
3. Preferred Language can vary:
 - It is important to ask what language(s) the client is most comfortable with; it might be another language other than Assyrian like Farsi, Arabic, or English. This can ensure you will get the most appropriate interpreter.
4. Identity, Language, and Country of Origin can vary from person to person (even within the same family).

Identity = Assyrian

Preferred Language = Assyrian (OR Arabic, Farsi, English, or other languages)

Origin = Iran (OR Iraq, Syria, USA or anywhere else in the world!)
5. Respect is paramount.
 - Taking shoes off at door is customary in the Assyrian culture; you will want to ask if it is the client’s preference that you do so when conducting a home visit.
 - If food is offered it is customary to accept it, but if you can’t eat it for whatever reason, you can ask for water instead.
6. Relationships are very important.
 - Take some time to get to know the person before beginning official business (like conducting an assessment, scheduling an appointment, etc). You can do this by simply asking how the person’s day is and how their family is doing.